

Scientific Program

Day 1 | Friday, 24th April 2026

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:30 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30 - 08:35	Welcome and Introduction	Master of Ceremony
08:35 - 09:05	Keynote Lecture: AI in Medicine in the UAE: How Far Are We?	Dr. Sara Al-Mashjari, UAE
SESSION 1: Lung Cancer Session Chairs: Dr. Abdulrahman Bin Sumaida, UAE; Dr. Andres Obeso, UAE; Dr. Mahmoud Yehya, UAE; Dr. Ahsen Nazir, UAE		
09:05 - 09:20	Neoadjuvant and Perioperative Regimens for NSCLC	Dr. Deepthi Silymon, UAE
09:20 - 09:35	Uniportal VATS/RATS Segmentectomy and Challenges	Dr. Akif Turna, Turkey
09:35 - 09:50	Role of Surgery in Stage IV NSCLC/ Oligometastatic Disease	Dr. Antonio Ramos, Philippines
09:50 - 10:05	Management of Neuroendocrine Lung Cancer: Updates and Beyond	Dr. Aydah Alawadhi, UAE
10:05 - 10:20	Surgery vs. SBRT: Is it till a debate?	Dr. Sangeetha Ponnusamy, UAE
10:20 - 10:50	OFFICIAL INAUGURATION	
10:50 - 11:05	COFFEE BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
11:05 - 11:25	Global Approach to Make the Most Minimally Invasive Experience	Dr. Ilies Bouabdallah, France
SESSION 2: Early and Novel Diagnostics; Benign Disease Session Chairs: Dr. Amel Al Amiri, UAE; Dr. Taj Chowdhry, UAE; Dr. Marwan Najib UAE		
11:25 - 11:40	Screening/ ctDNA	Dr. Jethin Rafique, UAE
11:40 - 11:55	Management of Tb and MDT-Tb: Latest Updates	Dr. Rajiv Santosham, India
11:55 - 12:10	Aspergillosis and Mucormycosis	Dr. Arvind Kohli, India
12:10 - 12:25	Decortication and Recurrent Empyema after Decortication	Dr. RS Reddy, India
12:25 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking	
14:00 - 14:30	Optimising Treatment Approaches in Resectable NSCLC	Dr. Hassan Jaafar, UAE
Oral Presentations 1 Session Chairs: Dr. Anmar Atassi, UAE; Dr. Yusuf Bayrak, UAE; Dr. Omar Al Afeefi, UAE		
14:30 - 14:40	Simple Versus Complex Segmentectomy via Uniportal Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery: Short-term Outcomes and Survival	Dr. Mamdoh Al-Ameri, Sweden
14:40 - 14:50	Preoperative DCF or CRT for Resectable Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma: Single Center Results based on a European Population	Dr. Parvin Akhmedov, Russia
14:50 - 15:00	Poster Presentation and Viewing	
SESSION 3: Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Simulation Session Chairs: Dr. Nadeem Pervez, UAE; Dr. James Douglas Aitchison, UAE; Dr. Hussam Ismael, UAE; Dr. Khaldoon Dakka, UAE		
15:00 - 15:15	Redefining thoracic surgery with AI integration	Dr. Puja Khaitan, UAE
15:15 - 15:30	Beyond the Operative Field: Leveraging CTSNet and other Digital Platforms in the Digital Era	Dr. Joel Dunning, UK
15:30 - 15:45	Outcomes research and registries: Driving evidence-based care	Dr. Cecilia Pompili, UK
15:45 - 16:00	Innovation & Simulation Strategy in Thoracic Surgery & Education	Prof. Sanghoon Jheon, Korea
16:00 - 16:15	From Table to the Market!	Dr. Ali Zamir Khan, UK
16:15 - 16:30	COFFEE BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
Oral Presentations 2 Session Chairs: Dr. Anmar Atassi, UAE; Dr. Yusuf Bayrak, UAE; Dr. Omar Al Afeefi, UAE		
16:30 - 16:40	Beyond Biopsy: Feasibility of Rapidly Introducing Nodule Marking and Resection in an Early Robotic-Assisted Bronchoscopy Program	Mr. Huzaifa Ahmad, UK
16:40 - 16:50	Different Robotic Approaches for Thymectomy in Patients with Myasthenia Gravis: A Video-Based Analysis	Prof. Ramkaran Chaudhary, India
16:50 - 17:00	Intraoperative Hemodynamic Collapse During VATS Right Lower Lobectomy for Infected Pulmonary Sequestration: A Salvage Strategy for an Unexpected Vascular Sequence Pitfall	Dr. Khaldoon Dakka, UAE
17:00	End of Day 1	

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Day 2 | Saturday, 25th April 2026

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:30 - 08:55	Registration	
08:55 - 09:00	Welcome and Introduction	Master of Ceremony
SESSION 4: Tracheal and Airway Disease		
Session Chairs: Dr. Shayan Ansari, UAE; Dr. Nizar Abbas, Syria; Dr. Mohamed Hasan Al Ali, UAE		
09:00 - 09:15	Complex Airway Surgery and Reconstruction	Dr. Balasubramoniam K.R, India
09:15 - 09:30	Management of trachea-esophageal fistula	Dr. Hasan Batirel, Turkey
09:30 - 09:45	Management of Tracheobronchomalacia: Stent vs. Mesh Plication	Dr. Sidhu Gangadharan, USA
09:45 - 10:00	Advances in Sleeve Resection	Dr. Aneez Ahmed, Singapore
10:00 - 10:15	Tubeless Awake Surgeries: Pearls and Pitfalls	Dr. Eugenio Pompeo, Italy
10:15 - 10:30	Airway Management Strategies in Non-Intubated Thoracic Surgery	Dr. Yara Jalbout, UAE
10:30 - 10:40	BEST POSTER & CASE PRESENTATION AWARD	
10:40 - 10:55	COFFEE BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
SESSION 5: Benign and Malignant Esophagus		
Session Chairs: Dr. Mariam Almarashda, UAE; Dr. Aydah Alawadhi, UAE; Dr. Eyad Alakrad, UAE; Dr. Ram Singarachari, UAE		
10:55 - 11:10	Surgery for Esophageal Dysmotility Disorders	Dr. Rajinder Parshad, India
11:10 - 11:25	Changes in Perioperative Regimens: New Horizon	Dr. Almutadha Mula Kh, UAE
11:25 - 11:40	Role of Extensive Lymphadenectomy for Esophageal Cancer	Dr. Abhishek Jain, India
11:40 - 11:55	Management of anastomotic leakage following esophagectomy and gastric tube reconstruction.	Dr. Richard van Hillegersberg, Netherlands
11:55 - 12:10	Anastomotic Leaks: How to Avoid and Manage?	Dr. Prriya Eshpuniyani, India
12:10 - 12:40	Matrix Sternum	Ms. Zamayengwayo Mfusi, UAE
12:40 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking	
SESSION 6: Foregut, Diaphragmatic, Chest Wall Pathology		
Session Chairs: Dr. James Douglas Aitchison, UAE; Dr. Anmar Atassi, UAE; Dr. Mahmoud Yehya, UAE; Dr. Khaldoon Dakka, UAE		
14:00 - 14:15	Recurrent Hiatal Hernia and Para-Esophageal Hernia	Dr. Abdulmajid Ali, UAE
14:15 - 14:30	Diaphragmatic Eventration vs. Paralysis; Pacing	Dr. Sridhar Rathinam, UK
14:30 - 14:45	Novel Wang, Wung & Wenlin Techniques for the Management of Pectus Defects	Dr. Wenlin Wang, China
14:45 - 15:00	Chest Wall Trauma: Surgical Management of Sternal and Rib Fractures	Dr. John Edwards, UK
15:00 - 15:15	Surgical Management of Chest Wall Tumors	Dr. Hentati Abdessalam, Tunisia
15:15 - 15:30	COFFEE BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
SESSION 7: Mediastinal Tumors, Mesothelioma, TOS		
Session Chairs: Dr. Mariam Almarashda, UAE		
15:30 - 15:45	Debate: Myasthenia Gravis & Role of Thymectomy	Dr. Shyam Kolvekar, UK
15:45 - 16:00	Frontline Challenges: Anterior and Posterior Mediastinal Tumors	Dr. Saleh Abu Daff, Saudi
16:00 - 16:15	Mesothelioma & Stage IV Thymoma: Role of Surgery and HITHOC	Dr. Benedict Dharmaraj, Malaysia
16:15 - 16:30	Thoracic outlet syndrome: Cervical Rib and First Rib Resection	Dr. Jean Marc Baste, France
16:30	Adjourn	