

**NAAMA's International
Medical Symposium**

Dubai

The Palace The Old Town

Dec 28 - 31, 2008

**Tomorrow's
Medicine Today:
A Multi-Specialty
Medical Update**



Dear Members and Guests,

Welcome to **NAAMA's International Medical Symposium in Dubai.**

This event promises to be very special, occurring in the most vibrant city in the Gulf and coinciding with the New Year festivities.

The theme of the scientific program “**Tomorrow's Medicine Today: A Multi-Specialty Medical Update**” is in keeping with what Dubai strives to be: a city of tomorrow. The program features guest speakers from members of the Association as well as local and invited speakers who excel in their field of expertise. The abstract presentations provide participants the opportunity to learn about evolving technology, basic science, clinical outcomes and prevention.

The setting is exceptional: The Palace - Old Town Island. The Palace is a resort within the city, at the heart of a traditional Arabian village, faced with striking symbols of modernity. This luxurious hotel is directly connected with the Souk Al Bahar, facing Burj Dubai, the world's tallest tower and just a step away from Dubai Mall the newest and largest shopping centre in the world.

The Social Program, carefully planned by the Social Committee, will offer many opportunities to discover Dubai, and will be crowned by the New Year eve celebration with your family and NAAMA friends.

We are confident that you will enjoy the scientific meeting, the social venues, and have a memorable trip to Dubai.

Hassan Fehmi, MD
Chair
Dubai International Medical Symposium

Nabil E. Khoury, MD
President
NAAMA

DUBAI

Sunshine, shopping, seaside, sports and safety - five of the key ingredients that have earned Dubai a growing reputation as one of the world's most attractive and rapidly developing leisure destinations.

Long established as the trading and commercial hub of the Middle East, the emirate combines the excitement of a bustling commercial centre with the wide open spaces of a luxurious resort.

Located at the cross-roads of Asia, Europe and Africa, Dubai is well positioned to attract tourists looking for somewhere new and different, a destination combining the traditions of the east with the comforts of the west.

Both business travelers and tourists find that Dubai offers the highest standards of comfort and luxury. As befits a dynamic and prosperous business centre, Dubai's ultramodern hotels offer every luxury. Yet the comforts of the 21st century co-exist comfortably with the emirate's rich Arab-Islamic culture.

An intriguing land that combines old-world souks and modern shopping malls, rolling sand dunes and championship grass golf courses, remote Bedouin villages and an array of five-star hotels, Dubai defies easy definition.



Tomorrow's Medicine Today: A Multi-Specialty Medical Update

December 28, 29 and 30, 2008

Target Audience

Physicians, Dentists, Pharmacists, Scientists, Nurses, Allied Health Professionals and Administrators.

Objectives

The theme for this year's symposium is designed to update attendees on the latest advances in healthcare as it relates to novel therapies as well as patient and practice management.

Topics

- Advances in medical informatics
- 21st Century Oncology and other novel therapeutics
- Stem cells as related to every health specialist
- Modern endoscopy: seeing and treating what we never before could
- Breakthroughs in Cardiology
- Healthcare policies as they relate to patient care and physicians in the US and globally
- Advancement in Pain Management
- Careers in medicine: Academia vs.. Private practice
- Infertility and reproductive medicine
- Substance abuse
- Disparities in healthcare and healthcare leadership
- Genetics and The Human Genome Project
- Breakthroughs in prosthetic medicine

Accreditation

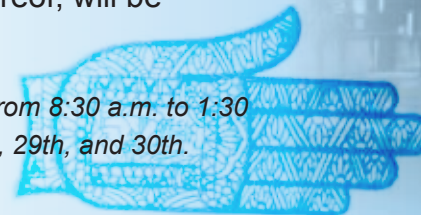
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

The National Arab American Medical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. NAAMA designates this continuing medical education activity for up to 15 credit hours in Category I of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. (This is also applicable for dentists in many states).

Disclosure

All conflicts of interest of any individual(s) in a position to control the content of this CME activity will be identified and resolved prior to this educational activity being provided. Disclosure about provider and faculty relationships, or the lack thereof, will be provided to attendees.

Scientific sessions are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day for December 28th, 29th, and 30th.



SUNDAY DECEMBER 28, 2008

🕒 Towards State-of-the-Art Medical Education: The Dubai Model

Amer Ahmed Sharif, MD

Director of Continuing Education, Dubai Health Authority, Dubai, UAE

🕒 21st Century Oncology Part I: The Expanding Role Of Pet/Ct In Patient Management

Amjad Alkadri, MD,

University Of Illinois, Chicago, IL, USA

🕒 21st Century Oncology Part II: Theraspheres, A New Addition To Our Anti Cancer Arsenal—The Hepatocellular Carcinoma Paradigm

Bassel Atassi, MD,

University Of Illinois, Chicago, IL, USA

🕒 Doctors Truly Without Borders: The Promise And Future Of Telemedicine And E-Consulting

Nabil Houry, MD

National Arab American Medical Association, Henry Ford Health Systems, Detroit, MI, USA

🕒 Cardiology Breakthroughs Part I: Percutaneous Solutions For Atrial Septal Defect, Patent Foramen Ovale, And Even Migraines

Khaldoon Alaswad, MD, FACC,

Appleton Heart Institute, Appleton, WI, USA

🕒 Cardiology Breakthroughs Part II: Arrhythmias That Kill And Those That Annoy And The State-Of-The-Art Therapies That Are Stopping Them

Zayd Eldadah, MD, PhD,

Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC, USA

MONDAY DECEMBER 29, 2008

🕒 Hypertension: A Shifting Paradigm with New Frontiers

Ahmad Oussama Rifai, MD, Panama City, FL, USA

🕒 The End Of Aches And Pains? Rheumatology Breakthroughs In Modern Practice

Assil Saleh, MD, MPH, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD, USA

🕒 Insulin resistance, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease: making the link and reducing the risk

Fatma Almarashi, MD

Medical Director, University Hospital at Dubai Healthcare City

🕒 The End Of Backaches? Surgery-Sparing Breakthroughs In Modern Practice

Mohamed A. Sabbahi, PhD, Texas Women's

University, Houston, TX, USA

🕒 Physician Careers In The Arabian Gulf Rationale, Advantages, And Challenges

Riad Abdelkarim, MD

Deputy Medical Director, Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE

🕒 Female Stress Incontinence: Novel Approaches To An Age-Old Problem

Mohamed H. Antar, MD,

University Of Florida, Jacksonville, FL, USA

🕒 The end of addiction? Pharmacological advances in the treatment of substance abuse

Ahmed Elkashef, MD,

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA

🕒 Cross-culture management in a diverse healthcare setting: the Sheikh Khalifa Medical Center experience

Nour Shakhour

Organizational Development Coordinator, SKMC, Abu Dhabi

TUESDAY DECEMBER 30, 2008

🕒 Bridging The Care Disparity Gap. Case Study: Older Muslims In The United States: The Relationship Of Acculturation And Depression

Soleman Abu Bader, PhD & Nawar Shara, PhD

Howard University School of Medicine and Medstar Research Institute & Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, DC, USA

🕒 Surgery Breakthroughs Part I: Robotic Surgery: No Longer A Futuristic Fantasy, But Today's State-Of-The Art

Basel Hassoun, MD, FACS,

Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City, OK, USA

🕒 Surgery Breakthroughs Part II: Single-Incision Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy And Sleeve Gastrectomy—Novel Approaches To Classic Surgical Problems

Abdelkader Hawasli, MD, FACS,

St. John Hospital And Medical Center, Detroit, MI, USA

🕒 Surgery Breakthroughs III: Smaller Incisions, Better Outcomes—Advances In Vascular Care

Firas F Mussa, MD,

New York University School Of Medicine, New York, NY, USA

🕒 Tomorrow's Medicine Today Part I: the Elusive Role of Quality

Samer Ellahham, MD

Sheikh Khalifa Medical Center, Abu Dhabi, UAE

🕒 Tomorrow's Medicine Today Part II: Standardizing and Optimizing Healthcare Delivery

James Pelegano, MD

Executive Director of Quality, Center for Healthcare Planning & Quality(CPQ), Dubai Healthcare City, UAE

🕒 “Do Not Resuscitate”: a Cultural and Religious Perspective on End-of-Life Care

Said Abouhasna, MD,

Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Poster Sessions

- Antibiotic Susceptibility Of Bacterial Isolates Of Bone Infections In Explosion Victims
Shrooq Rayes Kadhim, MD, Iraq

- Detection Of Hepatitis B Virus In Human Mononuclear Cells Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (Pcr) And Immunocytochemistry (Icc)
Atheer Abdulrazzaq, MD, Abdulazeez Aldoori, MD, Atheer Aldoori, MD, Iraq

- Asynergistic Activity Of Diode Laser Irradiation With Povidone Iodine And Cefotaxime In The Treatment Of Pressures Sores
Thamer Mutlag Jasim, MD, Iraq

- Microencapsulation Of Microspheres Designed For Definitive Therapeutic Embolization
Nidhal Khazaal Marie, MD, Iraq

- Clinical Update On Sacral Neuromodulation For Bladder Dysfunction And Pelvic Pain
Basel Hassoun, MD, FACS, USA

- Effect Of Oxytocin Hormone On In Vitro Fertilization In Mice
Mohammed Alabayechi, MD, Iraq

- The Distribution Of Hla Class I And Class Ii Antigens In Children With Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus And Their Siblings
Eman Mahdi Saleh, MD, Iraq

- Prospective Phase 1 And 2 Study Of Rituximab In Childhood And Adolescent Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura
Hadi Sawaf, MD, USA

- Responses Of Emergency Unit Physicians And Administrators To Q-Statements Regarding Quality Of Medical Services At The Emergency Unit Of Al Kindy Teaching Hospital
Lujain Alkhazrajy, MD, Bahrain

- Performance Of Glomerular Filtration Rate (Gfr) Estimating Equations And Decreased Gfr As A Risk Factor For Cardiovascular Events In A Cohort Of American Indians With A High Prevalence Of Diabetes: The Strong Heart Study
Nawar M. Shara, PhD, USA

- Acute Hand Injuries
Ghazi Rayan, MD, USA

- Congenital Hand Anomalies
Ghazi Rayan, MD, USA

Social Program

Dec 27, 2008

Arrival to Dubai

Dec 28, 2008

Welcome reception at the Palace Old Town hotel.

Dec 29, 2008

Afternoon: Dubai city tour including the souks and traditional markets, dhow-building yards, Sheikh Zayed's House, the Heritage and Diving Village, the Wind tower houses of the Bastikiya area, Dubai Museum and Jumairah Mosque

Evening: Dinner Cruise on a traditional dhow sailing through the Dubai Creek.

Dec 30, 2008

A late afternoon desert safari by four wheel drive vehicles through the sand dunes including camel rides, this will continue through the evening with a traditional Arabian barbecue dinner under the stars.

Dec 31, 2008

Daytime at leisure to enjoy the many attractions of Dubai. Shop in the souks or the state of the art malls, enjoy the sunshine or explore the Atlantis Underwater Park, or go skiing at the Dubai Ski village.

New Year's Eve Gala at the Palace Hotel around the swimming pool.

Jan 1, 2009

Departure or stay for the optional Tours.

Optional tours include a one day visit to Abu Dhabi or a guided shopping tour in Dubai on January 1st.

Purchasing the land package includes: 5 nights at the Palace Hotel - Old Town, including breakfast and tax, Transfers and tours as outlined above, Welcome reception on December 28, Dinners on December 29 and 30, New Year's gala dinner on December 31 and Round trip economy airfare via Emirates Airlines (as applicable) All inquiries about the social program, hotel and travel arrangements are handled by K Tours.



The Hotel:

The Palace-The Old Town occupies a prime location on the edge of a lake, adjacent to the iconic Burj Dubai, the Dubai Mall and the International Financial Center.

The hotel will provide a convenient and opulent setting for our meeting. The 242 guest rooms and public spaces combine traditional Middle Eastern elements with contemporary décor.

Dining options are plentiful in the three international restaurants; there is a luxury spa and fitness center and a large swimming pool.

All scientific sessions will be held in the hotel's state of the art facility. See you soon.



Land Package & Post Tours Registration Form

NAAMA's International Medical Symposium

Dubai, December 27, 2008 - January 1, 2009

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Double/Triple Package per person	\$ 2455.00		\$
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Extra Rollaway Bed	\$ 250.00		\$
Extra Night (pre or post)/per nigh	\$ 400.00		\$
Optional Dubai Shopping Tour (Jan 1)	\$ 45.00		\$
Optional Abu Dhabi Tour (Jan 1)	\$ 115.00		\$
Grand Total			\$

Please note: a limited number of seats have been blocked at a special rate on Emirates Airlines. Once these seats are allocated, additional seats may be available at a higher rate. We will be happy to offer rates on other airlines or connecting flights.

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