

2025 AAHCI MENA Regional Meeting

Global Health Systems and Workforce Summit

May 2 - 4, 2025

CCAD, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Conference Overview:

The AAHCI Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Office host, the Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU), is co-hosting this in-person meeting, along with Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi (CCAD), to provide members in the region an opportunity to dive in on Physician Workforce and Health Systems Science (HSS).

Conference Objectives:

- **Enhance Understanding of Global Physician Workforce Issues:** Provide participants with a comprehensive overview of the current challenges and opportunities in the global physician workforce, including factors contributing to workforce shortages and variations in training and licensing standards.
- **Promote Health Systems Science Knowledge:** Equip participants with the knowledge and tools necessary to understand and implement health systems science principles, focusing on improving healthcare delivery, patient safety, and quality of care.
- **Foster Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing:** Create a platform for healthcare professionals, educators, and policymakers to share best practices, innovative strategies, and research findings to address regional and global healthcare challenges.

Global Physician Workforce Objectives:

- **Analyze Global Workforce Shortages:** Provide a comprehensive overview of the factors contributing to global physician workforce shortages, including variations in physician training, distribution, and licensing standards.
- **Evaluate Mitigation Strategies:** Identify and analyze strategies employed worldwide to mitigate physician workforce shortages, using case studies and outcomes data to evaluate their effectiveness.
- **Assess Legislative Impacts:** Review and assess the impact of recent legislative changes in North America on the global physician workforce, with a focus on how these changes influence physician immigration, education, and practice.

Health Systems Science Objectives:

- **Integrate Improvement and Safety Principles:** Recognize the necessity of integrating improvement and safety principles into daily practice and fostering an organizational culture that prioritizes these values.
- **Optimize Healthcare Delivery Models:** Understand the benefits of healthcare delivery models that are efficient, economical, and committed to providing high-quality,

patient-centered care, including value-based care models and the role of clinical informatics.

- **Promote Leadership and Innovation:** Understand effective leadership strategies and the impact of innovation and artificial intelligence in promoting a high-value, collaborative, and cost-effective healthcare system.

Conference Agenda:

Day 1: Friday, May 2 nd , 2025 <i>Physician Workforce</i>	
Time	Session
9:00 – 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks - AAHCI, CCAD & MBRU Dr. Jonathan Jaffery , Chief Healthcare Officer, Association of American Medical Colleges, USA
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Global Physician Workforce Challenges and Opportunities Presenter: Jim Campbell , Director, Health Workforce, World Health Organization, Switzerland Moderator Dr Sawsan Abdel-Razig , Chief Academic Officer, CCAD, UAE.
3:30 – 5:00 PM	Panel 1: Workforce challenges and Opportunities (Global Voices) Presenters: Dr. Yang Faridah Abdul Aziz – University of Malay, Southeast Asia (SEA) Regional Ambassador, Malaysia Dr. Salah Zeineldine – Asc. VP for clinical affairs, DIO, Chief Medical Officer, Lebanon Dr. Luciano Saso – University of Rome, AAHCI Regional Ambassador, Switzerland Dr. Frank Ruhli – Dean of Medical Faculty of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich, AAHCI European Regional Ambassador, Switzerland Moderator

	Dr Massimo Pignatelli , Vice President for Medicine and Dean, School of Medicine, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan
5:00 – 5:15 PM	Q&A and Day 1 Wrap Up
Day 2: Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 <i>Physician Workforce and Health Systems Science</i>	
8:30 – 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Panel 2: Role of Medical Education in Addressing Physician Workforce Prof. Geneviève Moineau – Chief Medical Workforce Advisor, Health Canada, Vice-President, World Federation for Medical Education, Canada Dr Sawsan Abdel-Razig - Chief Academic Officer, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE Prof. Hossam Hamdy – Former Chancellor of Gulf Medical University, UAE. Moderator Ingy Bakir , Director of Clinical Learning and Development, CCAD, UAE.
10:00 – 11:30 AM	Panel 3: Accreditation, Certification, and Licensure in the GCC (Regional Voices) Panel Discussion: Dr. Mohamed Al Houqani – Secretary General of National Institute for Health Specialties – UAE Dr. Hatem Al Ameri – Director of Division of Healthcare Workforce – DOH Abu Dhabi - UAE Dr. Hussain A. AlHussain - Secretary General Deputy for Institutional Affairs, SCFHS– KSA Prof. Ismail Ibrahim Matalaka – President, Ras Al Khaimah Medical & Health Sciences University - UAE Dr. Houd Al Abri – Vice President for Academic Affairs & DIO, Oman Medical Speciality Board – Oman Moderator Dr Ibrahim Janahi , Acting Chief Medical Officer, Chair of Medical Education, Designated Institutional Officer, and the Division Chief of Pulmonology at Sidra Medicine, Qatar
11:30 – 11:45 AM	Break

11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	<p>Panel 4: Legislative Changes in North America and Their Global Impact</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>Dr. Viren Naik – CEO, Medical Council of Canada, Canada</p> <p>Dr. Hank Chaudhry – CEO, Federation of State Medical Boards, USA</p> <p>Dr. Eric Holmboe – CEO, Intealth, USA</p> <p>Dr. Jim Arrighi – President and CEO, ACGME International, USA</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Dr Sawsan Abdel-Razig, Chief Academic Officer, CCAD, UAE.</p>
1:15 – 1:30 PM	Q&A and Wrap Up of Physician Workforce Sessions
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Lunch
2:30 – 4:00 PM	<p>Panel 5: Systems Thinking in Healthcare</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Dr. Allan Walkey - Chief, Division of Health System Science, UAE</p> <p>Dr. Barry Bedford - COO, Mediclinic Middle East, UAE</p> <p>Dr. Nicklas Dahlstorm - Human Factors Management, Emirates Airlines, UAE</p> <p>Moderators</p> <p>Dr Rizwana Popatia - Medical Director, Mubadala Associate Prof, MBRU, UAE</p> <p>Dr Nusrat Khan - Associate Professor of Psychiatry MBRU, UAE</p>
4:00 – 4:15 PM	Break
4:15 – 5:30 PM	<p>Panel 6: High Value Care Delivery</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Dr. Fernando Macario - Chief Medical Officer, M42, UAE</p> <p>Dr. Davy Cheng – Founding Dean & Presidential Chair Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.</p> <p>Moderators</p> <p>Dr Sola Aoun Bahous– Professor of Medicine and Dean, Lebanese American University (LAU), Lebanon</p> <p>Dr Allan Walkey - Chief, Division of Health Systems Science, UMass Chan Medical School, USA</p>

Day 3: Sunday, May 4th, 2025 <i>Health Systems Science</i>	
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Panel 7: Patient-Centered Care Presenters: Dr Stephen Grobmyer – Oncology Chair, CCAD, UAE Dr. Muna Tahlak – Chief Medical Officer, Dubai Health, and Vice Provost for Clinical Practice, MBRU, UAE Dr. Nell Buhlman – Chief Admin Officer & Head of Strategy, Press Ganey, USA Moderators Dr Rizwana Popatia - Medical Director, Mubadala Associate Prof, MBRU, UAE Dr Nusrat Khan - Associate Professor of Psychiatry MBRU, UAE
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 – 11:45 AM	Panel 8: Informatics and Population Health Presenters: Dr. Atif Albraiki – Chief Digital Officer and Dubai Health Authority, UAE Khalid Al Amadi – Chief Digital Officer, M42, UAE. Dr. Hein Van Eck – CEO, Mediclinic Middle East, UAE Moderator Dr Carlos Lucas – Head of Digitalization and innovation, Global Patient Care Platform, M42, UAE.
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Panel 9: Leadership and Regional Perspective on HSS Presenters: Dr. Alawi Alsheikh-Ali – Deputy CEO and Chief Academic Officer, Dubai Health, and Provost, Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dubai, UAE. Dr. Bitu Lyons – Founder & Executive Vice Chairman, Lyons Global, USA Dr. Nabil Zary - Senior Director, Institute of Learning, Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dubai, UAE Dr. Maha Al Mozaini – Department of Infection and Immunity

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1:00 – 2:30 PM	<p>Working Lunch and Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Ingy Bakir, Director of Clinical Learning and Development, CCAD, UAE</p>
2:30 – 3:00 PM	<p>Closing Remarks - AAHCI, CCAD & MBRU</p> <p>Dr. Jonathan Jaffery, Chief Healthcare Officer, Association of American Medical Colleges, USA</p>

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