

# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL NMC MEDICAL CONFERENCE

**Advancing Surgical Care,  
Innovation and  
the Future of Surgery.**



19-20 September 2026



Conrad Hotel, Dubai.

## Surgery At The Frontier

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	Registration	
8:50 AM - 9:00 AM	Opening Remarks	<b>Dr Raashid Shahbazi</b> Chair of the Scientific Committee, Consultant, Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates Region, UAE
<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>Acute Care and Trauma Surgery</b>		<b>Session Moderators</b> <b>Dr Ali Nawaz</b> Chair of Emergency Services, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE <b>Dr Gilbert Ayoub</b> Chair of Surgical Specialties and Consultant General Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	<b>Chaos to Control: The Art of Trauma Surgery</b>	<b>Dr Jody Miller</b> Consultant General and Trauma Surgeon Deputy Medical Director, Mediclinic Parkview Hospital, Dubai, UAE
9:20 AM - 9:40 AM	<b>The Three Decisions that Matter in Vascular Trauma</b>	<b>Dr Riza Ibrahim</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon Genesis Healthcare, Dubai, UAE
9:40 AM - 9:50 AM	<b>Panel Discussion</b>	

## Opening Ceremony

10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Dr Zaka Ullah Khan</b> Chief Clinical Officer, NMC Healthcare, UAE
10:10 AM - 10:20 AM	<b>Welcome Address</b>	<b>David Hadley</b> Chief Executive Officer, NMC Healthcare, UAE
10:20 AM - 10:40 AM	<b>Address by the Guest of Honour</b>	
10:40 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Coffee Break</b>	

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<b>SESSION 2</b> Cutting Edge Technology in Surgery		<b>Session Moderators</b> <b>Dr Zakir K Mohamed</b> Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Dubai, UAE  <b>Dr Solomon John</b> Consultant Upper GI and HPB Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE  <b>Prof. Mohammed Baguneid</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Chair of Vascular Surgery, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	Endoscopic Mastectomy: Technical Insights and Experience from the Largest Programme in the Middle East	<b>Dr Rafal Iskandarian</b> Consultant Breast Surgeon Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	From Planning to Closure: AI Across the Surgical Workflow	<b>Dr Soroush Sohrabi</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	AI and Living Donor Transplantation: Smarter Risk Stratification for Safer Decisions	<b>Dr HRS Girn</b> Consultant Liver Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon, Bangalore, India
12:00 PM - 12:20 PM	From Hands to Console: Transforming Upper GI Surgery with Robotics	<b>Prof. Arul Immanuel</b> Professor of Surgery Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
12:20 PM - 12:40 PM	From Pixels to Precision: How AI in Radiology is Reshaping Surgery	<b>Dr Amrita Kumar</b> Consultant Radiologist University of Oxford (UK), HealthBay Clinics, Dubai, UAE
12:40 PM - 13:00 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
13:00 PM - 14:00 PM	Lunch Break	

**SESSION 3**  
Keynote Speech

## Introduction

**Dr Raashid Shahbazi**  
 Chair of the Scientific Committee,  
 Consultant, Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon,  
 Regional Medical Director,  
 NMC Northern Emirates Region, UAE

14:00 PM - 14:45 PM  
 Shaping the Future of Surgical  
 Diagnostics with Optical Sensing,  
 Imaging and Robotics

**Prof. Daniel Elson**  
 Professor of Surgical Imaging and Bio-Photonics  
 Hamlyn Centre for Robotic Surgery  
 The Institute of Global Health Innovation  
 Department of Surgery and Cancer  
 Imperial College London, UK

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<p><b>SESSION 4</b></p> <p><b>Transforming Surgical Care: Advances Across the Spectrum</b></p>		
<p><b>Session Moderators</b></p> <p><b>Dr Abdulla AlNakshabandi</b> Consultant ENT Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Abu Dhabi, UAE</p> <p><b>Dr Soroush Sohrabi</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE</p> <p><b>Hazem Al Momani</b> Consultant Upper GI Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE</p>		
14:45 PM - 15:05 PM	<b>Organ Transplantation in the UAE: From Foundations to Future Frontiers</b>	<b>Dr Muhammad Badar Zaman</b> Chief Division of Abdominal Transplantation and HPB Surgery Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
15:05 PM - 15:25 PM	<b>Wound Care Advances: Separating Evidence from Enthusiasm</b>	<b>Prof. Ian Chetter</b> Consultant Vascular Surgeon President of the Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland (VSGBI), UK
15:25 PM - 15:45 PM	<b>Modern Paediatric Surgery: Progress, Precision and the Future</b>	<b>Dr Wissam Al Tamr</b> Consultant Paediatric Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
15:45 PM - 16:05 PM	<b>Robotics in Colorectal Surgery: Innovation or Indulgence?</b>	<b>Dr Zakir K Mohamed</b> Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Dubai, UAE
16:05 PM - 16:25 PM	<b>Saving Limbs, Restoring Lives: The Power of Modern Reconstruction</b>	<b>Dr Muhammad Faheem Khadim</b> Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Sheikh Tahnoun Medical City, Al Ain, UAE
16:25 PM - 17:00 PM	<b>Panel Discussion</b>	

## WORKSHOP - Day 1 (Breakout Room)

Time	Topic	Speaker
<b>WORKSHOP 1</b> Head and Neck Oncology		<b>Session Moderators</b> <b>Dr Balaji Balasubramanian</b> Consultant Surgical Oncology, NMC Specialty Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Trans-Oral Robotic Surgery (TORS): Future & Innovation in Head & Neck Oncology	<b>Dr Arvind Krishnamurthy</b> Professor and Head, Surgical Oncology Hon Secretary, Indian Society of Oncology Chennai, Cancer Institute (WIA), India
11:30 AM - 11:50 AM	Nuances in Parathyroid Surgery	<b>Dr Yogesh More</b> Consultant Head Neck Surgeon & Director of Thyroid Parathyroid Centre, Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	Surgery & Ablation in Thyroid Nodules	<b>Dr Nouraddine Alhasan</b> Consultant & Head of Department ORL H&N Surgery, Sheikh Tahnoun Medical City and Tawam Hospitals, UAE
12:30 PM - 13:00 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	

<b>WORKSHOP 2</b> Venous Disease: What We Miss and Why It Matters		<b>Session Moderators</b> <b>Dr Hayssam Gibbaoui</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Head of Department, NMC Royal Khalifa Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE  <b>Dr Abdul Rehman Hamad</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
15:00 PM - 15:10 PM	Varicose Veins Revisited: Modern Treatment, Real Outcomes	<b>Dr Hayssam Gibbaoui</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Head of Department, NMC Royal Khalifa Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE
15:10 PM - 15:20 PM	Deep Vein Thrombosis: Early Action, Better Outcomes	<b>Dr Abdul Rehman Hamad</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
15:20 PM - 15:30 PM	May-Thurner Syndrome: The Hidden Driver of Venous Disease	<b>Dr Salam Abou Taam</b> Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Saudi German Hospital, Dubai, UAE
15:30 PM - 15:45 PM	Panel Discussion	

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<b>WORKSHOP 3</b> <b>Wound Care: Science, Strategy, and Outcomes</b>		<b>Session Moderators</b> <b>Dr Vikas Kumar</b> Consultant Plastic Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
15:50 PM - 16:00 PM	<b>Wound Dressings: What Truly Represents Best Practice?</b>	<b>Ms Cassie Purvey</b> Wound Care Specialist Nurse, NMC Healthcare, UAE
16:00 PM - 16:10 PM	<b>Wound Management: When Surgery Makes the Difference</b>	<b>Dr Vikas Kumar</b> Consultant Plastic Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
16:10 PM - 16:20 PM	<b>At the Frontline of Healing: The Value of Specialist Nursing in Diabetic Foot Management</b>	<b>Ms. Iline Taha</b> Charge Nurse, Wound Care Specialist, Sheikh Tahnoun Medical City, Al Ain, UAE
16:20 PM - 16:40 PM	<b>Panel Discussion</b>	

## Skills for Surgical Excellence, Beyond the Scalpel

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration	
<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>Advances in Abdominal Surgery</b>		<b>Session Moderators</b> <b>Dr Vikas Gupta</b> Consultant Gastrointestinal Surgery NMC Specialty Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE <b>Dr Nikunj Gupta</b> Consultant Gastrointestinal Surgery NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE <b>Dr Khoweiled Abdelhalim Hassan</b> Consultant General Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	Closing the Gap: Modern Hernia Surgery	<b>Dr Zialyazan Sabbagh</b> Medical Director for Trauma, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
9:20 AM - 9:40 AM	Functional Liver Imaging: Current Status and Future Direction	<b>Dr HRS Girn</b> Consultant Liver Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon, Bangalore, India
9:40 AM - 10:00 AM	Seeing the Invisible: Intraoperative Laparoscopic Ultrasound in Precision Liver Resection	<b>Dr Hassan Elberm</b> Consultant General, Laparoscopic and Hepatobiliary Surgeon, NMC Royal Khalifa Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE
10:00 AM - 10:20 AM	Managing Borderline Resectable Pancreatic Cancers: The Surgical and MDT Dilemma	<b>Solomon John</b> Consultant Upper GI and Hepatobiliary Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
10:20 AM - 10:40 AM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
10:40 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break	

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<b>SESSION 2</b> <b>The Surgeon's Mind: Clarity, Bias &amp; Protection</b>		<p><b>Session Moderators</b></p> <p><b>Dr Raashid Shahbazi</b> Chair of the Scientific Committee, Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates Region, UAE</p> <p><b>Prof. Daniel Elson</b> Professor of Surgical Imaging and Bio-Photonics Hamlyn Centre for Robotic Surgery The Institute of Global Health Innovation Department of Surgery and Cancer Imperial College London, UK</p>
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	Mindfulness in Surgery	<b>Major Patrick Burgess</b> MBE, Lead for UK Defence Mindfulness, UK
11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	The Invisible Enemy: Cognitive Biases in Surgical Decision Making	<b>Dr. Balaji Senniappan</b> Medical Director and Consultant Upper GI Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	Reducing the Risk of Litigation in Surgical Practice	<b>Dr Hazem Al Momani</b> Consultant Upper GI Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
12:00 PM - 12:20 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
12:20 PM - 13:20 PM	Coffee Break	

<b>SESSION 3</b> <b>Keynote Speech</b>		<p><b>Session Moderators</b></p> <p><b>Dr Soroush Sohrabi</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE</p>
13:20 PM - 14:00 PM	Surgical Leadership in a Changing World: Vision and Responsibility	<b>Prof. Ian Chetter</b> Consultant Vascular Surgeon President of the Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland (VSGBI), UK

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<b>SESSION 4</b> <b>Skills for Surgical Excellence, Beyond the Scalpel</b>		<b>Session Moderators</b> <b>Dr Suhail Kazim</b> Medical Director and Consultant General Surgeon NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai  <b>Dr Balaji Senniappan</b> Medical Director and Consultant Upper GI Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE
14:00 PM - 14:20 PM	Leading the Self Before Leading the Scalpel	<b>Major Patrick Burgess</b> MBE, Lead for UK Defence Mindfulness, UK
14:20 PM - 14:40 PM	What the UK and the UAE Can Learn from Each Other in Surgical Practice	<b>Prof. Mohammed Baguneid</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon Chair of Vascular Surgery, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
14:40 PM - 15:00 PM	Beyond Technical Skills: The Human Factors that Shape Surgical Outcomes	<b>Dr Raashid Shahbazi</b> Chair of the Scientific Committee, Consultant, Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates Region, UAE
15:00 PM - 15:15 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
15:15 PM - 15:30 PM	Coffee Break	
<b>Abstract Presentations</b>		<b>Session Moderators</b> <b>Prof. Mohammed Baguneid</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Chair of Vascular Surgery, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE  <b>Dr Soroush Sohrabi</b> Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
15:30 PM - 15:40 PM	Abstract Presentation	
15:40 PM - 15:50 PM	Abstract Presentation	
15:50 PM - 16:00 PM	Abstract Presentation	
16:00 PM	Prize Distribution and Closing Remarks	<b>Dr Zaka Ullah Khan</b> Chief Clinical Officer, NMC Healthcare, UAE

## WORKSHOP - Day 2 (Breakout Room)

Time	Topic	Speaker
<b>WORKSHOP 1</b> <b>Surgical Proctology</b>		<b>Session Moderators</b> <b>Dr Zakir K Mohamed</b> Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Dubai, UAE  <b>Dr Manish Madnani</b> Specialist GI Surgeon, NMC Specialty, Al Nahda, Dubai UAE
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Contemporary Haemorrhoids Management: From Clinic to Theatre	<b>Dr Danel Serralta</b> Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Saudi German Hospital, Dubai, UAE
10:10 AM - 10:20 AM	Anal Fissure: Conservative Care First, But is Surgery Still King?	<b>Dr Manish Madnani</b> Specialist GI Surgeon, NMC Specialty, Al Nahda, Dubai UAE
10:20 AM - 10:30 AM	Complex Perianal Fistula: Strategy, Techniques, Outcomes	<b>Dr Valentina Giaccaglia</b> Consultant & Head of Department ORL H&N Surgery, Sheikh Tahnoun Medical City and Tawam Hospitals, UAE
10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
<b>WORKSHOP 2</b> <b>Breast Surgery</b>		<b>Session Moderators</b> <b>Dr Afaf Sahraoui</b> Consultant Breast and Endocrine Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Dubai, UAE
11:00 AM - 11:10 AM	De-escalation of Axillary surgery in Breast Cancer	<b>Dr Rabbia Khan</b> Consultant Breast Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital, Dubai, UAE
11:10 AM - 11:20 AM	Oncoplastic Surgery: Restoring Form without Compromising Care	<b>Dr Mona Sulieman</b> Consultant Breast and Oncoplastic Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
11:20 AM - 11:30 AM	Breast Implant Illness and Breast Implant Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma	<b>Dr Afaf Sahraoui</b> Consultant Breast and Endocrine Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Dubai, UAE
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	



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