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Surgery At The Frontier

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	Registration	
8:50 AM - 9:00 AM	Opening Remarks	Dr Raashid Shahbazi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates and Chair of the Scientific Committee, NMC Healthcare, UAE
SESSION 1 Acute Care and Trauma Surgery		Session Moderators Dr Suhail Mohamed Kazim Senior Consultant Surgeon and Medical Director, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai Dr Ali Nawaz Consultant Emergency Medicine and Chair of Emergency Medicine, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE Dr Gilbert Ayoub Consultant General Surgeon and Chair of Surgical Specialties, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	Chaos to Control: The Art of Trauma Surgery	Dr Khaled Saleh Aljohani Consultant, Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
9:20 AM - 9:40 AM	The Three Decisions that Matter in Vascular Trauma	Dr Soroush Sohrabi Consultant General and Vascular Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
9:40 AM - 9:50 AM	Panel Discussion	

Opening Ceremony

10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Introduction	Dr Zaka ullah Khan Chief Clinical Officer, NMC Healthcare, UAE
10:10 AM - 10:20 AM	Welcome Address	David Hadley Chief Executive Officer, NMC Healthcare, UAE
10:20 AM - 10:40 AM	Address by the Guest of Honour	H.E. Dr Amin Hussain Al Amiri Assistant Undersecretary of Health Regulations Sector, Ministry of Health and Prevention, UAE
10:40 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break	

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SESSION 2 Cutting Edge Technology in Surgery		Session Moderators Dr Zakir K Mohamed Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon and Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Dubai, UAE Dr Solomon John Consultant Upper GI and HPB Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE Prof. Mohammed Baguneid Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon and Chair of Vascular Surgery, Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
	11:00 AM - 11:25 AM	Endoscopic Mastectomy: Technical Insights and Experience from the Largest Programme in the Middle East Dr Rafal Iskanderian Consultant Surgical Oncologist and Assistant Director of General Surgery Residency Programme, Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE
	11:25 AM - 11:50 AM	From Planning to Closure: AI Across the Surgical Workflow Dr Soroush Sohrabi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE
	11:50 AM - 12:20 PM	From Hands to Console: Transforming Upper GI Surgery with Robotics Prof. Arul Immanuel Consultant Oesophago, Gastric and Minimally Invasive Surgeon, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals, NHS Foundation Trust, UK
	12:20 PM - 12:40 PM	From Pixels to Precision: How AI in Radiology is Reshaping Surgery Dr Amrita Kumar Consultant Radiologist and AI Clinical Lead, HealthBay Clinics, Dubai, UAE
12:40 PM - 1:00 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch Break	
SESSION 3 Keynote Speech		Introduction Dr Raashid Shahbazi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates and Chair of the Scientific Committee, NMC Healthcare, UAE
	2:00 PM - 2:45 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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SESSION 4 Transforming Surgical Care: Advances Across the Spectrum		
Session Moderators Dr Abdulla Alnakshabandi Consultant ENT Surgeon and Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Abu Dhabi, UAE Dr Soroush Sohrabi Consultant General and Vascular Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE		
2:45 PM - 3:05 PM	Organ Transplantation in the UAE: From Foundations to Future Frontiers	Dr Muhammad Badar Zaman Division Chief Abdominal Transplantation and HPB Surgery, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
3:05 PM - 3:25 PM	Wound Care Advances: Separating Evidence from Enthusiasm	Prof. Ian Chetter Honorary Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Hull University Teaching Hospitals and Chair of Surgery, Hull York Medical School, University of Hull, UK
3:25 PM - 3:45 PM	Modern Paediatric Surgery: Progress, Precision and the Future	Dr Wissam Jamal Al Tamr Consultant, Paediatric Surgery and Urology, NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
3:45 PM - 4:05 PM	Robotics in Colorectal Surgery: Innovation or Indulgence?	Dr Zakir K Mohamed Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon and Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Dubai, UAE
4:05 PM - 4:25 PM	Saving Limbs, Restoring Lives: The Power of Modern Reconstruction	Dr Muhammad Faheem Khadim Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE
4:25 PM - 5:00 PM	Panel Discussion	

WORKSHOP - Day 1 (Breakout Room)

Time	Topic	Speaker
WORKSHOP 1 Head and Neck Oncology		Session Moderator Dr Balaji Balasubramaniam Consultant Surgical Oncologist, NMC Specialty Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Trans-Oral Robotic Surgery (TORS): Future & Innovation in Head & Neck Oncology	Dr Arvind Krishnamurthy Professor and Head, Surgical Oncology and Honorary Secretary, Indian Society of Oncology, India
11:30 AM - 11:50 AM	Nuances in Parathyroid Surgery	Dr Yogesh More Consultant Head Neck Surgeon and Director of Thyroid Parathyroid Centre, Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	Surgery & Ablation in Thyroid Nodules	Dr Nouraddine Alhasan Consultant Physician and Head of Department ORL H&N Surgery, Sheikh Tahnoun Medical City and Tawam Hospitals, Al Ain, UAE
12:10 PM - 1:00 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	Panelists Dr Abdulrazzaq Almadan Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist Al Borj Medical Centre, Dubai, UAE Dr Samer El Kaissi Consultant Endocrinologist and Chair of Endocrinology Department, Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE Dr Eugene Rent Specialist Surgical Oncologist, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda and NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE Dr Gilbert Ayoub Consultant General Surgeon and Chair of Surgical Specialties NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE

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WORKSHOP 2 Venous Disease: What We Miss and Why It Matters		Session Moderators Dr Hayssam Gibbaoui Consultant Vascular Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi and NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE Dr Abdul Rehman Hamad Consultant Vascular Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda and NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	Varicose Veins Revisited: Modern Treatment, Real Outcomes	Dr Hayssam Gibbaoui Consultant Vascular Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi and NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
3:10 PM - 3:20 PM	Deep Vein Thrombosis: Early Action, Better Outcomes	Dr Abdul Rahman Hamad Consultant Vascular Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda and NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
3:20 PM - 3:30 PM	May-Thurner Syndrome: The Hidden Driver of Venous Disease	Dr Shahzad Sarosh Bulsara Specialist Vascular Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda and NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Panel Discussion	
WORKSHOP 3 Wound Care: Science, Strategy, and Outcomes		Session Moderator Dr Vikas Kumar Verma Consultant Plastic Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
3:50 PM - 4:00 PM	Wound Dressings: What Truly Represents Best Practice?	Ms Cassie Purvey Wound and Stoma Care Specialist, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai and Director Of Clinical Operations, Healium.me
4:00 PM - 4:10 PM	Wound Management: When Surgery Makes the Difference	Dr Vikas Kumar Verma Consultant Plastic Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
4:10 PM - 4:20 PM	At the Frontline of Healing: The Value of Specialist Nursing in Diabetic Foot Management	Ms Iline Taha Registered Charge Nurse, Wound Care Specialist Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City, Al Ain, UAE
4:20 PM - 4:40 PM	Panel Discussion	

Skills for Surgical Excellence, Beyond the Scalpel

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8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration	
SESSION 1 Advances in Abdominal Surgery		Session Moderators Dr Vikas Gupta Consultant Gastrointestinal Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE Dr Nikunj Gupta Consultant Gastrointestinal Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE Dr Khoweiled Abdelhalim Hassan Consultant General Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	Closing the Gap: Modern Hernia Surgery	Dr Zialyazan Sabbagh Specialist Trauma and General Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
9:20 AM - 9:40 AM	Seeing the Invisible: Intraoperative Laparoscopic Ultrasound in Precision Liver Resection	Dr Hassan Elberm Consultant General and Laparoscopic and Hepatobiliary Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
9:40 AM - 10:00 AM	Managing Borderline Resectable Pancreatic Cancers: The Surgical and MDT Dilemma	Dr Solomon K. P. John Gastrointestinal, HPB and Laparoscopic Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break	

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SESSION 2 The Surgeon's Mind: Clarity, Bias & Protection		Session Moderators Dr Raashid Shahbazi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates and Chair of the Scientific Committee, NMC Healthcare, UAE 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
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	Mindfulness in Surgery	Dr Pat Burgess, MBE Defence Mindfulness Trainer, UK
11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	The Invisible Enemy: Cognitive Biases in Surgical Decision Making	Dr. Balaji Senniappan Consultant General, Upper GI and Bariatric Surgeon and Medical Director NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	Reducing the Risk of Litigation in Surgical Practice	Dr Raashid Shahbazi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates and Chair of the Scientific Committee, NMC Healthcare, UAE
12:00 PM - 12:20 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
12:20 PM - 1:20 PM	Lunch Break	
SESSION 3 Keynote Speech		Session Moderator Dr Soroush Sohrabi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE
1:20 PM - 2:00 PM	Surgical Leadership in a Changing World: Vision and Responsibility	Prof. Ian Chetter Honorary Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Hull University Teaching Hospitals and Chair of Surgery, Hull York Medical School, University of Hull, UK

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SESSION 4 Skills for Surgical Excellence, Beyond the Scalpel		Session Moderator Dr Balaji Senniappan Consultant General, Upper GI and Bariatric Surgeon and Medical Director, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
2:00 PM - 2:20 PM	Leading the Self Before Leading the Scalpel	Dr Pat Burgess , MBE Defence Mindfulness Trainer, UK
2:20 PM - 2:40 PM	What the UK and the UAE Can Learn from Each Other in Surgical Practice	Prof. Mohammed Baguneid Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon and Chair of Vascular Surgery, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2:40 PM - 3:00 PM	Beyond Technical Skills: The Human Factors that Shape Surgical Outcomes	Dr Raashid Shahbazi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates and Chair of the Scientific Committee, NMC Healthcare, UAE
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Coffee Break	
Abstract Presentations		Session Moderators Prof. Mohammed Baguneid Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon and Chair of Vascular Surgery, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE Dr Soroush Sohrabi Consultant General and Vascular Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
3:30 PM - 3:40 PM	Abstract Presentation	
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3:50 PM - 4:00 PM	Abstract Presentation	
4:00 PM	Prize Distribution and Closing Remarks	Dr Zaka ullah Khan Chief Clinical Officer, NMC Healthcare, UAE

WORKSHOP - Day 2 (Breakout Room)

Time	Topic	Speaker
WORKSHOP 1 Surgical Proctology		Session Moderators Dr Zakir K Mohamed Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon and Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Dubai, UAE Dr Manish Madnani Specialist Gastrointestinal Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Contemporary Haemorrhoids Management: From Clinic to Theatre	Dr Daniel Serralta Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Saudi German Hospital, Dubai, UAE
10:10 AM - 10:20 AM	Anal Fissure: Conservative Care First, But is Surgery Still King?	Dr Manish Madnani Specialist Gastrointestinal Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
10:20 AM - 10:30 AM	Complex Perianal Fistula: Strategy, Techniques, Outcomes	Dr Valentina Giaccaglia Deputy Medical Director – Surgery, Mediclinic, Dubai, UAE
10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
WORKSHOP 2 Breast Surgery		Session Moderator Dr Rabbia Khan Consultant Oncoplastic and Reconstructive Breast Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
11:00 AM - 11:10 AM	De-escalation of Axillary surgery in Breast Cancer	Dr Rabbia Khan Consultant Oncoplastic and Reconstructive Breast Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
11:10 AM - 11:20 AM	Oncoplastic Surgery: Restoring Form without Compromising Care	Dr Mona B. E. Sulieman Consultant Oncoplastic and Reconstructive Breast Surgeon, Royal Cornwall Hospital, UK
11:20 AM - 11:35 AM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	



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