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13:30	Registration, Coffee & Networking
14:30	Welcome Note from the Congress Chairman <b>Dr. Chaudhry Muhammad Mehtab Iqbal</b>
	<b>Session I: Advances in Epilepsy &amp; Digital Innovation in Pediatric Neurology</b>
	<b>Moderators:</b> Dr. Chaudhry Muhammad Mehtab Iqbal – Dr. Pawan Kashyape
14:40	Genomic Screening and Multiomics: What Is in Store for Pediatric Neurology? <b>Dr. Nikil Sudarsan</b>
15:00	From EEG to Electronic Records: Integrating AI into Routine Child Neurology Practice <b>Dr. Biju Abdul Hameed</b>
15:20	Genetics in Epilepsy : when and How Testing Changes Management <b>Dr. Chahnez Charfi Triki</b>
15:40	<b>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion</b>

**16:00 Networking Coffee Break**

	<b>Session II: Neurovascular &amp; Neuroinflammatory Disorders</b>
	<b>Moderators:</b> Dr. Shanawaz Hussain – Dr. Ubaid Shah
16:20	Perinatal Stroke: What Every Pediatric Neurologist Should Know? <b>Prof. Fahad Al Bashiri</b>
16:40	Autism Spectrum Disorder and Mental Health <b>Dr. Huda Sadek</b>
17:00	Aicardi–Goutières Syndrome <b>Dr. Khalid Hundallah</b>
17:20	Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathy <b>Dr. Dina Saleh</b>
17:40	<b>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion</b>

	<b>Session III:</b> <b>Hot Topics in Pediatric Neurology</b>
<b>Moderators:</b>	<b>Dr. Aman Sohal - Dr. Mohammed Mekki</b>
18:00	Rett Syndrome Update <b>Dr. Majid Aziz</b>
18:15	Hemimegalencephaly and Transarterial Embolization <b>Dr. Tayyba Anwar</b>
18:35	<b>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion</b>
18:50	<b>Raffle Draw</b>
19:00	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Networking Dinner</b>


End of Day 1

08:00	Registration, Coffee & Networking
	<b>Session IV: Immune Mediated Disorders of Pediatric CNS: Diagnosis and Modern Therapies</b>
	<b>Moderators:</b> Dr. Majid Aziz - Dr. Pawan Kashyape
09:00	Spectrum of Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis - Update on diagnosis and treatment <b>Dr. Shanawaz Hussain</b>
09:20	Autoimmune and Inflammatory Status Epilepticus: Early Recognition and Escalation of Therapy <b>Dr. Wafa Al Shehhi</b>
09:40	<b>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion</b>
	<b>Session V: Transforming Neuromuscular Care: From Diagnosis to Precision Therapies</b>
	<b>Moderators:</b> Dr. Nidheesh Chencherim - Dr. Vivek Mundada
10:00	Neuropathy in Pediatric and Adult Populations - A Lifespan Approach <b>Dr. Najwa Albustani</b>
10:20	ITVISMA in Spinal muscular Atrophy: Clinical Evidence to Real World Experience; Advancing SMA Care for Children Aged 2 Years and Older, Teenagers, and Adults With SMA <b>Dr. Omar Ismayl</b>
10:40	Newborn Screening: Expanding Beyond Spinal Muscular Atrophy <b>Dr. Saleel Ramesh Chandratre</b>
11:00	Long term functional outcome and safety considerations of Elevidys in DMD <b>Dr. Chaudhry Muhammad Mehtab Iqbal</b>
11:20	Precision Therapy in Neuromuscular Diseases - from Gene Replacement to Gene Editing <b>Dr. Arif Khan</b>
11:40	<b>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion</b>
12:00	<b>Raffle Draw</b>
12:10	<b>Networking Coffee Break</b>

		<b>Session VI:</b> <b>Advanced Epilepsy &amp; Interventional Therapies</b>
<b>Moderators:</b>	<b>Dr. Dina Saleh – Dr. Omar Ismayl</b>	
12:30	Post-Infectious Neuroinflammation <b>Prof. Sunny Philip</b>	
12:50	Every Motor Neuron Matters in SMA <b>Dr. Noora Al Menhali</b>	
13:10	The Localizing Value of Advanced Technology in Epilepsy <b>Prof. Faisal Al Otaibi</b>	
13:30	<b>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion</b>	

13:50	<b>Networking Lunch Break</b>	
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		<b>Session VII:</b> <b>Integrating Genetics, Movement Disorders and Rehabilitation</b>
<b>Moderators:</b>	<b>Dr. Haitham El Bashir – Dr. Saleel Ramesh Chandratre – Dr. Syed Arif Hosain</b>	
14:50	In Your Genes: Understanding the Heritability of Epilepsy <b>Dr. Tamer Rizk</b>	
15:10	Tuberous Sclerosis Complex <b>Dr. Katie Ihnen</b>	
15:30	Spectrum of Paediatric Drug-Induced Movement Disorders <b>Dr. Mohamed Babiker</b>	
15:50	Understanding Childhood Arteriopathy: From Pathophysiology to Outcomes <b>Dr. Amna Al Futaisi</b>	
16:10	<b>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion</b>	

	<p><b>Session VIII:</b> <b>Emerging Trends in Pediatric Neurology</b></p>
<p><b>Moderators:</b></p>	<p><b>Dr. Anil Israni – Dr. Muhammad Aslam Nagi</b></p>
<p>16:30</p>	<p>Mitochondrial DNA Depletion Syndromes <b>Prof. Ayman El-Hattab</b></p>
<p>16:50</p>	<p>Current Modalities for Monitoring of Neonatal Seizures in NICU <b>Dr. Hasan Tekgul</b></p>
<p>17:10</p>	<p>Beyond Steroids and IVIG: The Role of Therapeutic Apheresis in Pediatric Neurological Disease <b>Dr. Ravi Dara</b></p>
<p>17:30</p>	<p>Autoimmune Encephalitis <b>Dr. Tipu Sultan</b></p>
<p>17:50</p>	<p><b>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion</b></p>
<p>18:10</p>	<p><b>End of Congress Day Two</b></p>



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