

DAY 1 (Tuesday, May 27, 2025)

TIME	ACTIVITY		
8:30 – 10:00	Registration and Coffee		
10:00 -11:00	Opening Ceremony		
	National Anthem		
	Owner Beritation		
	Quran Recitation		
Opening Address	Prof. Esameldin Agamy – Chancellor of the University of Sharjah		
Malassa Addusas	Prof. Maamar Bettayeb - Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies		
Welcome Address	Prof. Qutayba Hamid - Vice Chancellor for Medical and Health Sciences Colleges		
	Prof Basema Saddik - Director of the Center of Excellence for Public Health		
Master of Ceremony	Dr. Wafa AlNakhi		
	University of Sharjah – UAE		
	Keynote Session		
	Global Lessons, Local Impact: Strengthening Public Health Through Surveillance,		
	Intelligence and Innovation		
	Prof. Carlos Castillo-Salgado		
	Director of Global Public Health Observatory		
	Professor of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health – USA		
	Appreciation of Sponsors and Keynote Speakers		
11:00 – 11:45	Panel Discussion		
	Prevention at the core: Strengthening public health systems for a healthier UAE.		
	HE Dr. Farida Alhosani		
	Deputy CEO, Global Institute for Disease Elimination (GLIDE) – UAE		
Panelists	Dr. Ammar AlBanna		
	Director of Al Amal Psychiatric Hospital		
	Emirates Health Services - UAE		
	Dr. Nada AlMarzouqi		
	Director of Public Health and Prevention Department		
	Ministry of Health and Prevention – UAE		









Prof. Bettina Borisch

CEO of the World Federation of Public Health Associations University of Geneva – Switzerland

Dr. Amina AlMarzouqi

Moderator

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs University of Sharjah – UAE

11:45 - 12:00

12:00 - 13:30

Coffee break Parallel sessions

Community Engagement and Health Non-Corpromotion (W2-Al Zahra Hall) Lifesty

Bridging Cultures and Safety: Immigrant Parents' Perspectives on Childhood Injury Prevention from a Community-Based Study, Ontario, Canada

Dr. Manal AlzghoulBrock University – Canada

Exploring the Potential of Metaverse in the Treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder within Mental Health Services: A Systematic Review to Nurture a Paradigm Shift in Digital Healthcare

Dr. Richard Mottershead University of Sharjah – UAE

Engaging the family caregivers of people living with dementia in the community and promoting their caregiving self-efficacy via Zoom: a feasibility study

Dr. Jackie Chan Hoi Man University of Wollongong Dubai – UAE

Meningococcal disease burden and prevention

Dr. Eslam ElBaroudy

Department of Health, Abu Dhabi - UAE (GSK-sponsored presentation)

Session Chairs:
Prof. Farah Naja
University of Sharjah – UAE
Dr. Iffat ElBarazi
United Arab Emirates University – UAE

Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Lifestyle Interventions (W2-033D)

Breast Cancer Prevention and Screening Practices among at-risk women: Cross-sectional study using the Gail Model

Dr. Maram Abbas

Institution of Public Health – UAE

Nurses' Professional Quality of Life and Intention to Leave Among Nurses and Stakeholder Perspective

Ms. Zahra Mohamed A Mohamed Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City Abu Dhabi– UAE

Optimising pharmacist support for people with multimorbidity in UAE: patient healthcare needs, quality of life, treatment burden and self-efficacy

Dr. Catarina Samorinha

Instituto Saude Publica Universidade do Porto – Portugal

Prevalence of overweight and obesity and its correlates among adolescents: A sample from private and public schools in the UAE

Prof. Wegdan Bani-Issa University of Sharjah - UAE

Session Chairs: Prof. Wegdan Bani-Issa University of Sharjah – UAE Dr. Ibrahim Eltayeb University of Sharjah – UAE

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch and Prayers









14:30 - 16:00	Parallel sessions			
	Public Health Resilience and			
	(SDGs):			
	W2-Al Zahra Hall	W2-033D		
16:00 - 16:15 16:15 - 17:15	Cutting Edge Advancement in RSV Prevention Dr. Manyoo Argawal Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi-UAE (GSK-sponsored presentation) A human health perspective on contaminants and disease risk in a changing climate Dr. Khaled Abass University of Sharjah – UAE Assessment of Quality of Services provided to Children with Type 1 Diabetes at Specialized Diabetes Clinics, Khartoum State, Sudan 2022 Ms. Fadwa Saad Federal Ministry of Health – UAE Emerging environmental contaminants: Human health and ecological risk implications Dr. Lucy Semerjian University of Sharjah – UAE Session Chairs: Prof. Mohamad Alameddine University of Sharjah – UAE Dr. Alounoud Almarzooqi University of Sharjah – UAE	Interlinkages between water security, food safety, and the SDGs: A One Health perspective for sustainable development Prof. Ioannis Savvaidis University of Sharjah – UAE The Economic Burden of Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: A Cost of Illness Study Dr. Khalifa Elmusharaf University of Birmingham Dubai – UAE Utilization of supplementary nutritional services of Integrated Child Development Services through anganwadi centers among under-five children in Puducherry, India- A cross-sectional mixed method study Dr. Aysha Baral Thayipurath Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research – India Saving Days, Saving Emissions: Climate-Conscious Quality Improvement in Pediatric Acute Respiratory Care Dr. Fatima Ali Mazahir Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital-Dubai Health – UAE Session Chairs: Prof. Tareq Osaili University of Sharjah – UAE Dr. Tamer Shousha University of Sharjah – UAE	15:30 - 17:30 GSK Sponsored Roundtable Discussion W2-033E (by invitation)	
18:00 – 20:00	18:00 – 20:00 Conference Dinner (by invitation)			
Poster Session – Day 1				









Poster number	Name	Affiliation	Title
1	Ms. Maheen Eatazaz	New York University, Abu Dhabi	Evidence-Based Intervention for Diabetes Prevention
2	Dr. Faisal Abdulla Rashid Alshamsi	United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi	Road Traffic Fatality Time Series Analysis in Dubai from 2012 To 2016
3	Dr. A. Nasir Yousuf A. Kareem Salih	University of Kalba, Sharjah	Innovation in Digital Content Consumption and Youth Mental Health: A Review from Egypt and the UAE
4	Dr. Wissam Ghach	Canadian University, Dubai	Label Information, WHO Color Codes, GHS and FAO Pictograms: A Comprehensive Review of Farmers' Comprehension toward Safe Pesticide Use
5	Dr. Balazs Adam	United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi	Genotoxicity of Cyphenothrin and the Impact of Encapsulation
6	Dr. Sarah Alismail	Council of Health Insurance, Saudi Arabia	Predictors of Colon Cancer Screening in an Insured Population: Evidence from Saudi Administrative Claims Data
7	Dr. Herbert Jelienk	Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi	Mapping Brain-Body Interactions During Emotional Experiences: A Network Physiology Approach to Psychophysiological Characterization
8	Dr. Nawaf Alnuwaysir	King Saud University, Saudi Arabia	Prevalence and Perceptions of Energy Drink Consumption and Risks Among Young Adults Aged 18-30 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
9	Dr. Rifah Anwar Assadi	Gulf Medical University, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Ajman	Vaping Patterns Among Adults in the UAE: Novices, Current Users, Ex-Smokers, and Quitting Efforts
10	Dr. Basima Maisoon	MPH graduate	Climate change education in medical and health professions training: a pathway to advancing SDGs 3 and 13 in the UAE
11	Dr. Mohamad Baytieh	University Hospital Sharjah	Progress, Challenges, and Future Directions in Implementing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the United Arab Emirates.
12	Dr. Sana Osama Bader	University of Sharjah	Assessing the risk of peripheral neuropathy among male tobacco smokers with type 2 diabetes: a matched casecontrol study
13	Dr. Salman Muhammad Soomar	King's College Hospital London, Dubai	Risk Factors of Peri-Intubation Cardiac Arrest in Critically III Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department of a Low-Income Country— A Case-Control Study
14	Dr. Salman Muhammad Soomar	King's College Hospital London, Dubai	VTE risk assessment and management in admitted patients at a Private Hospital in Dubai
15	Dr. Alsadig Suliman	Sudan Medical Specialization Board	A Dual Challenge: The First Reported Case of Warfarin Induced Skin Necrosis Concurrent with Dengue Fever in a Patient with Limited Healthcare Access
16	Dr. Shamima Begum	University of Sharjah	Advancing Public Health Through Safer Radiography: A Dosimetric Study of Chest X-Ray Protocols and Population Risk Assessment
17	Dr. Mohammed Alkhaldi	Canadian University, Dubai	Health Technology Assessment System in UAE: From System Analysis and Understanding toward System Building and Strengthening
18	Dr. Waseela Ashraf	University of Europe for Applied Sciences, Germany	Aflatoxin M1 contamination in milk samples from households in Lahore, Pakistan: Occurrence and Health Risk Assessment
19	Dr. Waseela Ashraf	University of Europe for Applied Sciences, Germany	Virtual Reality in managing dental anxiety and vital signs









20	Dr. Falak Zeb	University of Sharjah	Effect of Vitamin D Supplementation on Human Gut Microbiota: A Systematic Review of Randomized- controlled Trials
21	Dr. Preetha Menon Karuveetil	United Arab Emirates	Delays in Decision-Making After Desert Recreational Injury in United Arab Emirates
22		University, Abu Dhabi	
22	Dr. Tahani Al Qadiri	United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi	Strengthening the Public Health Workforce: Global Lessons and Strategic Directions for Abu Dhabi
23	Dr. Marwa Alhaj Ahmad	United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi	Associations of Early-Pregnancy BMI with Changes in Blood Pressure During Pregnancy and the Risk of Gestational Hypertensive Disorders: The Mutaba'ah Study
24	Dr. Syeda Bushra Ali Rizvi	Middlesex University London	Perceptions of Physical Activity in Combating Metabolic Syndrome in a Multi-ethnic Population – Stakeholder analysis
25	Dr. Syeda Bushra Ali Rizvi	Middlesex University London	Mapping Physical Activity Engagement: A Cross- Sectional Study in a Multicultural Metropolis
26	Dr. Basit Haidari	University of West London, UK	Investigating The Association Between Active Ageing and Quality of Life (QOL) of Older Adults In Saudi Arabia
27	Dr. Simy Mathew	United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi	Burden of Disease Using Disability Adjusted Life Years in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region: Protocol of a Systematic Review
28	Dr. Shirien Yunus	United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi	Migration and Mental Health: Perspectives of Women from Gilgit-Baltistan
29	Dr. Budoor Ahmed Obaid	Abu Dhabi Public Health	Liquid Biopsy: Abu Dhabi Leads the Innovation in
23	Abbood Alshehhi	Center - Department of Health, Abu Dhabi	Colorectal Cancer Screening
30	Dr. Shab Alkhoujah	University of Sharjah	Urinary Albumin-to-Creatinine Ratio as a Predictor of Kidney Disease Progression Among Type 2 Diabetic Patients
31	Ola Yassir Jassim	University of Sharjah	Dentists' opinions on managing the elderly with endodontic treatment requirements: a questionnaire
22	Chairea Khalifa Kalaradan	Commence Commeil for Femily	based cross-sectional survey
32	Shaima Khalifa Kalandar Almaazmi	Supreme Council for Family Affairs - Health Promotion Department, UAE	Health Promoting Schools Program
33	Ashiba Naushad Marikar	United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi	Prevalence of Postpartum Depression Among UAE Women: A Scoping Review
34	Della Bijo	United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi	Prevalence of Refractive errors among children with Down syndrome – a scoping review
35	Sondous Eksheir	Gulf Medical University, Ajman	Human Monkeypox Literacy Among Ajman's Residents: Filling the Knowledge Gap on Emerging Zoonotic Viruses
36	Jenan Ali	University of Sharjah	Association Between Primary Dysmenorrhea and Accelerometer-Measured Physical Activity Metrics in Nulliparous Women of the United Arab Emirates – A Cross-sectional Study
37	Khadija Alansaari	Hamdan Bin Mohamed Smart University	Telemedicine in Chronic Disease Management during COVID-19: A Literature Review from the UAE and GCC
38	Hygieia Rab Jacob	Gulf Medical University, Ajman	Prevalence of musculoskeletal symptoms and the factors associated with musculoskeletal pain among type 2 diabetes mellitus (DM) patients in the UAE
39	Huria Alzena Riaz	Dubai Medical University, Dubai	Screen Time, Sleep, Sanity and Synaptic Function: Exploring Digital Detox to Mitigate Sleep and Cognitive Disruption in the Digital Generation









DAY 2 (Wednesday, May 28, 2025)

TIME	ACTIVITY		
8:30 - 9:30	Registration and Coffee		
9:30 - 10:00	Keynote Session		
	Prof. Bettina Borisch CEO of the World Federation of Public Health Associations University of Geneva – Switzerland		
	Moderator: Prof. Manal Awad University of Sharjah – UAE		
10:00 - 11:00	Panel Discussion		
	Data in Action: Driving evidence-based decisions for better health outcomes.		
	Dr. Ali Al Rahma Acting Head of Public Health Programs & Studies Section & Licensed Public Health Professional, Public Health Protection Department, Dubai Health Authority – UAE		
Panelists	Dr. Rasheed Al Hammadi Advisor – Department of Health Abu Dhabi Research and Innovation Center – UAE		
	Dr. Hanan Obaid Director – Health Policies & Standards Department – Dubai Health Authority – UAE		
	Prof. Carlos Castillo-Salgado Director of the Global Public Health Observatory Professor of Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health – USA		
Moderator	Prof. Michal Grivna Director & Professor, Institute of Public Health, College of Medicine & Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University – UAE		
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break		
11:15 – 12:45	Innovative Technologies in Public Health: Data-driven Decisions		
	and the Role of Al		
	Analyzing the Impact of Social Media Health-Related Videos on Public Health Behavior		
	Mr. Maninder Singh Arora Panjab University, Chandigarh – India		
	Global Research Trends, Hotspots, Impacts, and Emergence of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Health and Medicine: A 25-Year Bibliometric Analysis		
	Dr. Alaa Dalky		









Jordan University of Science and Technology – Jordan

Maternal weight and caesarean section delivery in MENA region: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Dr. Rami H. Al-Rifai

United Arab Emirates University - UAE

Mazboot Bunyad: Early Outcomes of Pakistan's First Digital Nutrition Registry for Malnutrition Management

Dr. Muhammad Fazal Hussain Qureshi

Aga Khan University - Pakistan

Session Chairs:

Dr. Abdishakur Abdulle

New York University Abu Dhabi - UAE

Dr. Dilber Ozsahin

University of Sharjah – UAE

11:30 - 13:30 Health-Promoting Universities Workshop

Dr. Samar ElfekyRegional Advisor, Health
Promotion and Social
Determinants of Health,
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(by invitation)

12:45 - 13:45

Lunch and Prayers

13:45 - 15:15

Parallel sessions ommunicable Diseases (NCDs) and Communicable

Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Lifestyle Interventions (W2-Al Zahra Hall)

Social cognitive elements of mental illness stigma among healthcare professionals currently working in general hospitals: A cross-sectional study from Jordan

Prof. Heyam Fawaz Ali Dalky

Jordan University of Science & Technology - Jordan

Increased Prevalence of Diabetes Mellitus among patients with β -thalassemia major in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Dr. Amal Hussein

University of Sharjah – UAE

The Epidemiology of Major Congenital Anomalies in the United Arab Emirates: The Mutaba'ah Study

Dr. Hiba Mahdi Hassan Adam

United Arab Emirates University – UAE

Pharmacy-based prediabetes screening and prevention programme: formative evaluation and feasibility findings from the PREDICT study

Dr. Hamzah Alzubaidi

University of Sharjah – UAE

Session Chairs:

Dr. Hamzah Alzubaidi

University of Sharjah – UAE

Community Engagement and Health Promotion (W2-033D)

Innovative Initiatives Advancing Baby & Family-Friendly Environments in Sharjah

Dr. Hessa Khalfan Alghazal Alsuwaidi Sharjah Health Authority – UAE

The bidirectional relationship between breastfeeding and maternal mental health: Recommendations for practice.

Dr. Nivine Hanach

University of Sharjah - UAE

Application of Nudge Techniques to Promote Employee Health: The Case of Preventive Measures During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dr. Asmaa Benhmama

Britts Imperial University College - UAE

The impact of education on safe medication disposal among secondary school students in the United Arab Emirates: a pre and post intervention study

Dr Feras Jirjees

University of Sharjah – UAE

Session Chairs:

Prof. Tevhide Serra

University of Sharjah – UAE

Dr. Hadia Radwan





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	Dr. Amal Hussein University of Sharjah – UAE	University of Sharjah – UAE
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 - 16:30	Poster Session*	
16:30 - 17:00	Closing Ceremony	

		Poster Session – Da	ny 2
Poster number	Name	Affiliation	Title
1	Maryam Alabdullah	Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dubai	Hand Skin Health and Skincare Habit Changes Among Medical Students in Clinical Years in Dubai, United Arab Emirates: A Cross-Sectional Study
2	Mohamed Atef Hamed Elshafey	University of Sharjah	Awareness, understanding, and interest in personalized medicine: A cross-sectional survey among medical/health sciences UOS students
3	Mohammed Rashid Sajwani	University of Sharjah	Knowledge, attitudes and practices towards urinary tract infection (UTIs) among female university students in UAE
4	Ashfak Hussain Jahir Hussain	Thumbay University Hospital, Ajman	Pattern of self-medication practices among residents of selected emirates of UAE
5	Leen Mohammad Aldash	University of Sharjah	The Effect of Cognitive-Motor Dual Task on Balance Performance in Active Individuals with and without Functional Ankle Instability: A Gender-Based Case- Control Analysis
6	Khadeeja Mahjoor	Gulf Medical University, Ajman	Level of Sleep quality and its Determinants Amongst the General population in the UAE
7	Khaled Elsousi	University of Sharjah	Assessing Awareness and Perceptions of SLE in the UAE A Comprehensive Study on Knowledge Gaps and Stigma Reduction
8	Husam Samer Omar Jarbou	University of Sharjah	Changes in Donation Willingness Among UAE Adults During the Covid-19 Pandemic
9	Mawiah Haytham Zhour Adi	University of Sharjah	Public's Knowledge Regarding Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA): A Cross-Sectional Study Among the UAE General Population
10	Mohammed Nayeem Shaji	Gulf Medical University, Ajman	Thyroid, Stress, and Mood: Examining the Psychological Impact Of Thyroid Disease
11	Rashida Dhilawala	University of Sharjah	Telemedicine: Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of Physicians in UAE
12	Hadil Emad Abdelrady	University of Sharjah	Willingness of dentists in the United Arab Emirates to perform surgical treatments for patients infected with hepatitis B
13	Raghad Danawi	University of Sharjah	Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice of School Teachers Regarding Diabetes Among Children in UAE
14	Salma Nazar Abdullah	University of Sharjah	Knowledge, Attitudes & Practices Towards Prostate Cancer Among the UAE Male Population
15	Arwa Mohamed Amer Ibrahim	University of Sharjah	Efficacy and Safety of Heat-Stable Carbetocin in Prevention of Postpartum Hemorrhage in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
16	Rand Talal Jazmati	University of Sharjah	Knowledge of osteoporosis in women: Exploring the influence of education and lifestyle









17	Nimrah Ahmer Afaq	Dubai Medical University, Dubai	Effectiveness of Digital and Peer-Led Interventions in Reducing E-Cigarette Use Among Adolescents: A Critical Review of Evidence and Gaps
18	Dima Al-Qaimari	University of Sharjah	Assessing the knowledge and readiness of medical students and faculty members from the University of Sharjah, towards the integration of artificial intelligence applications in the medical curriculum.
19	Fiza Halima	Dubai Medical University, Dubai	Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on Mental Health: A Review of Adolescent Well-being
20	Fatema Mohammed Alshehhi	Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi	Epigenetic Age Prediction: Machine Learning-Based Analysis of DNA Methylation Profiles
21	Abdallah Issam Al Sakran	University of Sharjah	Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of the general UAE population toward weight management medications
22	Mohammad Mahmoud Fahmawi	University of Sharjah	Symptom Burden of Long COVID Syndrome in Adults Above 18
23	Ayatullah Hegazy	Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dubai	Evaluating the Impact of an Integrated Research Module on Student Publication Output and Engagement in Evidence-Based Practice in Undergraduate Medical Education
24	Hamda Hasan Alhammadi	Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi	Predicting Biological Age from DNA Methylation Data Using Multi-Model Regression and Consensus-Based Feature Selection
25	Ibrahim Abdelrahim	University of Sharjah	Impact of Nocturnal Blue Light Exposure and Device Usage on Sleep Quality in UAE Adults
26	Jafrin Sadiq Abdul Razack	Thumbay University Hospital, Ajman	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) and Associated factors among adults: A Case-Control study.
27	Laweezah Arif Zulquarnain	Dubai Medical University, Dubai	Al powered Mental Health Surveillance and Suicide Prevention: A Review
28	Omar Hamodat	University of Sharjah	Determinants of Knowledge Deficits in Osteoarthritis Prevention: A Subanalysis of a UAE-Based Cross- Sectional Study
29	Preethi Nandagopal	Gulf Medical University, Ajman	Unveiling The Risks and Outcomes of Preeclampsia – A Case-Control Perspective
30	Abd Erraouf Hait Amar	University of Sharjah	Salama Dawaa'ya: The Future of Sustainable Medication Disposal
31	Ridha Umar	University of Sharjah	Knowledge of the Community Members of UAE about the Risk Factors and Screening Methods of Breast Cancer
32	Farjana Akther Rita	University of Sharjah	Knowledge, Awareness, and Prevalence of Climate- Anxiety Among University Students In UAE.







