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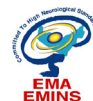
# The Fourth Annual UAE Epilepsy Congress 2015

Hosted by the Emirati League Against Epilepsy (ELAE)

22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2015 | Intercontinental Hotel | Dubai, United Arab Emirates



FINAL PROGRAM



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# Welcome Note



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the scientific committee of the Fourth Annual Emirati League Against Epilepsy (ELAE) Congress, it is with great honor we invite you to participate in this congress that is taking place in Dubai from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This congress is hosted under the umbrella of the Emirates Neurological Society (EMINS) and the Emirates Medical Association (EMA). The congress, as in the previous years, is endorsed by the Commission of Eastern Mediterranean Affairs (CEMA) and by the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).

The scientific committee has worked hard to build on the great historical success of the previous congresses, and have managed to put together a rich program with participation of renowned international and regional faculty, whom during the two days will present cutting edge topics in clinical epileptology. Similar to the previous congresses, our key note speaker will be Professor Emilio Perucca, the President of International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).

This year's plenary sessions will address a broad range of topics facing health care providers in their daily practice including: practical issues of epileptology, new targets for epilepsy therapy, burden of epilepsy, pediatric epilepsy and intractable epilepsy. Likewise, debate sessions are expected to raise the most dynamic and controversial topics facing clinicians in the fields of epileptology in an exciting interactive forum that we trust will enhance the healthcare professional's knowledge.

On behalf of the Emirati League Against Epilepsy, it is with great pleasure we invite your presence to take part in this year's Congress, which we hope will be a scientifically and socially rewarding, memorable and enjoyable experience. Welcome to Dubai!

With warm regards,

**Dr. Taoufik Alsaadi**  
Congress Chairman  
President, Emirati League Against Epilepsy



# Acknowledgement

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# About the ELAE



The Emirati League Against Epilepsy (ELAE) chapter is a professional organization of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) for health care providers, scientists and technologists involved in the diagnosis, treatment and research of epilepsy in United Arab Emirates (UAE).



The objectives of the Society are to:

- To ensure implementation of standards of epilepsy care and education in UAE
- Promote the exchange of medical and scientific information related to epilepsy
- To provide a nation-wide education and training to all health care providers in various aspects of epilepsy.
- To collaborate with the regional chapters of the Commission of the Eastern Mediterranean Affairs (CEMA) in the areas of education and research
- To advance professional epilepsy care in UAE to an internationally accepted standards
- To educate the general public in UAE about epilepsy and its management and to organize educational forums targeting patients and their caregivers
- To lobby with governmental agencies for comprehensive coverage of medical and surgical requirements of patients with epilepsy and to advocate setting driving regulations for patients suffering from epilepsy
- To arrange congresses, forums and educational and research meetings as deemed necessary
- To attract local neurologists to participate actively in all chapter's activities and to encourage meetings participation opportunities at local, regional and international levels.
- To promote research and surveys in the field of epilepsy and its related subjects

The chapter is registered under the Emirates Medical Association (EMA) and under the Emirates Neurological Society (EMINS). The chapter was first established in 2005. The ELAE promotes and advocates improved medical management of epilepsy in UAE, supporting the scientific work within the field of epilepsy.



# Congress Committees



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# International Speakers



Dr. Raidah Al-Baradei  
Consultant Pediatric Neurologist  
KFSH-D & Dammam University  
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Prof. Ahmad Beydoun  
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Prof. Eugen Trinka  
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Dr. Taoufik Alsaadi  
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Dr. Deepak Lachhwani  
Chief of Neurology  
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Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

# Congress Information



## Main Topics

- Epilepsy in Everyday Practice
- Burden of Epilepsy Beyond Seizures
- Pediatric Epilepsy
- New Targets Beyond AEDs
- Debate Sessions

## Educational Objectives

- Highlight the challenges and the importance of accurate diagnosis of epilepsy syndromes
- Recognize the importance of differentiating epileptic from non-epileptic events
- Review the tactics in utilizing and managing adverse effects of anticonvulsant drug therapy
- Outline the burden of epilepsy in all dimensions on patients and the society
- Discuss the options of management in a selected pediatric epilepsy syndromes
- To recognize the importance of identifying patients at risk to suffer sudden unexplained death of epilepsy (SUDEP)
- Review the Non pharmacological options for medically refractory epilepsy
- Recognize the importance of Continuous EEG recording in critically ill patients

## Target Audience

- Physicians in the neuroscience field
- Neurophysiologists
- Healthcare professionals interested in the field of Epilepsy

## CME Accreditation

Accredited 11.25 CME Hours (category 1) by Dubai Health Authority

## Keynote Speaker

Professor Emilio Perucca  
President of International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)

## Honorary Guest Speaker

Professor Peter Kaplan  
Professor of Neurology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

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# Delegate Information



## Congress Activities


Opening Ceremony (Main Hall)  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 13:45-14:00

ELAE Gala Dinner (Al Noor Ballroom)  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 20:30-22:00  
*by ticket only- visit the registration area for more info*

## Delegate Guides

- Prayer:** Prayer room is available on the ground floor towards the lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel
- Friday Prayers** Buses are available at the front entrance of convention center heading towards the nearest mosque at 12:00 on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Lunch** Lunch is served everyday in the ballroom next to the Main Hall on the lobby level.
- Parallel** Oral presentations 1 will take place in the Main Hall and Oral Presentations 2 will take place opposite the pre-function area at Al Amwaj.
- Lost & Found** Please head towards the information desk at the registration area for assistance.

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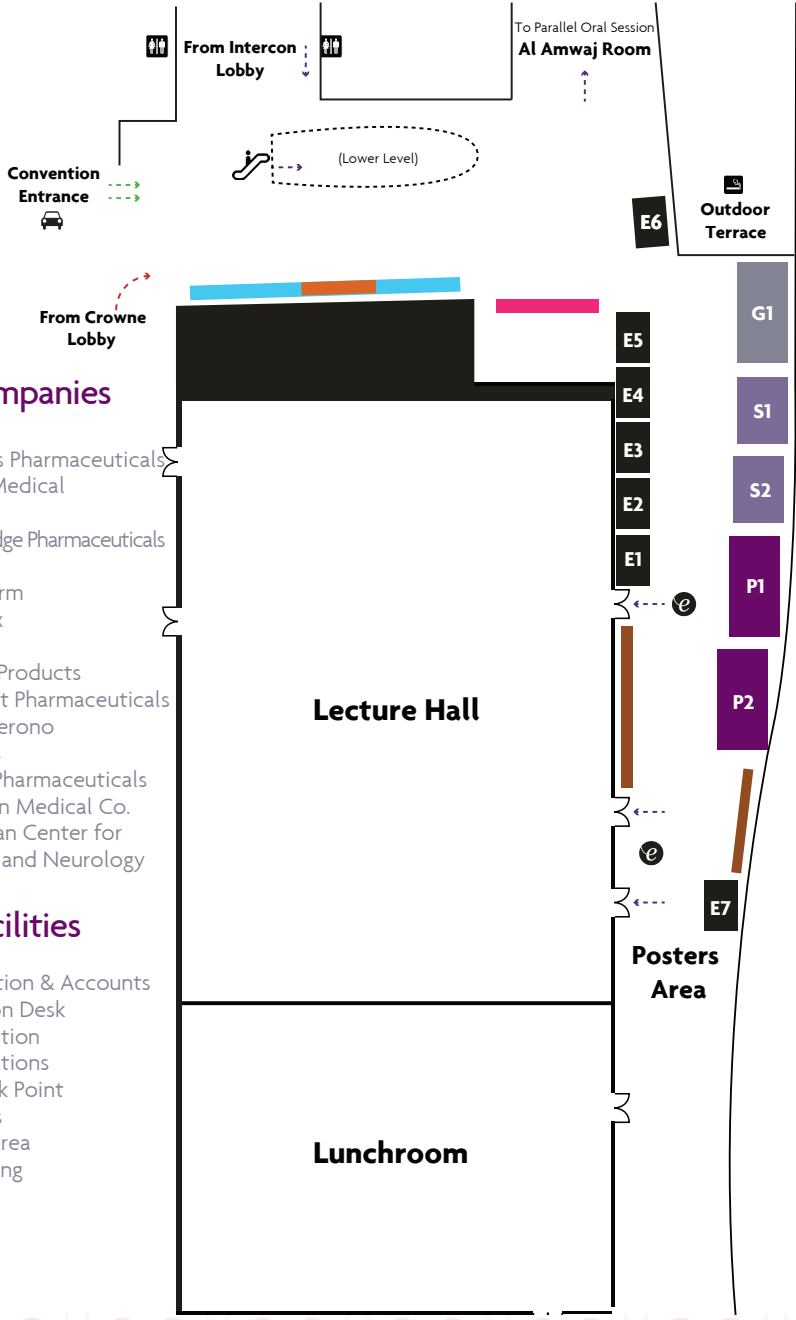
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- E2 Al Hayat Pharmaceuticals
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- E4 Lunatus
- E5 Hikma Pharmaceuticals
- E6 Al Bayan Medical Co.
- E7 American Center for Psychiatry and Neurology

## Services & Facilities

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- Bag Collection
- Coffee Stations
- eCMETrack Point
- Restrooms
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- Valet Parking

# Scientific Program



## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

08:00-09:30 **Registration & Morning Coffee**

PRE-FUNCTION

09:30-12:00 **Plenary Session I: Epilepsy in Everyday Practice**

MAIN HALL

Chairs: R. Al-Baradie, T. Tayah

09:30

Diagnosing Epilepsy: Is There any Room for Improvement? - *A. Beydoun*

10:00

Non Epileptic Seizures : Underdiagnoses and Adequately Treated - *T. Alsaadi*

10:30

Role of Epilepsy Monitoring Unit in 2015 - *D. Lachhwani*

11:00

Prognosis of Newly Diagnosed Epilepsy - *H. Hosny*

11:30

Panel Discussion

12:00-13:45 **Lunch & Friday Prayer**

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13:45-14:00 **Opening Ceremony**

MAIN HALL

14:00-15:45 **Plenary Session II: Burden of Epilepsy Beyond Seizures**

MAIN HALL

Chairs: H. Hosny, A. Almadani

14:00

Measuring Adverse Effects of AEDs - *E. Perucca*

14:30

Mortality and Morbidity in Epilepsy: What a Neurologist Should Know - *E. Trinka*

15:00

Quality of Life in Epilepsy - *I. Khoudair*

15:30

Panel Discussion

15:45-16:00 **Coffee Break and Guided Poster Tour** (*authors to stand by their posters*)

EXHIBITION HALL

# Scientific Program



## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May



16:00-16:30 **Honorary Guest Talk**

MAIN HALL Chairs: G. Bashar, B. Mesraoua

16:00 Management of Status Epilepticus 2015 - *P. Kaplan*

16:30-17:30 **Presidential Lecture**

MAIN HALL Chairs: A. Beydoun, T. Alsaadi

16:30 AED Tolerance: What is the Evidence? - *E. Perucca*

17:30-18:30 **Debate I**

MAIN HALL Chairs: K. Zamel, M. Al-Malik

17:30 Valproic Acid is Still the Drug of First Choice in Patients with IGE  
- *T. Alsaadi vs A. Beydoun*

# Scientific Program



## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**e** 08:00-08:30 **Registration & Morning Coffee**

PRE-FUNCTION

**08:30-10:20 Plenary Session III: Pediatric Epilepsy**

MAIN HALL

Chairs: A. Ashkanani, D. Lachhwani

08:30

Autism and Epilepsy: Is There a Link? - *R. Al-Baradei*

09:00

Mitochondrial Disease and Epilepsy - *W. Fathalla*

09:30

Tuberous Sclerosis and Epilepsy - *K. Zamel*

10:00

Panel Discussion

**10:20-11:20 American Epilepsy Society Lecture (LIVE Transmission)**

MAIN HALL

Chairs: A. Asmi, M. Saadah

Autoimmune Epilepsy: What is New? - *J. Sirven*

**11:20-11:45**

**Coffee Break and Guided Poster Tour** (*authors to stand by their posters*)

EXHIBITION HALL

**11:45-12:45**

**Oral Presentations A**

MAIN HALL

Chairs: M. Raouf, D. Lachhwani

11:45

Utility of Rbans in Intractable Focal Epilepsy Patients in an Arab Cohort - *S. Al Jarrah*

12:00

The Effect of Depression on Cognitive Performance in Children with Refractory Mesial Temporal Sclerosis - *K. Gopukumar*

12:15

Psychosocial Burden and Stigma Perception of Jordanian Patients with Epilepsy - *H. Dalky*

12:30

The Effect of Risk Factors on Health-Related Quality of Life in Pediatric Epileptic Patients: Observations from a Meta Analysis - *N. Hussain*

**11:45-12:45**

**Oral Presentations B**

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Chairs: S. Rukn, W. Fathalla

11:45

Efficacy and Tolerability of Intravenous Lacosamide in Children Less than 12 Years of Age - *D. Arkilo*

12:00

Mapping Epilepsy in Qatar - *G. Melikyan*

12:15

Prevalence of Epilepsy Stigma in Riyadh - *S. A. Aldakhil*

12:30

Surgical Technique for Vagal Nerve Stimulation - *M. Mansour*

# Scientific Program



## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

12:45-14:00 **Lunch Break**

LOWER LEVEL

**e** 14:00-15:15 **Plenary Session IV: Epilepsy: New Targets Beyond AEDs**

MAIN HALL Chairs: A. Khalifa, J. Inshasi

14:00 New AEDs 2015: Where Do They Fit in Our Armamentarium - *M. Brodie*

14:30 Drugs Other Than AEDs in the Management of Epilepsy: Hype or Hope ?  
- *E. Trinka*

15:00 Panel Discussion

15:15-15:30 **Coffee Break**

EXHIBITION HALL

15:30-16:30 **Debate II**

MAIN HALL Chair: P. Kaplan

15:30 Continuous EEG in Critically Ill Patients is a Must in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Practice  
- *K. Zamel vs E. Trinka*

16:30-16:45 **Closing Remarks**

MAIN HALL

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# International Faculty Profiles



## Dr. Raidah Al-Baradei



Consultant Pediatric Neurologist  
KFSH-D & Dammam University  
Dammam, Saudi Arabia



Raidah Al-Baradie trained in Pediatric Neurology and Epilepsy in Harvard Medical School, Boston Children Hospital and she obtained American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with special qualification in child neurology in 2006. Dr. Al-Baradie obtained a Executive Master degree in Health Administration in 2013 from University of Alabama (EMSHA). She is currently also Director Comprehensive Epilepsy Program at KFSH-D & Chairman of Pediatric Neurology KFSH-D.

She is the President of the Saudi Chapter of Epilepsy & Vice President of Saudi Epilepsy Society. She is the representative of Global Campaign of International League Against Epilepsy in Mediterranean Region. She is also a member of the Editorial & Advisory Boards of several journals, including Neurosciences and European Pediatric Neurology Journal. Her research interest has focused mainly on clinical aspects related to epilepsy. She published several abstracts in national and international publications.



## Prof. Ahmad Beydoun



Professor of Neurology  
American University of Beirut  
Beirut, Lebanon



Ahmad Beydoun is currently Professor of Neurology at the American University of Beirut Medical Center and Director of the comprehensive adult and pediatric epilepsy program. After completing his clinical neurophysiology fellowship at the University of Michigan, Prof. Beydoun stayed on as a faculty member at that institution and went up the rank to eventually become a Professor of Neurology and Director of the comprehensive epilepsy program at the University of Michigan.

Prof. Beydoun is an internationally known epileptologist, with more than 90 peer reviewed articles in addition to multiple book chapters. He has participated as the principal investigator in more than 50 clinical trials evaluating the efficacy and safety of a number of investigational anti-epileptic drugs. He is currently the president of the Lebanese League Against Epilepsy and the former president of the ILAE Commission of Eastern Mediterranean Affairs. Prof. Beydoun has lectured extensively worldwide and his current research interest beside outcomes of epilepsy surgery is focused on a large prospective study of patients with newly diagnosed epilepsy.

# International Faculty Profiles



## Prof. Martin Brodie



Professor of Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology  
Director, Epilepsy Unit  
Western Infirmary  
Glasgow, Scotland



Martin Brodie is Professor of Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. He directs the Epilepsy Unit in the Western Infirmary, which provides a range of services for people with seizure disorders. He qualified in Medicine at Glasgow University in 1971 and undertook his postgraduate training in London before taking up his present post in 1981. His research interests include antiepileptic drug neuropharmacology, management of epilepsy and factors affecting treatment response. He has published more than 400 editorials, book chapters, reviews, proceedings and articles in peer reviewed journals.

Prof. Brodie is treasurer of the International League against Epilepsy, having previously been its vice-president prior to which he was secretary and then chair of the Commission on European Affairs. He chairs the Management Group of European Concerted Action and Research in Epilepsy (EUCARE), and is a founding member of the European Epilepsy Academy (EUREPA). He set up and chairs the board of trustees of the charity, Scottish Epilepsy Initiative. Martin Brodie has been appointed "Ambassador for Epilepsy" on behalf of the International League against Epilepsy and the International Bureau for Epilepsy.



## Prof. Hassan Hosny



Professor of Neurology  
Cairo University  
Cairo, Egypt



Hassan Hosny is currently Professor of Neurology at Cairo University (since 2000). After completing his residency training at Cairo University Hospitals, he left to the USA where he completed fellowships in clinical Neurophysiology and epilepsy at the University of Chicago and the Cleveland clinic foundation (1988-1991). Prof. Hosny's main interest is Epilepsy as well as movement disorders, pain, headache and dementia .

He is the president of the Egyptian Epilepsy Association which he founded in 2004. He works closely with the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) where he is the President of the Commission on East Mediterranean Affairs (CEMA). He also sits on the board of the Educational and Epilepsy care commissions of the ILAE. Prof. Hosny is also a member of the editorial board of the international journal of Epilepsy Research.



# International Faculty Profiles



## Prof. Peter Kaplan



Professor of Neurology  
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
Baltimore, United States of America



Peter Kaplan is Professor of Neurology and serves as the Director of Epilepsy and EEG at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. He focuses on epilepsy, clinical neurophysiology and nonconvulsive status epilepticus. He has written extensively about these subjects as well as about eclampsia and neurologic disease in women.

Prof. Peter Kaplan received his medical training from St. Bartholomews Medical School, University of London. He then obtained membership to the Royal College of Physicians in England. He completed his residency in neurology at Duke University Medical Center. He completed fellowships in epilepsy and clinical neurophysiology at the same institution. Dr. Kaplan has published over 200 peer reviewed articles, book chapters and books.



## Prof. Emilio Perucca



Professor of Medical Pharmacology  
University of Pavia  
Pavia, Italy



Prof. Emilio Perucca obtained a M.D. degree at the University of Pavia in 1975, a Ph.D. Diploma at the University of London in 1980 and a Specialization in Neurology at the University of Pavia in 1982. He trained as a neurologist and clinical pharmacologist at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London. He is currently Professor at the University of Pavia and Director of the Clinical Trial Centre at the C. Mondino National Neurological Institute in Pavia.

He is currently President of the International League against Epilepsy (ILAE). In 1997 he received the Ambassador for Epilepsy Award from ILAE and from the International Epilepsy Bureau.

He is a member of the Editorial/Advisory Boards of several journals, including *Epilepsia*, *Epileptic Disorders*, *Epilepsy Research*, *Seizure*, *Lancet Neurology*, and *CNS Drugs*. He co-edited several international textbooks and he authored over 400 Pubmed-listed publications in the field of clinical pharmacology and epilepsy therapy, with an H-Index (Scopus) of 52 and a Citation Index of 10,533.

Prof. Perucca's research activities have focused on the clinical pharmacology of antiepileptic drugs, the drug treatment of seizure disorders, clinical trial methodology and assessment of outcome in people with epilepsy.

# International Faculty Profiles



## Prof. Joseph Sirven



Professor & Chairman of Neurology  
Mayo Clinic Arizona  
Phoenix, United States of America



Joseph Sirven (Joe) is a Professor of Neurology and Chairman of the Department of Neurology at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona and editor-in-chief of the epilepsy.com portal. Previously, he served as Director of Education for Mayo Clinic Arizona with oversight over all educational activities at the Mayo Clinic Arizona campus including, medical student rotations, residencies, fellowships, PhD candidates, nursing, allied health and continuing medical education programs. He is currently Vice chair for the Epilepsy Section of the American Academy of Neurology, Incoming Chair of the Communication Council for the American Epilepsy Society and former Chair of the Professional Advisory Board for the Epilepsy Foundation.

Dr. Sirven was chief medical contributor for NBC Latino, the English language website for Latinos by NBCNews. He is currently a medical commentator for KJZZ Radio in Phoenix, the NPR affiliate for Phoenix and Tucson Arizona.

Dr. Sirven has published extensively on epilepsy and its treatment. His interests in epilepsy include status epilepticus, surgical therapy, epilepsy in older adults and psychosocial issues particularly those involving Hispanic populations and transportation. His articles have appeared in *Neurology*, *Epilepsia*, *Lancet*, *Archives of Neurology*, *Annals of Neurology*, *Epilepsy & Behavior* and *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*. He is editor of 7 textbooks: *Clinical Neurology of the Older Adult*, the *American Epilepsy Society's Introduction to Epilepsy*; *Clinical Epilepsy*, and *An Atlas of Video EEG Monitoring*. He is currently co Director of the Epilepsy Program at Mayo Clinic Arizona.

Dr. Sirven received his undergraduate degree, a BS in Biology from Georgetown University in Washington DC. He received his MD degree from Louisiana State University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He completed a residency in Neurology from the University of Minnesota. His EEG and epilepsy fellowship was completed at the University of Pennsylvania.

# International Faculty Profiles



## Prof. Eugen Trinka



Chair of Neurology Department  
Paracelsus Medical University  
Salzburg, Austria



Eugen Trinka qualified in Medicine at Vienna University in 1990 and undertook his postgraduate training in Salzburg before becoming a Staff in Neurologist in 1998. Prof. Trinka pursued fellowship training at the Montreal Neurological Institute with Prof. Frederick Andermann and Dr. Francois Dubeau. Since 2003, he has been Associate Professor of Neurology at the Innsbruck Medical University and he became Head of the Epilepsy Service and EEG Laboratory at the Department of Neurology, University Hospital Innsbruck in 2004 to 2010. Prof. Trinka is the President of the Austrian Society for Clinical Neurophysiology and President-Elect of the Society of Epilepsy Surgery centres in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. In 2009, Prof. Trinka has been elected as an Executive member of the Commission on European Affairs of the International League Against Epilepsy (CEA-ILAE), where he serves as the Treasurer. In addition, Prof. Trinka is a founding member and Vice-President of the European Epilepsy Monitoring Unit Association. Prof. Trinka also serves on the ILAE Task force of Classification of Status Epilepticus and the ILAE working group on pre-clinical drug discovery.

Prof. Trinka has been dedicated to the education and postgraduate training of students and fellows since the beginning of his career. He is currently involved in the educational programme of the CEA-ILAE, which organises, topical courses, regional courses, as well as advanced postgraduate courses in clinical Epileptology, throughout Europe.



## Dr. Khaled Zamel



Pediatric Neurologist & Clinical Neurophysiologist  
Sidra Medical & Research Center  
Doha, Qatar



Khaled Zamel is a Pediatric Neurologist and Clinical Neurophysiologist. He is currently the Interim Chief of Child Neurology and a Senior Attending at Sidra Medical & Research Center in Doha, Qatar as well as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology at the Ohio state University and Nationwide Children's hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Prior to joining Sidra he spent 4 years in Abu Dhabi where he established a Pediatric Neurology and Epilepsy Unit that quickly grew to be the largest in the United Arab Emirates. Dr. Zamel completed his Pediatric and Child Neurology Residency as well as Clinical Neurophysiology & Epilepsy Fellowship training at the State University of New York after which he joined the Faculty at the Ohio State University College of Medicine and Nationwide Children's hospital in year 2001.

Dr. Zamel is an American Board Certified in both Child Neurology and Clinical Neurophysiology. He is the recipient of The Teacher of the Year Award in 2009 given by the Child and Adult Neurology Residents at the Ohio State University. Dr. Zamel has many peer reviewed publications and book chapters and has recently co-authored a text book on Neurophysiologic Intra-Operative monitoring. In addition to epilepsy and clinical neurophysiology his other areas of interest include pediatric stroke and tuberous sclerosis complex.

# Domestic Faculty Profiles

## Dr. Taoufik Alsaadi



Head & Consultant, Neurology  
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates



Dr. Taoufik Alsaadi is a Senior Consultant and the Chief of the Neurology Department at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City. He was trained in Epilepsy and Clinical Neurophysiology at the University of California, San Francisco, and was a research fellow in Epilepsy there. He is board-certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and by the American Board of Clinical Neurophysiology and by the American Board of Clinical Epilepsy.

Before coming to Abu Dhabi, Dr. Alsaadi was an associate Professor of Neurology and the Director of the Adult Epilepsy Program and the Clinical Research Program at the University of California Davis. His research has focused on conducting drug study trials for new anti-epileptic agents for patients with epilepsy, quality of life in patients with epileptic and non epileptic disorders, neuroimaging and electroencephalographic predictors of outcome from epilepsy surgery. He also has a special interest in utilizing various neuroimaging techniques in studying seizure disorders, particularly MR spectroscopy and fMRI. Dr. Alsaadi has been honored with several prestigious awards for his work in the field of epilepsy. He has served on the Advisory Board of the Northern California Epilepsy Foundation and on the membership committee of the American Epilepsy Society. He has served as the President of the Western Clinical Neurophysiology Society in the United States. He is currently the President of the Emirati League against epilepsy and the Vice President of CEMA (Commission of the Eastern Mediterranean Affairs). He also serves at the Editorial Board for BMC Journal of Neurology and Journal of Neurosciences. He has authored and co-authored more than 30 papers and book chapters, and has served as a peer-reviewer for more than 15 scientific journals.

## Dr. Waseem Fathalla



Head & Consultant, Pediatric Neurology  
Mafraq Hospital  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates



Dr. Waseem Fathalla graduated from Damascus University Medical School in 1993. He completed his general pediatric residency in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, and obtained his pediatric American board certification in 1997. He trained in child neurology in Texas Children's Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine where he also obtained his American Board Certification in Neurology with special qualifications in Child Neurology during the year 2000.

Dr. Fathalla has special interest in Critical Care Neurology, Neurometabolic Disorders, End of Life Care and Islamic Bioethics. Moreover, Dr. Fathalla holds a Bachelors and Masters degree in Islamic Science.

# Domestic Faculty Profiles



## Dr. Iyad Koudeir



Consultant Neurologist  
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Over past several years, the Epilepsy Center has collaborated actively with several medical institutions in sharing know how to optimize care for epilepsy patients. Cleveland Clinic Epilepsy Partnerships was launched in January 2012. Dr. Lachhwani served as Head of Section of Cleveland Clinic Epilepsy Partnerships to streamline these efforts.

Dr. Lachhwani is a member of the American Epilepsy Society (AES), having served as Editor of AES News, and a committee member for the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE). He is also a member of the Child Neurology Society, American Society of Neuroimaging (ASN) and the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM).

Dr. Lachhwani is an avid writer with several peer-review publications, published several book chapters, and has presented numerous posters at national and international meetings. He has co-edited the Fourth Edition of text book of "The Treatment of Epilepsy: Principles and Practice".

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