

United Arab Emirates

**ITTC**

International Technology Transfer Centre  
A program of the International Consortium of Universities  
for Drug Demand Reduction



المركز الوطني للتأهيل - إ.ع.ه.  
National Rehabilitation Center - U.A.E  
مركز متعاون مع منظمة الصحة العالمية  
WHO COLLABORATIVE CENTER

# National Rehabilitation Center - Abu Dhabi Addiction Scientific Day Virtual Conference

— Applying Science to Clinical Practice —



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



27 February, 2022



Virtual Conference  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Access virtually  
from the safety  
of your home



المركز الوطني للتأهيل - إ.ع.م  
National Rehabilitation Center - U.A.E  
مركز متعاون مع منظمة الصحة العالمية  
WHO COLLABORATIVE CENTER

## Welcome Note

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committee, it gives us a great pleasure to invite you to the **Addiction Scientific Day** to be held virtually on **27th February, 2022** in Abu Dhabi, UAE

The summit aims at sharing new ideas and technologies amongst the professionals, industrialists, researchers and students. The organizing committee has developed a comprehensive one-day program highlighting the current challenges and clinical developments in addiction.

The conference provides a forum for educational opportunities as well as a chance to interact with colleagues and experts in the field of addiction. The Scientific Program will offer a great selection of educational sessions that will feature cutting edge presentations, key note lectures, case presentation and special panel discussions.

The NRC aims to make this an annual event to support multidisciplinary professional development of clinicians in addictions and mental health in the UAE and Region.

**H.E. Dr. Hamad Al Ghafri**

Conference Chair  
Director General,  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Dr. Samya Al Mamari**

Conference Co-Chair  
Acting Medical Services Director,  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE

## Organizing Committee

---



**H.E. Dr. Hamad Al Ghafri**  
Conference Chair  
Director General,  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Samya Al Mamari**  
Conference Co-Chair  
Acting Medical Services Director  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Shamil Wanigaratne**  
Consultant Clinical Psychologist and  
Head of NRC Training Institute,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Muez Mohamed Siddig**  
Specialist Psychiatrist,  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Ms. Amal Al Zaabi**  
Charge Nurse and Training Officer,  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Ms. Maryam Al Awadhi**  
Quality Officer  
NRC Training Institute,  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE

## Highlighted Topics

---

- New psychoactive substances: Clinical perspective
- Addiction in special population
- Hepatitis C and addiction
- New treatment approaches for PTSD
- Addiction Rehabilitation & Recovery
- Social services role in addiction Rehabilitation & Recovery
- Behavioral addiction
- Screening practices

## Learning Objectives

---

- Increase knowledge in addiction science
- Discuss updates in research in the field of addiction
- Outline challenges in treatment .
- Offer an in-depth exposure to multidisciplinary approaches to addiction management strategies.
- Improve care of addicted patients
- Address the unmet needs in the practice in addiction.

## Who Should Attend?

---

**This activity is designed to meet the needs of:**

- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Nurses
- Neurologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Social Workers
- Counsellors
- Family Physicians
- Residents & Fellows
- Pharmacists
- Policy Makers, Government, Academia and Other Mental Health Professionals

## Key Features

---

- Full one-day program
- Presentations by renowned expert speakers
- Interactive Sessions
- Connecting scientific community

## Why you should attend?

---

- Meeting renowned experts from around the region
- Networking and developing new partnerships
- Learning and sharing best practices
- Learning advanced approaches and practices in addiction

## Speakers



**Dr. Lisa De Rijk**  
Visiting Research Fellow at Kings College,  
London, UK, Clinical Training Director at  
Research Recognition Project  
Registered Nurse and Psychotherapist



**Dr. Francis Keaney**  
Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist  
South London and Maudsley NHS  
Foundation Trust, UK



**Prof. Dr. Simon Elliott**  
Consultant Forensic Toxicologist Elliott  
Forensic Consulting Ltd &  
King's College London, UK



**Dr. Abuelgasim Elrasheed**  
Laboratory Director & Clinical Scientist,  
National Rehabilitation Center  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Ahmed Yousif**  
Consultant Psychiatrist  
Head of Psychiatry Section  
National Rehabilitation Center  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Duaa Hashim**  
Specialist Psychiatrist  
National Rehabilitation Center  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Hawraa Sameer Sajwani**  
Consultant Psychiatrist, General Adult &  
Addiction, Behavioral Sciences Pavilion  
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Maab Khalfan AlYammahi**  
Internal Medicine Specialist  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Mansour Aly Assaf**  
Consultant Psychiatrist  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Mansour Shawky**  
Consultant Psychiatrist  
Acting Head of the Psychiatry Section  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Mohamed Hassan Faragalla**  
Consultant Psychiatrist  
Al Amal Psychiatric Hospital  
Dubai, UAE



**Dr. Mohamed Sayed**  
Department Head of the Clinical  
Psychology Program, National  
Rehabilitation Center  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Osama Ali**  
Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist  
The American Center for Psychiatry  
and Neurology, Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Saeed Husain Almarzooqi**  
Consultant,  
Gastroenterology and Hepatology,  
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Mr. Helal Bader Omar Alkathéri**  
Social Worker  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Mansour Shawky**  
Consultant Psychiatrist  
Acting Head of the Psychiatry Section  
National Rehabilitation Center,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



**Dr. Yasir Abbasi**  
Consultant Psychiatrist and  
CAG Lead-Addictions,  
Al Amal Hospital, Dubai, UAE

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

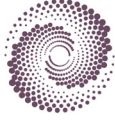
27 February, 2022 | Sunday (GST/UAE Time)

TIMING	PRESENTATION & SPEAKER
09:00 - 09:05	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
09:05 - 09:15	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> H.E. Dr. Hamad Al Ghafri   Director General of NRC
<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>SUBSTANCE USE IN SPECIAL POPULATION</b> Chair: Dr. Tarek Gawad   Director of Treatment & Rehabilitation, NRC
09:15 - 09:45	<b>Substance Use Disorder in the Aviation Industry</b> Dr. Mansour Shawky   Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist, NRC
09:45 - 10:15	<b>Substance Use and Chronic Pain</b> Dr. Duaa Hashim   Specialist Psychiatrist, NRC
10:15 - 10:50	<b>Psychological Perspective in the Treatment of Addiction in Special Populations: Challenges and Opportunities</b> Dr. Mohamed Sayed   Department Head of the Clinical Psychology Program, NRC Dr. Duaa Hashim   Specialist Psychiatrist, NRC
10:50 - 11:00	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
<b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES</b> Chair: Dr. Mohamed Al Karkhi   Consultant Psychiatrist, NRC
11:00 - 11:40	<b>Noval Psychoactive Substances: An Overview</b> Dr. Mansour Aly Assaf   Consultant Psychiatrist, NRC
11:40 - 12:20	<b>New Psychoactive Substances Toxicology Perspective</b> Dr. Abuelgasim Elrasheed   Lab Director and Clinical Scientist, NRC Prof. Dr. Simon Elliott   Consultant Forensic Toxicologist, King's College London
12:20 - 12:30	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
12:30 - 12:45	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION 3</b>	Chair: Dr. Samya Al Mamari   Acting Medical Services Director, NRC
12:45 - 13:35	<b>Opioid Dependence: Our Journey from Detoxification to Maintenance Treatment at Al Amal Hospital in Dubai</b> Dr. Yasir Abbasi   Consultant Psychiatrist and CAG Lead-Addictions, Al Amal Hospital Dr. Mohamed Hassan Faragalla   Consultant Psychiatrist and CAG Lead-Addictions, Al Amal Hospital
13:35 - 13:45	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
<b>SESSION 4</b>	Chair: Dr. Ahmed Yousif
13:45 - 14:25	<b>Reconsolidation of Trauma Memory (RTM) Protocol for Treating PTSD</b> Dr. Lisa de Rijk   Visiting Research Fellow at Kings College London
14:25 - 14:50	<b>Vaping and E-Cigarettes: An Overview</b> Dr. Hawraa Sajwani   Consultant Psychiatrist - General Adult & Addiction, BSP-SKMC
14:50 - 15:00	<b>Panel Discussion</b>

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

27 February, 2022 | Sunday (GST/UAE Time)

TIMING	PRESENTATION & SPEAKER
<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>MEDICAL ASPECTS OF ADDICTION</b> Chair: Dr. Mohamed Aljneibi   Consultant Psychiatrist, NRC
15:00 - 15:30	<b>Hepatitis C in Persons Who Inject Drugs (PWID)</b> Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi   Consultant Gastroenterology & Hematology, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City Dr. Maab Khalfan AlYammahi   Internal Medicine Specialist, NRC
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Substance Use Disorder in medical practice: Diagnosis and Treatment Options</b> Dr. Osama Ali   Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist, The American Center for Psychiatry and Neurology
16:00 - 16:10	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
<b>SESSION 6</b>	<b>IN ARABIC</b> Chair: Dr. Hussain Muzahem   Head of Social Services Department, NRC
16:10 - 16:35	<b>Social Services in Addiction Treatment</b> Mr. Helal Bader Omar Alkatheeri   Senior Social Worker, NRC
16:35 - 16:45	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
16:45 - 17:00	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION 7</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> Chair: Dr. Shamil Wanagaratne   Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Head of NRC Training Institute
17:00 - 17:30	<b>Behavioral Addiction</b> Dr. Ahmed Yousif   Consultant Psychiatrist Head of Psychiatry Section, NRC
17:30 - 18:00	<b>Transforming Communications with Patients</b> Dr. Francis Keaney   Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
18:00 - 18:15	<b>Plenary Discussion</b>
18:15 - 18:30	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>



United Arab Emirates

ITTC

International Technology Transfer Centre  
A program of the International Consortium of Universities  
for Drug Demand Reduction



المركز الوطني للتأهيل - الإمارات العربية المتحدة  
National Rehabilitation Center - U.A.E  
مركز متعاون مع منظمة الصحة العالمية  
WHO COLLABORATIVE CENTER

# National Rehabilitation Center - Abu Dhabi Addiction Scientific Day Virtual Conference

— Applying Science to Clinical Practice —



27 February, 2022



Virtual Conference  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Access virtually  
from the safety  
of your home



Registration is  
**FREE!**

Limited Seats Available

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Please note that this program has specific **Target Audience** thus all requests are filtered. Confirmation of your registration request will be emailed by our CME Coordinator.

Managed by

شركة الشرق الأوسط وشمال افريقيا للمؤتمرات ذ.م.م.

**mena** CONFERENCE

Middle East North Africa Conference Company LLC  
[www.menaconference.com](http://www.menaconference.com)

For registration & further information, please contact:

Ms. Andra & Mr. Afsal

Tel: +971 2 4919881, Mobile: +971 56 5033781, +971 56 5033747

Email: [andra@menaconference.com](mailto:andra@menaconference.com), [afsal@menaconference.com](mailto:afsal@menaconference.com)