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THE 5th MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE IN CELLULAR & IMMUNOTHERAPY

PROGRAM

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District
Beirut - Lebanon



WELCOME LETTER

Dear Colleagues & Friends,

In collaboration with the Arab Medical Association Against Cancer (AMAAC), the Lebanese Society of Hematology (LSH), and the International Academy for Clinical Hematology (IACH), I have the pleasure to invite you to the “**5th Middle East Conference in Cellular and Immunotherapy**” which will be held on **November 28, 2026** at **Voco Beirut Central District, Beirut - Lebanon**.

This meeting aims at introducing a new era in the treatment of hematologic malignancies. We are proud to be hosting international world-known experts in the field of hematology to share their insights on various topics in the field. Physicians of all related specialties, fellows, residents, and students are invited to expand their knowledge and develop their approaches to the treatment of Leukemia.

We look forward to welcoming you to this conference for what promises to be a rewarding and insightful experience.

With kindest regards,



Jean El Cheikh, MD
Conference Chair



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08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:10	OPENING CEREMONY Address of the Conference Chair Jean El Cheikh, MD Address of the President of the Arab Medical Association Against Cancer Sami Khatib, MD Address of the Chairman of Pediatric Hematology Oncology Adlette Inati, MD Address of the President of the Clinical Hematology and Cellular Therapy Department Mohamad Mohty, MD Address of the Lebanese Minister of Health H.E. Dr. Rakan Nassereddine

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09:10 - 10:00	SESSION 1 UPDATES IN MULTIPLE MYELOMA	
Moderators	Ahmad Khalil, MD - Colette Hanna, MD	
09:10 - 09:30	TBA	Claudio Cerchione, MD
09:30 - 09:50	AI in Myeloma	Rachid Baz, MD
09:50 - 10:00	Q&A	
10:00 - 10:30	Chair: Jean El Cheikh, MD <i>Symposium Johnson & Johnson</i> Evolving Role of Biospecifics in Multiple Myeloma	Claudio Cerchione, MD
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Symposium Sponsored by Pfizer in Partnership with Droguerie Fattal</i> Achieve Higher Remission Rates with BESPONSA (INOTUZUMAB OZOGAMICIN) vs Standard Chemotherapy	Marcel Massoud, MD
11:00 - 11:15	 Coffee Break	

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11:15 - 11:45	<i>Symposium Johnson & Johnson</i> Darzalex for the Management of FLMM	Jad Wakim, MD
11:45 - 12:55	SESSION 2 UPDATES IN LEUKEMIA	
Moderators	Khaled Ibrahim, MD - Joseph Makdessi, MD	
11:45 - 12:05	Rethinking Transplant in Philadelphia Positive ALL	Ali Bazarbachi, MD
12:05 - 12:25	NGS and New Techniques for Acute Leukemia	Rami Mahfouz, MD
12:25 - 12:45	TBA	Riad El Fakih, MD
12:45 - 12:55	Q&A	
12:55 - 13:25	<i>Symposium Sandoz</i> Biosimilars Concept: The Reality behind Totality of Evidence	Ali Bazarbachi, MD
13:25 - 13:45	Keynote Lecture	Didier Blaise, MD

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13:45 - 14:45	 Lunch Break	
14:45 - 15:15	Chair: Jean El Cheikh, MD <i>Symposium Takeda</i> A New Era in Advancing Hodgkin Lymphoma: Redifining Frontline Care with Brentuximab Vedotin	Kayane Mheidly, MD
15:15 - 16:05	SESSION 3 UPDATES IN LYMPHOMA	
Moderators	Rachelle El Ferkh, MD - Maroun Sadek, MD	
15:15 - 15:35	TBA	Laurent Gandhi Damaj, MD
15:35 - 15:55	Jordanian Experience in CAR T-Cell Therapy	Khaled Halahleh, MD
15:55 - 16:05	Q&A	
16:05 - 16:35	<i>Symposium Bristol Myers Squibb</i> The Potential of Opdivo in Front Line Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma	Nour Moukalled, MD
16:35 - 16:50	 Coffee Break	

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16:50 - 17:35	SESSION 4 UPDATES IN CHRONIC LEUKEMIA	
Moderators	Ahmad Ibrahim, MD - Nour Haidar, MD	
16:50 - 17:10	CML: Past, Present and Future	Nabil Chamseddine, MD
17:10 - 17:30	TBA	Mohamed Dabaja, MD
17:30 - 17:35	Q&A	
17:35 - 18:05	<i>Symposium Sponsored by Pfizer in Partnership with Droguerie Fattal</i> A BCMA-Directed Bispecific Immunotherapy for Adult Patients with Relapsed and Refractory Multiple Myeloma	Iman Bou Dalle, MD
18:05 - 18:50	Panel Discussion From Diagnosis to Supportive Care Physician Chair: Jean El Cheikh, MD Panelists: Rana Yamout, MD - Ahmed Younes, MD - Nizar Bitar, MD - Maya Bizri, MD	
18:50	Closing	

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