



**MENA FHSS  
ANNUAL  
CONGRESS**  
6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION  
RIYADH 2026



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## The Middle East and North Africa Federation for Hospital Sterilization, in Partnership with Saudi German Health

Presents the  
6th Annual Congress Agenda

**Advancing excellence in IPC and sterilization: innovation, safety, and sustainability across MENA healthcare**

### Triple Certification



**10 Infection Prevention  
Units (IPUs)**



الهيئة السعودية للتخصصات الصحية  
Saudi Commission for Health Specialties

**12 Continuous Medical  
Education (CME)**



**Certification from American  
institute for medical sciences and  
management**



4 – 6 June 2026



Saudi German Hospital  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



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Thursday, 4 June 2026

# Vision , Science & Innovation

**08:00 – 09:00** | Registration & Welcome Coffee

**09:00 – 09:30** | Opening Ceremony

**-National Anthem of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

**-Keynote speakers:**

**-Dr. Ahmed Baghashi** – President, MENA FHSS

**-Dr. Amr Arkoubi** – Chief Medical Officer, SGH- Riyadh

**-Dr. Bouchra Bou Abbass** – CEO, STC Middle East

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**09:30 – 10:30 | Plenary Session 1**

**Reimagining Infection Prevention in the Digital Era**

**-From Surveillance to Prediction: AI & Digital Twins in IPC:** Dr. Fares Saad

**-Data Trust & Compliance in Digital IPC Systems:** Mr. Khaled Al Nafee

**Panel Discussion:** *Can We Trust Digital Intelligence to Predict and Prevent Infection?*

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**10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break**

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**11:00 – 12:00 | Plenary Session 2**

**CSSD: Sterile Processing in the Age of Automation**

**- Automated CSSD & Infection Prevention: The Strategic Role of CSSD Leaders:** Ms. Norah Alghuraybi

**- Beyond the Cycle: How Sterilizer Build-Quality and Precision Engineering**

**Guarantee Clinical Safety:** Sr. Engineer Francesco Crotti

**Panel Discussion:** *Can Technology Guarantee Trust in the Sterile Supply Chain?*

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**12:00 – 13:00 | Prayer & Lunch Break**

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**13:00 – 14:00 | Plenary Session 3**

**Leadership, Policy & Governance**

**-IPC Leadership in Crisis & Rapid Response:** Dr. Nahla AbdelKader

**-Ethical & Agile Governance in Infection Prevention:** Dr. Moustafa Nassar

**Panel Discussion:** *From Governance to Action: How Leaders Build Safe IPC Systems Under Pressure*

**14:00 – 14:45 | Plenary Session 4**

**Innovation Arena**

**-Next-Generation CSSD: AI-Powered Traceability, Automation & Predictive**

**Compliance:** Eng. Ahmad Hmida

**-Advanced Reprocessing of Flexible Endoscopes: Risk, Traceability & Automation**

**Solutions:** Ms. Nancy Steenbakkers

**Panel Discussion:** *Can Automation Enhance Safety Without Replacing Judgment?*

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**14:45 – 15:00 | Day 1 Closure & Key Takeaways**

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Friday, 5 June 2026

## Practice, Skills & Legacy

**08:00 – 09:00** | Registration & Welcome Coffee

**09:00 – 09:45** | Plenary Session 1

**IPC in High-Risk Clinical Environments**

**-Antimicrobial Stewardship in High-Risk Clinical Environments:** Dr. Noura Hamdan

**-Protecting the Most Vulnerable in long term care:** Ms. Sherrie Boucher

**Panel Discussion:** *Anticipating Risk in Complex Care — How Far Can IPC Go?*

**09:45 – 10:30** | Plenary Session 2

**Translating Regulation into Bedside Reality**

**-IPC: From Policy to Practice:** Dr. Bouchra Bou Abbass

**-Frontline Nursing Leadership: Embedding IPC Through Culture, Accountability, and Daily Practice:** Dr. Ahmad Omar Hawsawi

**Panel Discussion:** *Moving Beyond Checklists — How to Make IPC Stick at the Bedside*

**10:30 – 11:00** | Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:00** | Plenary Session 3

**Sustainability & Resilience**

**-Reducing the Environmental Footprint of IPC & CSSD:** Dr. Marale Atechian

**-Green & Responsible Procurement for Sterile Supply Chains:** Ms. Cindy Graham

**Panel Discussion:** *Can Healthcare Be Green and Safe?*

**12:00 – 13:00** | Prayer & Lunch Break

**13:00 – 14:00** | Plenary Session 4

**Learning from Real-World Errors**

**-System Failures & Operational Breakdowns in IPC & CSSD:** Dr. Hind Naguib

**-Human Behavior, Policy Gaps & Safety Culture:** Dr. Layal Abi Ghanem

**-From Expertise to Academia: Advancing Infection Prevention & Sterilization Sciences:** Dr. Samah Hachem

**Panel Discussion:** *From Blame to Learning — Turning Failure into Safer Systems*

## **14:00 – 15:30 | Plenary Session 5**

### **Data-Driven Quality Improvement & Research**

**-From measurement to action on Safer IPC systems; Leadership Lessons in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety :** Prof. Peter Lachman

**-Data as Your IPC Playbook: Turning Measures into Improvement :** Prof. Zeina Kanafani

**-Building a MENA-Wide IPC Research & Learning Collaborative :** Mr. Ali Jabri

**Panel Discussion:** *From Data to Action — Turning Measurement into Measurable Improvement*

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## **15:30 – 16:30| Closing Plenary & Recognition**

**-Congress Key Takeaways –** Pr. Mohammed Garout

**-Honouring Distinguished Leaders in IPC & CSSD**

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Saturday June 6th, 2026

## ADVANCED Masterclasses

### **Master Class 1: Advanced Outbreak Leadership & IPC Decision-Making in Complex Healthcare**

**Audience:** Senior IPC leaders, hospital executives, quality & patient safety leaders, regulators

**Purpose:** This masterclass goes beyond guidelines to focus on how senior leaders make IPC decisions during complex outbreaks, balancing patient safety, operational continuity, reputation, and regulatory pressure.

#### **Key Content**

- Strategic IPC Decision-Making
- Advanced Outbreak Management
- Case-Based Simulation & Group Exercise
- Executive Takeaways & Discussion

**Outcome:** Participants leave able to lead outbreaks with confidence, influence leadership decisions, and position IPC as a strategic function, not a technical one.

### **Master Class 2: Sterilization Failures, Risk & Accountability: Advanced CSSD Leadership Masterclass**

**Audience:** CSSD directors & managers, OR leadership, quality & risk managers, biomedical engineers

**Purpose:** An advanced masterclass focused on what happens when sterilization systems fail and how leaders manage patient risk, recalls, regulatory scrutiny, and organizational learning.

#### **Key Content**

- Leadership skills
- Advanced Sterilization Risk Management
- Managing Sterilization Failures & Recalls
- Root Cause Analysis – Real Case Exercise
- Leadership & Governance Wrap-Up

**Outcome:** : Participants gain the ability to anticipate, manage, and recover from sterilization failures, protect patients, and strengthen CSSD governance at an advanced level.