



MENA Healthcare Forum 2026

Dubai, U.A.E. | 23 - 24 January 2026

Day 1 – 2025 AHA Guidelines Launch “From Evidence to Impact: Elevating Resuscitation Outcomes”

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
07:30 – 08:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee	—
08:30 – 08:40	Opening Remarks	Rami Khattar, BSN, MHPE, FISQua Feras Al Najjar, MD
08:40 – 09:10	Keynote: 2025 AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC	Gareth Patrickson SVP, International Business, AHA
09:10 – 10:15	Session 1: AHA Guidelines for CPR & ECC Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Life Support (BLS) • Education & Implementation • System Interventions & Ethics Special Circumstances • Pediatric BLS • Pediatric ALS • Neonatal Resuscitation Program 	Michael Kurz, MD Alexis A. Topjian, MD , MSCE Beena Kamath-Rayne, MD , MPH
10:10 – 10:30	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	Esteemed Speakers Moderator, Marida Straccia, BSN, MSN
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee Break	—
10:50 – 11:10	Session 2: Transition to BLS HeartCode®	Mahmoud Jufaili , MD
11:10 – 11:35	Session 3: Heart Safe City initiative	Brandon Oto, MD
11:40 – 11:55	Session 4: Heart Safe Sports Initiative	Hany El Shahidy, MD
11:55 – 12:10	Session 5: DOH Heartsaver® Initiative	Duane Caneva, MD
12:10 – 12:25	Session 6: First Responder Initiative (EMS – Kuwait)	Ahmad Al Shatti, MD
12:25 – 12:40	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	Moderator: Amjad Obaid, MD
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch & Prayer Break	—
13:40 – 14:40	RQI® (Competition)	Firas Dakak, BSN, Dip Ed, EMT-P, MSc. HCM
14:40 – 14:55	PAM Updates	Marida Straccia, BSN, MSN
14:50 – 15:30	Recognition & Appreciation (ITCs, RF, Regulators, Partners) + Wrap-Up & Photo	AHA Leadership



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Day 2 : Saturday, 24 January 2026

"Health System Transformation through Hospitals Quality Certification"

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07:30 – 08:30 AM	Coffee & Networking	—
08:30 – 8:50 AM	Opening Remarks	<i>Michele Bolles EVP, Quality, Outcomes, Research & Analytics, AHA</i>
08:50 – 09:10 AM	Opening Keynote	<i>H.E Dr. Fawaghi AL Naqbi Directors Models of Care</i>
09:10 – 09:40 AM	Survivor Stories	<i>Selected Patients / Survivors Moderator: Ahmad Gabroun, MD</i>
09:40 – 11:00 AM	Session 1: Data-Driven Improvement (GWTG Registries)	<i>Moderator: Kamil Vallabh, MD</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insights from STEMI Data (20 mins) • Insights from Stroke Data (20 mins) 	<i>Abdulmajeed Zubaidi, MD Mohammed Al Kuwaiti, MD</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Highlights (15 mins) 	<i>Fabrizio Clementi, MD</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Data to Drive Policy & Practice (15 mins) 	<i>Julia Mora, MSHSA, BSN, ISQua</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A (20 mins) 	<i>Moderator: Kamil Vallabh, MD</i>
11:10 – 11:25 AM	Coffee Break	—
11:25 – 01:00 PM	Session 2: Transformation in Action – Best Practices	<i>Moderator: Juwairia Alali, MD</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital Success Stories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burjeel Holding (15 mins) • Al Dhafra Hospitals (15 mins) • NMC Holding (15 mins) 	<i>Nidal Shawish, MD Ahmed Khairy, MD Kamal Alabdi, MD</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saudi German Group - UAE (20 mins) 	<i>Ahmed Algamal, MD</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Medical Office - UAE (15 mins) 	<i>Wissam Ibrahim Abdul Hadi, MD</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A (25 mins) 	<i>Moderator: Juwairia Alali, MD</i>
01:00 – 02:00 PM	Lunch & Prayer Break	—



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01:55 – 03:35 PM	Session 3: The Future of Quality in Cardiovascular & Stroke Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Health & AI (20 mins) • Telemedicine in Systems of Care (Virtual Hospital) (20 mins) • Heart Failure Center certification (20 mins) • Hypertension, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM), and Cardiovascular Kidney Metabolic (CKM) Certifications (20 min) • Q&A (20 mins) 	Moderator <i>Dr. DP Suresh, Co-Chair of the AHA International Committee / Puja Patel, Global Vice President of QORA</i> <i>Dr. Asif Ali</i> <i>Dr. Ibrahim Balharith</i> <i>Dr. Mohammed Harari</i> <i>Puja Patel, Global Vice President of QORA</i>
03:35 – 05:00 PM	Closing Reflections & Next Steps	<i>Michele Bolles</i> <i>EVP, Quality, Outcomes, Research & Analytics, AHA</i>
	Integrating Hospitals, EMS, and Policy into Unified Systems of Care	<i>(By Invitation Only)</i>
05:00 – 07:00 PM	Session 4: Panel Discussion – Scaling Transformation in MENA <i>(From Individual Hospitals to National Networks)</i>	
07:00 PM	Closing Dinner	—