

# 1<sup>st</sup> Emirates International Congress in Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

*"Exploring Multidisciplinary Care Models in a world of Neurodiversities"*



May 17 - 18, 2025



Sofitel Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE

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## Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

It's with great pleasure and anticipation that we extend an invitation to attend the upcoming **"1st Emirates International Congress in Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics"** will be held on **17th - 18th May, 2025** at **Sofitel Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE**.

Our theme for this year's congress, **"Exploring Multidisciplinary Care Models in Children in a World of Neurodiversities"** underscores our commitment to innovation, collaboration, and excellence. We have gathered a diverse group of experts and practitioners from around the globe to share their insights, research, and best practices. Together, we aim to ignite new ideas, inspire groundbreaking approaches, and drive forward the care of children with developmental and behavioral challenges.

The congress will encompass a broad spectrum of topics, featuring the latest evidence-based screening and assessment tools, comprehensive family-centered care, and innovative therapeutic interventions. It will also highlight ongoing research focused on addressing children's developmental challenges, presenting new treatment options. Additionally, the event will spotlight the latest advancements in AI-powered medical devices designed to support children with Behavioral and developmental disorders, including neurodevelopmental issues. The congress will also emphasize the role of multidisciplinary rehabilitation specialists and clinical psychologists in these fields.

We will explore cultural competence and diversity in the care of children with neurodiversities, importance of early intervention, and the integration of multidisciplinary care models into management planning. Furthermore, we will shed a light on innovative educational programs and advocacy efforts with respect to developmental and behavioural pediatrics in primary care and in subspecialty care.

We are particularly excited about the workshops on hot topics in developmental and behavioral pediatrics which aims at providing practical solutions to the challenges we face in our day-to-day practice. Additionally, this congress Covers an invaluable opportunity to network with peers, share experiences, and build professional connections that will enhance patient care.

We look forward to an enriching and productive congress and hope you leave with new knowledge, Skills and connections that will benefit your patients.

We look forward to having you join us in Abu Dhabi in May 2025.

Warm Regards.

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## Learning Objectives

- Describe the latest evidence-based screening and assessment tools for early detection of neuro-developmental issues.
- Apply best practices in delivering comprehensive, family-centered care for children with neuro-developmental disorders.
- Address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder
- Describe evidence-based therapies that optimize motor, cognitive, and behavioral functioning in children and adolescents with neuro-developmental differences.
- Design and implement interdisciplinary approaches to developmental rehabilitation, integrating various therapeutic modalities.
- Recognize and effectively manage co-occurring mental health conditions in children and adolescents with neuro-developmental differences.
- Implement evidence-based interventions and collaborative care models to support the overall mental well-being and positive behavioral outcomes of their patients.
- Develop and advocate for school-based initiatives that promote mental health and emotional regulation in pediatric populations with neuro-developmental disorders.
- Share research, innovative educational programs, and advocacy efforts with respect to developmental-behavioural paediatrics in primary care and in subspecialty care.
- Workshops on Hot Topics in behavioural and neuro-developmental Pediatrics to help you overcome key challenges of day-to-day practices.
- To meet peers and colleagues working in the same field, share experiences and build up networking for better patient service.
- Recognize the developmental Benefits of Expressive Art therapy.
- Benefits of Art Therapy for children with developmental challenges.

By achieving these learning objectives, the attendees of the 1st Emirates International Congress in developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics will be better equipped to provide comprehensive, evidence-based, and culturally responsive care for children and adolescents with a wide range of neuro-developmental and behavioral challenges in the UAE and the broader region.

## Target Audience

- Pediatricians and Child Neurologists
- Developmental and Behavioral Pediatricians
- Neurodevelopment Paediatricians
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists
- Rehabilitation Specialists (Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists)
- Clinical Psychologists and Behavioral Therapists
- Teachers, counselors, administrators and School-Based Professionals
- Researchers and Academic Professionals
- Family Medicine & Family Physicians
- Families of children with neurodiversities
- Self advocates
- General pediatricians
- Genetic and metabolic specialists
- Genetic counselors
- Pediatric residents
- Nurses
- AI Experts/Technologists for Children Devices & Tools

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### Event Venue



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