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## 5<sup>th</sup> POCT Advances Conference

Advancing Care Anywhere: Pioneering  
POCT Innovations and Applications



10<sup>th</sup> May 2025



Cleveland Clinic  
Abu Dhabi



## Conference Agenda

08:00 - 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
09:00 - 09:15	<b>Opening Remarks: Shaping the Future of POCT in Healthcare</b> <b>Dr. Imran Mirza</b> , POCT Medical Director, National Reference Laboratory, UAE	
<b>Session 1: Building Excellence in POCT Operations</b>		
<b>Moderator: Dr. Imran Mirza</b> , POCT Medical Director, National Reference Laboratory, UAE		
09:15 - 09:35	<b>From Fragmentation to Integration A Patient Safety Journey in POCT Governance</b> <b>Jonathan Harris</b> , Director of POCT, National Reference Laboratory, UAE	
09:35 - 09:55	<b>Developing a National Governance Policy for the Management of POCT</b> <b>Annette Thomas</b> , Consultant Clinical Biochemistry, Director of WEQAS, UK	
09:55 - 10:05	Q&A with Session Speakers	
<b>10:05 - 10:35</b>	<b>Coffee Break and Networking</b>	
<b>Session 2: Transforming POCT Through Innovation and Personalised Medicine</b>		
<b>Moderator: Dr. Hemad Yasaei</b> , Department Head, Molecular Genomics NRL, UAE		
10:35 - 11:05	<b>Transforming Personalized Medicine in POCT: Precision Testing for Sepsis-Related Hearing Loss and Stroke Prevention</b> <b>Dr. John McDermott</b> , Clinical Geneticist, National Health Service, UK	
11:05 - 11:25	<b>Precision at the Bedside: How POCT Powers Personalized Medicine in the ICU</b> <b>Jaham Shada Said</b> , Clinical Management Consultant, Qatar	
11:25 - 11:35	Q&A with Session Speakers	
11:35 - 12:05	<b>Symposium Session:</b> <b>Topic:</b> One for Many: The power of LumiraDX and digital connectivity in POCT <b>Speakers:</b> Arpit Patel, Health and Digital Solutions Lead, Roche Lea Bassil, Product Manager UAE, Gulf & Channel Partners, Roche	
12:05 - 12:25	<b>Symposium Session:</b> <b>Topic:</b> Improving care delivery with POCT Solutions <b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Essam Ibrahim, Medical Director, Abbott EMEA, Global Medical & Scientific Affairs, Point of Care	
<b>12:25 - 13:25</b>	<b>Lunch, Prayers, Networking &amp; Vendor Symposia</b>	

Session 3: Expanding the Role of Pharmacies in POCT Implementation		
Moderator: Jonathan Harris, Director of POCT, National Reference Laboratory, UAE		
13:25 - 13:55	<b>Revolutionizing Healthcare Access Through POCT in American Pharmacies</b> <b>Dr. Michael Klepser</b> , Senior Director, Ferris State University, USA	
13:55 - 14:15	<b>Community-Led Healthcare Innovations in Northern Ireland Pharmacies</b> <b>Cinchana Sadananda</b> , Senior POCT Technologist, National Reference Laboratory, UAE	
14:15 - 14:35	<b>A Regulatory Perspective on POCT for Pharmacies in Abu Dhabi</b> <b>Hala Ibrahim Abdulrahmen</b> , Senior Specialist, Department of Health, UAE	
14:35 - 14:55	Q&A with Session Speakers	
Commercial Presentations:		
14:55 – 15:15	<b>Symposium Session:</b> <b>Topic:</b> On-Demand Diagnostics: How POCT is Revolutionizing Molecular Testing in the ED <b>Speaker:</b> Jehad Abdalla, M.D, ID Consultant, SKMC Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE Chair of ASP Committee in SEHA , Abu Dhabi, UAE	
15:15 – 15:35	<b>Symposium Session:</b> <b>Topic:</b> BGS GEM5000 Analyzer <b>Speaker:</b> Nayera Khaled, Senior Sales Specialist, Abu Dhabi International Medical Services LLC, UAE	
<b>15:35 - 15:55</b>	<b>Coffee Break and Networking</b>	
Session 4: Emerging Applications and Technologies in POCT		
Moderator: Dr. Imran Mirza, POCT Medical Director, National Reference Laboratory, UAE		
15:45 - 16:05	<b>Next-Gen POCT Troponins: Transforming Rapid Cardiac Care</b> <b>Dr. Hani Sabbour</b> , Consultant Cardiologist, Mediclinic, UAE	
16:05 - 16:25	<b>Innovating Diabetes Management: Leveraging AI for Personalized Patient Care</b> <b>Hiba Jodeh</b> , Diabetes Educator, Imperial College London Diabetes Centre, UAE <b>Tomader Ali</b> , Manager of Diabetic Education, Imperial College London Diabetes Centre, UAE	
16:25 - 16:45	<b>CRP Testing in Primary &amp; Community Care for Acute Respiratory Infections &amp; COPD</b> <b>Annette Thomas</b> , Consultant Clinical Biochemistry, Director of WEQAS, UK	
16:45 - 17:00	Q&A with Session Speakers	
17:00	<b>Closing Remarks and Wrap-Up</b> <b>Speaker: Dr. Imran Mirza</b> , POCT Medical Director, National Reference Laboratory, UAE	