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# 4th EMIRATES INTERNATIONAL COLORECTAL CONGRESS

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NOVEMBER 20-22 2026

CONRAD ABU DHABI
ETIHAD TOWERS, UAE

## CONGRESS AGENDA

# WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues, Esteemed Members, and Honored Guests,

On behalf of the Emirates Society of Colon & Rectal Surgery and the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 4th Emirates International Colorectal Congress, taking place on November 20–22, 2026 at Conrad Abu Dhabi Etihad Towers.

Building on the remarkable success of the 3rd edition and guided by the valuable feedback received from our attendees and industry partners, this year's scientific program has been carefully structured in direct response to their requests. This responsiveness defines our identity and reflects the standard of excellence that continues to shape the growth and reputation of our congress.

The 2026 program will focus on emergency and benign colorectal disease, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), proctology and pelvic floor disorders, colorectal cancer, and the latest advancements in robotic surgery and its evolving applications. These topics will be presented by pioneers and international leaders in colorectal surgery, ensuring high-level scientific exchange and practical clinical value.

In addition, we are proud to dedicate a full session in collaboration with the Kuwaiti Society of Colorectal Surgeons, fostering regional collaboration and exchange of expertise.



**DR. SARA AL BASTAKI**
Consultant General Colorectal Surgeon
President/Founder, Emirates Society of Colon Rectal Surgery
Congress Chair

# OUR COMMITTEE



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Congress President



## DR. ZAKIR MOHAMED

Organizing Committee
Chairperson



## DR. ROGER GERJY

Scientific Committee
Chairperson

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# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE:

- Emergency and benign colorectal disease
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)
- Proctology and pelvic floor disorders
- Colorectal cancer
- The latest era of robotic surgery and its evolving utilization
- Session with Kuwait Society of Colorectal Surgeons

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# OUR SPEAKERS:



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**PROF. DR. RUBEN PERALTA**
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General Surgeon & Surgical Gastroenterologist



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# OUR SPEAKERS:



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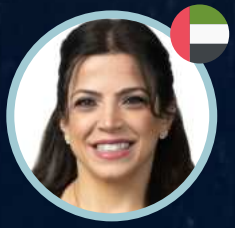
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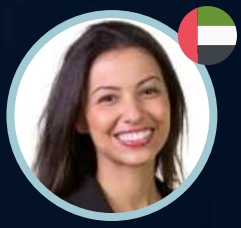
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# OUR SPEAKERS:



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Colorectal Surgeon



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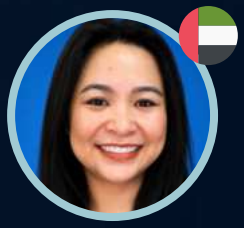
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**CASSIE PURVEY**
Wound and Stoma Specialist Nurse

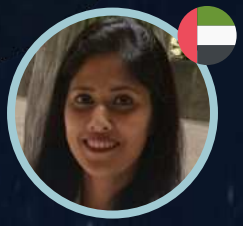


**BROWYN MEDOZA**
Enterostomal Nurse



**STEPHANIE GUITGUIT**
Wound and Stoma Specialist Nurse

# OUR SPEAKERS:



**SREELA NAIR**
Dietician



**MARY ANNE PUEYO**
Wound and Stoma Specialist Nurse



**SOPHIE MEDLIN**
Dietician



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Preventive Medicine & Public Health Physician



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Consultant Radiologist



**DR. WAEL HOSNI**
Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist

# DAY 1

November 20 2026, Friday
Trauma | Obstructed Colon Cancer | Diverticular Disease

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
|---|---|---|
| **SESSION 1: Advanced Trauma Surgery – Evidence & Decision Making**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 09:00 - 09:20 | Damage Control for Colorectal Trauma - When, Why, and How? | Dr. Jody Robert Miller |
| 09:20 - 09:40 | Pelvic & Rectal Trauma: Operative Strategies and Pitfalls | Prof. Dr. Ruben Peralta |
| 09:40 - 10:00 | Reconstruction After Damage Control: When Is the Right Time? | Dr. Carlos Yánez Benítez |
| 10:00 - 10:20 | Hostile Abdomen Management: When There Are No Good Options | Dr. Yousif Habib Al Abboudi |
| 10:20 - 10:40 | Expert Panel: Complex Trauma Scenarios (Case Presentations & Panel Discussion) | Dr. Carlos Yánez Benítez |
| 10:40 - 11:00 | Opening Remarks (Congress Chair + Keynote Speaker) | |
| 11:00 - 11:20 | **Coffee Break** | |
| **SESSION 2: Obstructed Colon Cancer - Modern Approach (Kuwait Session)**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 11:20 - 11:40 | Obstructed CRC (Right vs Left) - Updated Evidence and Outcomes | Dr. Jasim Alabbad |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | Emergency Oncologic Colectomy: Maintaining Quality Under Pressure | Dr. Abrar Al-Hashemi |
| 12:00 - 12:20 | Post-Obstruction Pathway: Staging, MDT, Chemotherapy Timing & ERAS | Dr. Khaled AlZamel |
| 12:20 - 12:40 | Left-Sided Obstruction: On-Table Colonic Lavage - Techniques and Results | Dr. Ahmad Alkhamis |
| 12:40 - 13:10 | Bridge-to-Surgery: SEMS vs Diverting Stoma - Selection and Controversies (Debate) | Dr. Abdulaziz Alghurair / Dr. Fawaz Alnaqi |
| 13:10 - 14:30 | **Lunch + Friday Prayer** | |
| **SESSION 3: Diverticular Disease - Getting Out of Trouble**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 14:30 - 14:50 | Uncomplicated Diverticulitis: What's New in 2026? | Prof. Ronan Cahill |
| 14:50 - 15:10 | Laparoscopic Lavage: Current Role in Practice | Dr. Maziar Nikberg |
| 15:10 - 15:30 | Complicated Diverticulitis: Hartmann vs Primary Anastomosis - Latest Evidence | Prof. Ronan Cahill |
| 15:30 - 15:50 | Robotics in Diverticulitis, NOSE and Other Innovative Approaches | Dr. Daniel Popowich |
| 15:50 - 16:10 | Complex Case: Bail-out Decisions You Regret (and What You Learned) | Dr. Maziar Nikberg |
| 16:10 - 16:30 | **Coffee Break** | |

# DAY 1

November 20 2026, Friday
Trauma I Obstructed Colon Cancer I Diverticular Disease

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
|---|---|---|
| **Innovation Session**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 16:30 - 16:45 | When Is Green Good Enough? Signal Quantification for Fluorescence Perfusion Angiography | Dr. Mahdi Al-Taher |
| 16:45 - 17:00 | Magnetic Anastomoses in Colorectal Surgery - The New Kid on the Block | Dr. Antonio Caycedo-Marulanda |
| 17:00 - 17:15 | The Rise of Intelligent Surgery: AI in Colorectal Surgery | Dr. Faisal Ikram |
| **SESSION 4: Challenging Cases - Emergency Video Session**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 17:15 - 17:25 | Emergency Colorectal Surgery Video Pearls - Planes, Perfusion & Safety | Prof. Dr. Ruben Peralta |
| 17:25 - 17:35 | Emergency Rectal Perforation: How I Manage It? | Dr. Daniel Popowich |
| 17:35 - 17:45 | **Discussion** | |

# DAY 2

November 21 2026, Saturday
IBD Surgery I Pelvic Floor Dysfunction I Advanced Proctology

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
|---|---|---|
| **SESSION 1: IBD Surgery - Optimization and Modern Strategy**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 09:00 - 09:20 | Surgical Decision-Making in IBD - When Medicine Fails | Prof. Nasser Al Sanea |
| 09:20 - 09:40 | The Role of the Mesentery in IBD | Prof. John Calvin Coffey |
| 09:40 - 10:00 | Acute Severe UC: Staged Resection, Approach Selection and Complications | Dr. Ali Al Jaberi |
| 10:00 - 10:20 | Role of Appendectomy in UC | Prof. Faek El Jamali |
| 10:20 - 10:40 | Crohn's Strictures: Resection vs Stricturoplasty - Advanced Considerations | Prof. Alessandro Fichera |
| 10:40 - 11:00 | **Coffee Break** | |
| **SESSION 2: Advanced IBD - Reconstruction, Re-do & Salvage Surgery**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 11:00 - 11:20 | Complex Perianal Crohn's: Advanced MDT Management | Dr. David Zimmerman |
| 11:20 - 11:40 | Functional Outcomes After IBD Surgery: Prevention and Treatment | Prof. Emile John Tan Kwong Wei |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | Re-do Surgery in Crohn's/UC: Risks, Mapping, and Technical Planning | Prof. Alessandro Fichera |
| 12:00 - 12:20 | IPAA Complications: Leaks, Pelvic Sepsis & Pouch Salvage | Prof. Emile John Tan Kwong Wei |
| 12:20 - 12:50 | Debate: Early Surgery vs Biological Treatments (Two Expert Viewpoints) | Prof. John Calvin Coffey vs Dr. Sara El Ouali |
| 12:50 - 14:00 | **Lunch** | |
| **SESSION 3: Pelvic Floor for Advanced CRS**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 14:00 - 14:15 | Pelvic Floor Physiology: What Every Colorectal Surgeon Must Know | Dr. Lameese Tabaja |
| 14:15 - 14:30 | Recurrent Pelvic Organ Prolapse: Why Repairs Fail and How to Fix Them | Dr. Ahmed Allawi |
| 14:30 - 14:45 | Neuromodulation for Fecal Incontinence: When It Works and When It Fails | Dr. Shafik Sidani |
| 14:45 - 15:00 | Obstructed Defecation Syndrome: Conservative vs Surgical Strategies | Prof. Anders Mellgren |
| 15:00 - 15:20 | **Coffee Break** | |

# DAY 2

November 21 2026, Saturday
IBD Surgery I Pelvic Floor Dysfunction I Advanced Proctology

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
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| **Dr. Sara Al Bastaki Lecture**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 15:20 - 15:50 | Rectal Cancer:<br>The Past, the Present and the Future | Prof. Per-Olof Nyström |
| **SESSION 4: Advanced Proctology – Beyond Basics**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 15:50 - 16:05 | Complex Cryptoglandular Fistula: LIFT, Flaps, VAAFT, Laser - Selecting the Right Option | Dr. David Zimmerman |
| 16:05 - 16:20 | Anal Sepsis in High-Risk Patients: Crohn's, Immunosuppression and Recurrence | Prof. Anders Mellgren |
| 16:20 - 16:35 | Hemorrhoids in Complex Patients: Choosing the Right Operation | Dr. Labib Al Ozaibi |
| 16:35 - 16:50 | AIN and Early Anal Cancer for CRS: Screening, Mapping, and Treatment | Prof. Nasser Al Sanea |
| 16:50 - 17:10 | Complex Case Panel:<br>When the Pelvis Fights Back (Panel Discussion) | Dr. Labib Al Ozaibi |
| **ESCRS Rising Stars Award Session**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 17:10 - 17:40 | Oral Presentations: Best 3 Selected (10 min each) | Rising Stars Presenters |

# DAY 3

November 22 2026, Sunday
Robotics I Advanced Rectal Cancer I Modern Oncologic Surgery

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
|---|---|---|
| **SESSION 1: Robotics - Setup to Mastery**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 09:00 - 09:20 | Robotic Right Colectomy (CME):<br>Critical Steps and Standardization | Dr. Mark Soliman |
| 09:20 - 09:40 | Single-Port Robotic TME: Is There an Advantage? | Dr. Simon Ng |
| 09:40 - 10:00 | Bail-out Robotics:<br>Bleeding, Difficult Pelvis, and Conversion Strategies | Dr. Paolo Pietro Bianchi |
| 10:00 - 10:20 | Autonomic Neural Mapping in Left Colectomy | Dr. Antonio Caycedo-Marulanda |
| 10:20 - 10:40 | Beyond Reoperation: Transanal Robotics for Anastomotic Salvage | Dr Mark Soliman |
| 10:40 - 10:50 | **Coffee Break** | |
| **SESSION 2: Rectal Surgery**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 10:50 - 11:10 | Video: Robotic LAR -<br>Key Steps and Common Errors | Dr. Jim Khan |
| 11:10 - 11:30 | Anastomosis Strategy in Rectal Surgery | Dr. Roel Hompes |
| 11:30 - 11:50 | Managing Complications:<br>Leaks, Ureteric Injury & Pelvic Sepsis | Dr. Simon Ng |
| 11:50 - 12:10 | Video: Robotic APR Beyond TME Borders -<br>Tips and Indications | Dr. Jim Khan |
| 12:10 - 12:30 | My Worst Case and What I Learned | Dr. Chunhui Cui |
| 12:30 - 13:50 | **Lunch** | |
| **SESSION 3: Colorectal Cancer - Advanced Updates**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 13:50 - 14:10 | Rectal Cancer Pathway<br>(TNT, Response Assessment, MDT Sequencing) | Dr. Rodrigo Perez |
| 14:10 - 14:30 | Lateral Lymph Nodes: When and How to Address Them | Dr. Chunhui Cui |
| 14:30 - 14:50 | Local Excision for Rectal Cancer<br>After Neoadjuvant Treatment: When & Why? | Dr. Rodrigo Perez |
| 14:50 - 15:10 | Debate: Early Colon Cancer -<br>Endoscopic Cure vs Oncologic Resection | Dr. Ammar Kheir vs<br>Dr. Mark Soliman |
| 15:10 - 15:20 | **Coffee Break** | |

# DAY 3

November 22 2026, Sunday
Robotics I Advanced Rectal Cancer I Modern Oncologic Surgery

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
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| **SESSION 4: Innovation & Outcomes**<br>**Moderator:** | | |
| 15:20 - 15:40 | Pushing the Boundaries for Organ Preservation in ERC: Local Excision First Strategy | Dr. Roel Hompes |
| 15:40 - 16:00 | Metastatic CRC:<br>Role of Surgery in Stage IV Disease | Dr. Ayman Harakeh |
| 16:00 - 16:20 | Locally Advanced CRC: Multivisceral Resections and Pelvic Exenteration Planning | Prof. Christos Kontovounisios |
| 16:20 - 16:40 | Parastomal Hernia:<br>What Does Evidence Tell Us in 2026? | Dr. Ahmed Allawi |
| 16:40 - 17:00 | Functional Outcomes After Cancer Surgery:<br>LARS Prevention and Management | Dr. Roel Hompes |
| 17:00 - 17:20 | Should Robotics Be the Standard Approach for Rectal Cancer Surgery? | Dr. Paolo Pietro Bianchi |
| 17:20 - 17:40 | **Closing Ceremony** | |

UAE STOMA SUPPORT CLUB
by EMIRATES SOCIETY OF COLON & RECTAL SURGERY

# STOMA CARE PROGRAM

November 21, 2026 (Saturday)

Conrad Abu Dhabi Etihad Towers, UAE



# STOMA CARE AGENDA

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
|---|---|---|
| **Session 1 - Moderator : Cassie Purvey** | | |
| 09:00-09:20 | Anatomy: What is Stoma?<br>Anatomy and Physiology - Types of Stoma | Dr. Monis Ahmed<br>Mediclinic City Hospital |
| 09:20 - 09:40 | What's the Differrence:<br>Colostomy vs. Ileostomy | Dr. Muhammad Umar<br>Mediclinic City Hospital |
| 09:40 - 10:00 | Building Confidence Before Surgery:<br>Patient Education & Preparation | Nimfa Jeraldine Buizon<br>Al Zahra Hospital |
| 10:00 -10:20 | Precision in Placement: Importance of<br>Stoma Site Marking Pre-op | Browyn Medoza<br>Al Zahra Hospital |
| 10:20 - 10:40 | **Panel's Discussion** | |
| **10:40 - 11:00** | **Coffee Break** | |
| **Session 2 - Moderator : Slav Noaman** | | |
| 11:00 - 11:20 | Assess, Monitor, Recover:<br>Patient Assessment- Post-op | Stephanie Guitguit<br>Healium.me |
| 11:20 - 11:40 | Nourish, Recover, Thrive: Nutrition Guide | Sreela Nair<br>Mediclinic City Hospital |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | Essential Post-op Stoma Care.<br>How to Care for a Stoma Patient Post Operatively | Mary Anne Pueyo<br>Healium.me |
| 12:00 - 12:20 | When Output Becomes a Challenge:<br>High Out-put Management | Sophie Medlin<br>CityDietitians (Online Lecture) |
| 12:20 - 12:40 | **Panel's Discussion** | |
| **12:40 - 14:00** | **Lunch break** | |
| **Session 3 - Moderator : Nimfa Buizon** | | |
| 14:00 -14:25 | Troubleshooting:<br>Complications & Management | Slav Noaman<br>Mediclinic City Hospital |
| 14:25 - 14:50 | Product Overview: How to Create<br>A Stoma Product Presription for Your Patient | Cassie Purvey<br>Healium.me |
| 14:50 - 15:00 | **Panel's Opinion and Discussion** | |
| **15:00 - 15: 20** | **Coffee Break** | |

# STOMA CARE AGENDA

| Time | Topic | |
|---|---|---|
| **Session 4 - Moderator : Cassie Purvey** | | |
| 15:20- 15:40 | Psychological Support for Stoma Patients | Hiba Salem<br>M42 |
| 15:40 - 16:40 | Patient Voice | Multiple patients |
| **Session 5 - Workshop<br>Moderator : Cassie Purvey & Slav Noaman** | | |
| 16:40 - 17:00 | Recent Published Ostomy Care Guidelines | Dr. Faisel Alkulaib<br>Coloplast |
| 17:00- 17:20 | How to Site Mark a Stoma? | Everyone |
| 17:20 - 17:40 | Basic Pouching and Complication Management | Everyone |

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