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Welcome Message



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is with great pleasure and honor that we extend a warm invitation to you for the upcoming **11th Annual SWAAC ELSO Conference (South West Asia and Africa Chapter of the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization)**. The conference will take place at Conrad at Etihad Towers in Abu Dhabi from **February 6th to 8th, 2025**. This year's conference would be held in conjunction with **ECMO Net** meeting, involving the most prominent researchers in the field of ECMO.

The SWAAC ELSO Conference serves as a significant platform for professionals in the field of Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) therapy to gather, exchange knowledge, and collaborate on advancing the frontiers of this critical medical discipline. With the support of the South West Asia and Africa Chapter of ELSO, we have curated a thought-provoking scientific program that encompasses the latest advancements, innovative research, and best practices in ECLS.

During the conference, we will explore the multifaceted aspects of ECLS therapy through engaging sessions, interactive workshops, and insightful keynote presentations. We have gathered an esteemed panel of experts from around the globe who will share their expertise, experiences, and ground breaking discoveries in this rapidly evolving field. Whether you are an Critical Care Physician, Anaesthesiologist, Cardiologist, Heart Failure Specialist, Pulmonologist, Cardio-thoracic and Vascular surgeon, Paediatrician, Perfusionist or Nurse or any other member of the multidisciplinary team, there will be valuable content tailored to your specific interests and professional development.

Our aim is not only to facilitate the promulgation of knowledge but also to foster meaningful collaborations and networking opportunities. The SWAAC ELSO Conference provides a vibrant platform for professionals to connect, share ideas, and forge partnerships that will drive advancements in ECLS therapy.

In addition to the exceptional scientific program, we have organized pre-conference workshops prior to the main event. These workshops will offer hands-on training, allowing participants to enhance their practical skills and gain valuable insights into the intricacies of adult and paediatric ECLS therapy. We encourage you to take full advantage of these workshops and make the most of this unique learning experience.

Abu Dhabi, with its rich cultural heritage and stunning landscapes, serves as the perfect backdrop for this conference. We hope you will take the opportunity to explore the city's attractions, experience its warm hospitality, and establish lasting connections with colleagues from diverse backgrounds.

Your presence and active engagement are vital to the success of the SWAAC ELSO 2025 Conference. Once again, I look forward to welcome you to Abu Dhabi, and I am confident that this important Conference will be a memorable and enlightening experience for all.

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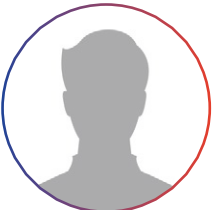
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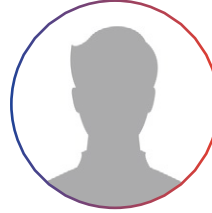
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Learning Objectives

- Enhance understanding of the latest advancements in Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) therapy, including technological innovations, treatment modalities, and patient management strategies.
- Explore the multidisciplinary approach to ECLS therapy and foster collaboration among healthcare professionals from various specialties, including anaesthesiology, cardiology, cardiac surgery, transplant surgery, paediatrics, radiology, vascular surgery, and other related fields.
- Gain insights into best practices and evidence-based guidelines for the initiation, management, and weaning of ECLS therapy in both adult and pediatric populations.
- Acquire knowledge of the unique challenges and considerations in implementing ECLS services outside the cardiac operating theatre and intensive care unit, such as in the cath lab, emergency department, and general operating theatre.
- Understand the role of ELSO and its chapters in providing educational platforms, promoting quality assurance, and facilitating collaboration among ECLS professionals globally.
- Discuss the latest research findings and clinical outcomes related to ECLS therapy, including survival rates, long-term outcomes, and quality of life for ECLS patients.
- Explore the integration of ECLS therapy with other treatment modalities, such as organ transplantation, ECMO-assisted interventions, and circulatory support devices, to optimize patient outcomes.
- Gain practical skills and knowledge through hands-on workshops, including cannulation techniques, troubleshooting common ECLS complications, and simulation-based training for ECLS scenarios.
- Address the ethical, legal, and societal implications of ECLS therapy, including patient selection, resource allocation, informed consent, and end-of-life care.
- Foster networking and collaboration among participants to establish professional connections, share experiences, and promote ongoing research and development in the field of ECLS therapy.

Program Highlights

- Meet the experts
- Pro Con debates
- Year in review across the globe
- MCS in LV/RV failure
- Monitoring modalities on ECMO
- Beyond single circuit
- ECMO in trauma/ burns/ cancer
- Perioperative ECMO
- ECMO facilitated transplants
- Awake ECMO and Rehabilitation
- Life after ECMO
- ECMO in coming decade and beyond

Pre-Conference Workshops

- ECMO Cannulation
- Comprehensive Paediatric ECMO

Post-Conference Workshops

- Train the Trainer

Target Audience

- Anaesthesiologists
- Cardiologists
- Cardiac surgeons
- Transplant surgeons
- Intensive care physicians
- Paediatricians
- Neonatologists
- Respiratory therapists
- Perfusionists
- Nurses specializing in critical care or cardiac care
- Vascular surgeons
- Emergency medicine physicians
- Clinical dietitians
- Physiotherapists
- Infectious disease specialists
- Palliative care experts

Why attend the SWAAC ELSO 2025 Conference

SWAAC ELSO 2025 Conference offers healthcare professionals involved in ECLS therapy a unique opportunity to:

- Access the latest advancements
- Gain expert knowledge
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams
- Learn from real-life experiences
- Enhance practical skills
- Gain CME Hours
- Network with peers
- Contribute to the global development of ECLS therapy

It is an investment in your professional growth and, ultimately, in improving patient outcomes and quality of care.

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Agenda Day 1

06th February 2025, Thursday

Conrad at Etihad Towers Hotel, Abu Dhabi

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
08:00 - 08:55	Registration	
08:55 - 09:00	Welcome and Introduction	
(09:00-10:00) Plenary Session 1: Plenary Sessions : Global Perspectives Moderators: Poonam Malhotra, Alain Combes, Musaab Al-Ramsi		
09:00 - 09:20	ECMO: 2023 Year in Review	Darryl Abrams, USA
09:20 - 09:40	SWAAC ELSO: Past, present and future	Huda Alfoudri, Kuwait
09:40 - 10:00	Outcomes across the globe: how to achieve harmony	Mirko Belliato, Italy
10:00 - 10:30	Key Note Address: Abu Dhabi's vision for ECMO Keynote Moderators: Suneel Pooboni and Abdullah Shehab	Saleh Saif Al Ali, UAE
10:30 - 12:00	Inauguration	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break and Industry Session	
12:00 - 12:30	ECMO industry	
12:30 - 13:00	Blood purification in Sepsis on ECMO	Oxiris/Cytosorb
(13:00-15:20) Plenary Session 2: Cardiogenic Shock and ECMO Moderators: Jan Belohlavek, Ibrahim Fawzy, Gopal Bhatnagar		
13:00 - 13:20	Post cardiotomy VA ECMO: Current best practice	Roberto Luroso, Netherlands
13:20 - 13:40	MCS Strategies for RV Failure	Eddy Fan, Canada
13:40 - 14:00	VA ECMO in patients with pulmonary hypertension: Current Best Practice	Hassan Alnuaimat, UAE
14:00 - 14:20	SVC drainage in VA ECMO	Suresh Rao, India
14:20 - 14:40	ECMO in Cardiogenic Shock: Lessons for future trials	John Fraser, Australia
14:40 - 15:00	LV failure: Impella/ECMO/LAVA	Alain Combes, France
15:00 - 15:20	Q & A	
15:20 - 15:50	Tea and Coffee Break	
(15:50-17:20) Plenary Session 3: Monitoring on ECMO Moderators: Gennaro Martucci, Rasha Buhmaid, Mohammad Shamsah		
15:50 - 16:05	Head to toe POCUS on various stages of ECMO	Jose Diaz Gomez, UAE
16:05 - 16:20	PA catheter in VA ECMO: essential or needles risk	Ahmed Hegazy, Saudi Arabia
16:20 - 16:35	Respiratory mechanics on ECMO	Matthieu Schmidt, France
16:35 - 16:50	Drug Dosing and monitoring on ECMO	Kiran Shekar, Australia
16:50 - 17:05	Nutrition assessment on ECMO	Yaseen Arabi, Saudi Arabia
17:05 - 17:20	Q & A	
17:20	End of Day 1	

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Agenda Day 2

07th February 2025, Friday

Conrad at Etihad Towers Hotel, Abu Dhabi

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
07:00 - 07:55	Registration	
07:55 - 08:00	Welcome and Introduction	
(08:00-10:30) Plenary Session 4: Respiratory ECMO : Best practice Moderators: Saif Al-Kaabi, Ashraf Al Zaabi, Mohammad Azzam		
08:00 - 08:20	ECMO in trauma care: what we need to know	Ibrahim Fawzy, Qatar
08:20 - 08:40	When one circuit is not enough: Parallel ECMO in Hypoxemia	Ramanathan K, Singapore
08:40 - 09:00	Heparin free VV ECMO: has the time arrived	Thomas Mueller, Germany
09:00 - 09:20	Why intubate at all? ECMO without ventilator	Marlice Van Dyk, South Africa
09:20 - 09:40	When to change the oxygenator	Salman Butt, UAE
09:40 - 10:00	Low flow ECCOR: time to put it to rest?	Antonio Pesenti, Italy
10:00 - 10:20	Q & A	
10:30 - 11:00	Plenary Session Plenary Session Moderators: Salman Abdul Aziz, Vivek Kakar, Benedict Griffith	Robert Bartlett, USA
11:00 - 11:30 Tea and Coffee Break		
(11:30-13:00) Plenary Session 5: ECMO Beyond Routine Moderators: Dan Brodie, Gerry Capatos, Pranay Oza		
11:30 - 11:45	Cancer and ECMO: not IF anymore	Abdulrahman Al Fares, Kuwait
11:45 - 12:00	ECMO in Burns patients: just another challenge?	Ramanathan K, Singapore
12:00 - 12:15	Early mobility: How, when and who?	Aaron Thrush, UAE
12:15 - 12:30	ECMO in tropical diseases	Vivek Gupta, India
12:30 - 12:45	ECMO in high risk airway surgery	Brahim Housni, Morocco
12:45 - 13:00	Q & A	
13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break / Industry Session		
13:00 - 13:30	ECMO industry	
13:30 - 14:00	Sepsis in the circuit: Innovation in detection - Procalcitonin perspective	
14:00 - 15:00	Best Oral presentations Moderators: Umar Khan, Khalid Makki, Alia Hassan	
(15:00-17:00) Plenary Session 6: Pro-Con Debate Moderators: Ramanathan K, Ashraf Mahmoud Elhoufi, Juwairya		
15:00 - 15:40	ECMO versus Impella in isolated LV failure	Alain Combes versus Hussam Ghalib, France/UAE
15:40 - 16:20	ECMO versus Mechanical ventilation as a bridge to Lung transplant	Nick Barrett versus Alit Hussain UK/Qatar
16:20 - 16:50	Perfusion versus Nurse led ECMO program	Samira Al Maraghi versus Emad Hakami, Saudi Arabia
15:00 - 16:00	Poster presentation	
17:00	End of Day 2	

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Agenda Day 3

08th February 2025, Saturday

Conrad at Etihad Towers Hotel, Abu Dhabi

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
07:30 - 08:25	Registration	
08:25 - 08:30	Welcome and Introduction	
(08:30-10:30) Plenary Session 7: ECMO and Transplant Moderators: Thomas Mueller, Ali Al Obaidli, Suresh Rao		
08:30 - 08:50	Brain Death Declaration on ECMO	Akram Abdelbary, Egypt
08:50 - 09:10	ECMO for Organ Preservation	Maria Paula Gomez, UAE
09:10 - 09:30	ECMO in Liver Transplant	Georg Auzinger, England
09:30 - 09:50	ECMO as a bridge to advanced heart failure therapies: Moving beyond crash and burn	Mitesh Badiwala, UAE
09:50 - 10:10	ECMO as a Bridge to Lung Tranplant	Fadi Hamed, UAE
10:10 - 10:30	Q & A	
10:30 - 11:00	Tea and Cofee Break	
(11:00-13:00) Plenary Session 8: Addressing the Dilemma on ECMO Moderators: James Pearce, Jehad Saleh Abdalla, Obaid Al Jassim		
11:00 - 11:15	Ethics: What exactly is right question	Sultan Al Amri, Saudi Arabia
11:15 - 11:30	Is it time to discuss centralization of ECMO centers (Hub and Spoke vs. Hub of Hubs	Alain Combes, France
11:30 - 11:45	How old is too old for ECMO	Nazar Bukmal, Bahrain
11:45 - 12:00	Life after ECMO: blessing or curse	Carol Hodgson, Canada
12:00 - 12:15	ECMO in Septic Shock: Who is an ideal candidate?	Matthieu Schmidt, France
12:15 - 12:30	Antimicrobial stewardship on ECMO	Gordan Samoukovic, Canada
12:30 - 12:45	Contrast imaging on ECMO: the challenges	Gennaro Martucci, Italy
12:45 - 13:00	Q & A	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break / Industry Session	
13:00 - 13:30	ECMO industry	
13:30 - 14:00	Pharma industry	
(14:00-16:00)Plenary Session 9: Future Moderators: Antonio Pesenti, José L. Díaz-Gómez, Vivek Gupta		
14:00 - 14:20	Whats coming up in the next decade	John Fraser, Australia
14:20 - 14:40	Making a Business Case for ELSO Membership	Dan Brodie, USA
14:40 - 15:00	Research Priorities for the next 10-years	Darryl Abrams, USA
15:00 - 15:20	Virtual reality in ECMO education	Mark Ogino, USA
15:20 - 15:40	ECPR: Designing a perfect trial	Jan Belohlavek, Czech
15:40 - 16:00	Setting up a mobile ECMO service	Pranay Oza, India
16:00 - 17:00	Maasalama	Salman Abdulaziz, Vivek Kakar

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Agenda Day 2

07th February 2025, Friday

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
07:00 - 07:55	Registration	
07:55 - 08:00	Welcome and Introduction	
Session 1: Getting the patient on		
Moderators:		
08:00 - 08:20	The Work of Paediatric ELSO in the SWACC Region	Jana Assy, Belgium
08:20 - 08:40	When to put a infant on ECMO	Jon Lillie, UK
08:40 - 09:00	Is ECMO really contraindicated in any child?	Matteo Di Nardo, Italy
09:00 - 09:20	How I retrieve on ECMO	Nada Al Jassim, Saudi Arabia
09:20 - 09:40	Cannulation in Paediatrics - Where are we now?	Ben Griffiths, UAE
09:40 - 10:10	Is OI an outdated tool? Round table discussion	All above morning speakers
10:10 - 10:30	Q and A	
10:30 - 11:00	Plenary - main hall	Robert Bartlett, USA
11:00 - 11:30	Tea and Coffee Break	
Session 2: The Run		
Moderators:		
11:30 - 11:50	Bleeding on ECMO - a surgeons Perspective	Issam El Rassi, Dubai
11:50 - 12:10	CDH - Repair on ECMO?	Naga Puppula, UAE
12:10 - 12:30	When I change the Circuit	Indira Jayakumar, India
12:30 - 12:50	The unhappy couple - ECMO and Sepsis	Yasser Kazzaz, Saudi Arabia
12:50 - 13:10	Q and A	
13:10 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
Session 3: The Run continues		
Moderators: Judith Till		
14:00 - 14:20	ECPR - is guidance ever going to be possible?	Grace Leeuwen, Qatar
14:20 - 14:40	Is there such a thing as neuromonitoring on ECMO?	Peter Roeleveld, Holland
14:40 - 15:00	How I wean ECMO	Keseva Ramakrishnan, UAE
15:00 - 15:40	We don't need a bridge - Pro/Con debate	TBC
15:40 - 16:00	Q and A	
16:00 - 16:30	Tea and Coffee Break	
Session 4: Decannulation		
Moderators: Victoria Sheward		
16:30 - 16:50	How long is too long on ECMO?	Malaika Mendonca, Switzerland
16:50 - 17:10	End of life care on ECMO	Omer Al Dafaei, Oman
17:10 - 17:20	A Survivors story	SKMC patient, Abu Dhabi
17:20 - 17:40	Looking back and looking forward after nearly 50 years of peadiatric ECMO	Mark Ogino, USA
17:40 - 18:00	Q and A	
18:00	End of Day 2	

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