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Welcome Message

Dear Esteemed Colleagues, Partners, and Pediatric Health Professionals,

Warm greetings from the Pediatricians Across Continents Education Academy (PEACE)

It gives us immense pleasure to invite you to join us at the 8th Annual International PEACE Conference, to be held in the inspiring city of Istanbul during 24/07/2026 to 25/07/2026, under the theme: **“In PEACE, We Heal.”**

This global gathering will be officially affiliated with the PEACE Academy, under the leadership and scientific guidance of the Arabian Gulf Pediatric Societies, with the invaluable support of over 46 international pediatric societies from around the world.

As pediatricians and child health advocates, we are united by our passion for children’s health and wellbeing. This annual conference has become a hallmark event in the pediatric calendar, fostering collaboration, innovation, and education across borders. In 2026, we look forward to building on this legacy with a rich scientific program, hands-on workshops, thought-provoking keynotes, and groundbreaking discussions in general and subspecialty pediatrics.

We warmly welcome all pediatricians, neonatologists, pediatric subspecialists, residents, fellows, nurses, allied health professionals, and researchers, as well as healthcare companies, pharmaceutical and nutrition industry partners who are devoted to advancing pediatric care.

The 8th PEACE Conference will offer an exceptional opportunity for professional networking, academic exchange, and industry collaboration. It is an ideal platform to share innovations, present research, and explore emerging pediatric challenges and solutions. It will also serve as a gateway for companies to connect with leading clinicians, decision-makers, and educators across the region and beyond.

We cordially invite all interested healthcare companies, pharmaceutical and nutrition partners to support and be part of this prestigious event. Your contribution will not only highlight your commitment to child health, but also ensure your visibility among top pediatric professionals in the Middle East and internationally.

And where better to host this grand event than Istanbul — a city that blends tradition with historic, warm hospitality, vibrant, cultural, scenic and diverse. From its rich history and stunning architecture to its vibrant culture and breathtaking landscapes, Turkey promises a truly memorable and enriching experience for all participants.

Let us come together, across continents, with one shared purpose: to heal, to learn, and to elevate pediatric care — in PEACE.

We look forward to welcoming you to Istanbul in July 2026.

Warm regards,



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AGENDA

Conference MC Dr Salahadeen Khalaf

Day I: July 24, 2026

Plenary Session 1: The Developing Child: Integrating Science, Behavior and Clinical Insight

Moderator: Dr Sura Abd Alwahab, Prof Dler Nooruldin Chalabi & Dr Abdullah Shamsah

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| 09:00 - 09:05 | Welcome Message
Prof Khalaf Gargary |
| 09:05 - 09:20 | Screen Time in Pediatrics: Understanding Developmental Impact
Prof Aida Mujkic |
| 09:20 - 09:35 | From Blood Film to Base Pair: The Genetic Journey to Hematologic Diagnosis
Prof Hasanein Habeeb Ghali |
| 09:35 - 09:50 | Children's Drawings and its Informative Value in Assessing the Status of Clinical and Psychological Trauma
Dr Davron Mukhamadiev |
| 09:50 - 10:00 | Q&A / Discussion |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Opening Ceremony |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee Break |

Plenary Session 2: Nutrition in Childhood: Evidence-Based Practice and Emerging Challenges

Moderator: Prof Shatha Hussain Ali, Prof Akrem M Atrushi & Dr Mohammed Abdulghani Al Attabi

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| 11:00 - 11:20 | The Core Pillars of Infant Nutrition Brand Excellence
Dr Walid Moussa
<i>Disclosure to learners: This talk is sponsored by Ali Bilad</i> |
| 11:20 - 11:40 | Rethinking Pediatric Regurgitation
Prof Mohamad Miqdady
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| 11:40 - 12:00 | Malnutrition and Picky Eater Causes and Treatment
Prof Mohammad Fadhil
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| 12:00 - 12:10 | Q&A / Discussion |

Plenary Session 3: Metabolic, Endocrine, and Nutritional Disorders in Pediatrics

Moderator: Prof Mohammed Jalal Hussein & Prof Kawes Zangana

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| 12:10 - 12:30 | Comprehensive Clinical Approach to Diagnosis and Management of Pediatric Rickets
Prof Azad A Al Mezori |
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12:30 - 12:50 **Pediatric and Adolescent Obesity: Endocrine vs Lifestyle**
Prof Rasha Tarif Hamza

12:50 - 13:10 **Steatotic Liver Diseases “A New Nomenclature For Old Disease”**
Prof Metin Basaranoglu

13:10 - 13:20 **Q&A / Discussion**

Plenary Session 4: Pediatric Emergency and Acute Clinical Challenges

Moderator: Dr Hussein Mehbas Hassan Alhasnawi, Dr Zaher Gardi & Dr Mahmood Mohammed Sadiq

13:00 - 13:20 **When Hemolysis Signals Hepatic Danger: The Mysterious Journey**
Prof Nizar Bakir

13:20 - 13:40 **Hidden Dangers in Pediatric Emergency Presentations**
Prof Mohammed Alfaifi

13:40 - 14:00 **Acute Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Children**
Prof Dler Nooruldeen Chalabi

14:00 - 14:10 **Q&A / Discussion**

14:10 - 15:10 **Lunch**

Plenary Session 5: Frontiers in Pediatric Infectious Diseases & Regenerative Therapies

Moderator: Dr Yasir Ibrahim Abdulridha, Prof Canan Seren & Dr Mohammed Salman

15:10 - 15:40 **Pediatric Infectious Diseases Beyond the Textbook: From Clinical Cases to Biomarkers**
Prof Mobeen Rathore & Prof Colleen Kraft

15:40 - 16:00 **Stem Cell Therapy in Neonates: Evidence-Based Recommendations**
Prof Merih Cetinkaya

16:00 - 16:10 **Q&A / Discussion**

Selected Oral Abstract Presentations

Moderator: Prof Dr Hasanein Habeeb Ghali & Dr Yasir Ibrahim Abdulridha

16:10 - 16:20 **Impact of Misusing Electronic Devices in Early Childhood on Child Speech Development: A Hospital-Based Interview Survey Study**
Dr Basim A Al-Abdely

16:20 - 16:30 **Congenital Müllerian Anomaly Presenting as an Abdominal Mass in a 14-Year-Old Girl: A Rare Case Study**
Dr Jinan Nori Hasan

16:30 - 16:40 **Transcatheter Closure of Ventricular Septal Defects**
Dr Kamal Ali Mohammed

16:40 - 16:50 **Severe Necrotizing Fasciitis in a Child with Hypogammaglobulinemia**
Dr Khalid Hussein Haleem

16:50 - 17:00 **Skin Manifestation of a Rare Endocrinological Disorder**
Dr Lana Ahmed Mohammed

17:00 - 17:10 **The Use of Gore-Tex Dual Mesh to Prevent Abdominal Compartment Syndrome in the Management of Ventral Hernias Created at the Neonatal Life**
Dr Mohammed Hazim Aldabbagh

17:10 - 17:20 **Locating Clinical Certainty in Infant Growth: Innovative Epistemic Zoning of WHO Weight-for-Age Standards**
Dr Tareef Fadhil Raham

Poster Walk and Discussion

Poster Judges: Prof Colleen Kraft, Prof Qasim Dawood, Dr Yasir Ibrahim Abdulridha & Prof Aso Faeq

Gricili Syndrome Type 2
Dr Aisha Wanis Abozid Al Takroni

Hyperphosphatasia
Dr Amal Adnan Rasheed

Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges in Pediatric Abdominal Basidiobolomycosis
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Impact of Small-Sided Soccer Games and Nutritional Education on Body Composition, Cardiorespiratory Health, Cognitive and Physical Performance, Sleep Pattern, and Quality of Life in Obese Children
Prof Hadeel Ali Ghazzawi

Bilateral Renal Microlithiasis in Early Infancy: An Incidental Finding or a Sentinel Marker? A Case Report with Emerging Clinical Implications
Dr med Husham Bayazed

Transforming Pediatric Care with Artificial Intelligence
Dr Mohammed Salman Al Maliki

Predictors of Intensive Care Unit and Hospital Stay Following Pediatric Open-Heart Surgery
Dr Nadine Abdulrazzak Mahmood

Gratification Disorder in early childhood: A case study from Tanzania
Dr Pius David Muzzazzi

Microdeletion Syndromes in Pediatric Cases: Diagnostic and Preventive Challenges
Dr Rozhgar A Khailany

Biochemical and hematological parameters in nephrotic syndrome

Prof Shatha Hussain Ali

**Patent Ductus Arteriosus: Current Concepts in Diagnosis and Management
Across Age Groups**

Dr Sinan Y Rassam

**Electroencephalographic Changes in Seizure-Free Autism Spectrum Disorder Patients:
Characteristics and Role of Anti Epileptics**

Dr Vian Sadiq AL-Mosawi

Day 1 Ends

Day 2: July 25, 2026

Plenary Session I: Foundations & Innovations in Neonatal Care: From Australia to Iraq

Moderator: Dr Mohammed Ibrahim & Dr Shaheen Kamil Mohammed

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| 09:00 - 09:05 | Opening Speech |
| 09:05 - 09:20 | The Architecture of Neonatal Care: How the System Learns in Real Time
Dr Ahmed Moustafa |
| 09:20 - 09:35 | Principles of Enteral Feeding for Preterm Infants
Dr Sura Abd Alwahab |
| 09:35 - 09:45 | Q&A / Discussion |

Plenary Session 2: Genetic Session

Moderator: Prof Khalaf Gargary & Dr Maryam Matar

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| 09:45 - 10:00 | Mutation Spectrum of Pediatric Epilepsy Patients in Kurdistan, Iraq: Using a Targeted 367-Gene Next-Generation Sequencing Panel
Prof Dlnya Asaad Mohammed |
| 10:00- 10:15 | Ending the Diagnostic Odyssey: Whole Exome Sequencing Experience in Primary Immunodeficiency
Dr Fahad Abdulwahab Jameel |
| 10:15- 10:30 | aHUS Genetic Profile in Iraq: A Three Years Prospective Study
Dr Rehab Abdul Mutalib |
| 10:30- 10:45 | Genetic Diagnostic Challenges in Pediatric Patient
Dr Rozhgar A Khailany |
| 10:45 - 10:55 | Q&A / Discussion |

11:55 - 11:25 Coffee Break

Plenary Session 3: Prevention in Pediatrics: From Vaccination to Lifestyle Medicine

Moderator: Prof Abbas Al Rabati & Prof Muhi Kadhem Al-Janabi

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| 11:25 - 11:40 | Perinatal Genetic Diagnosis Options
Dr Lisa Paquette |
| 11:40- 12:00 | Epigenetic Biomarkers for Pediatric Diseases
Dr Maryam Matar |
| 12:00 - 12:10 | Q&A / Discussion |
| 12:10 - 12:30 | Closing Ceremony |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch |

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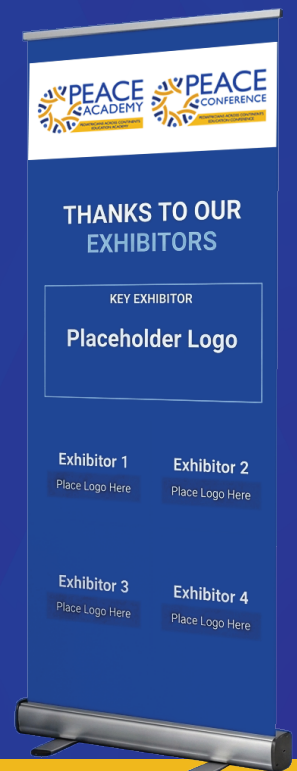
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