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Medical Conference

Leadership in Healthcare for People of Determination in the UAE

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The UAE Government has given special attention to People of Determination as part of its vision to become the best country in the world in the field of medical and healthcare services and rehabilitation for this segment of society.

In line with the directives of our wise government and its vision towards constantly elevating the level of services provided by the public and private sectors to People of Determination, which constitute about 10 percent of the population, according to the World Health Organization, we decided to organize this Medical Conference to attract the leading experiences, expertise and practices that improve the medical sector in the UAE and the region to unparalleled levels.

This conference provides a platform of the best doctors and experts from various countries worldwide. It will shed light on the medical and health challenges faced by more than 50 million People of Determination living in the Middle East and introduce the medical community to the different diseases and genetic disorders leading to disability.

The conference is of great importance considering that the Middle East has one of the highest prevalence rates for rare diseases, particularly genetic diseases. The Centre for Arab Genomic Studies in Dubai estimates that approximately 2.8 million patients suffer from 2,297 rare diseases in the Arab countries, resulting to billions of annual spending in the government and private sectors to enhance their lives.

The conference will be held alongside the 5th edition of AccessAbilities Expo, the MENA region’s largest event of its kind which is expected to attract more than 12,000 trade visitors, People of Determination, and their families from more than 70 countries, making the ultimate international platform for knowledge-sharing and exchange of experiences for a more caring and inclusive world for People of Determination.

A number of experts and decision-makers in the public and private sectors, including doctors, rehabilitation specialists, nurses, nutritionists, homecare experts and People of Determination will actively participate in the conference.

Furthermore, the conference will also receive wide media coverage, and a set of recommendations will be launched with the aim of educating the Middle East community on the best ways to provide healthcare for millions of People of Determination.

Based on the above, we are honoured to invite you to participate in our journey to improve the healthcare of the People of Determination and to enhance the UAE’s reputation as one of the best countries in the world in this field.

I look forward to welcoming you, and I am confident that a conference that touches the lives of more than 50 million people will receive your interest and wide participation.

Ghassan Suleiman
CEO
AccessAbilities Expo
لماذا هذا المؤتمر

كما تبع أهمية المؤتمر من كونه يقام ضمن فعاليات معرض أكسبو أصحاب الهمم الدولي، الذي يعتبر أكبر معرض في نوعه في الشرق الأوسط ومن المتوقع أن يزوره أكثر من 12 الف زائر من أصحاب الهمم وآلازهم من أكثر من 70 بلدا، مما يجعله أفضل منصة عالمية لنشر المعرفة وتبادل الخبرات من أجل عالم أكثر رعاية لذوي الاحتياجات الخاصة.

وسيشارك في المؤتمر عدد من الخبراء وأصحاب القرار في القطاعين العام والخاص والطب، والمتخصصين في اعادة التأهيل والممرضين وخبراء التغذية والرعاية المنزلية ومجتمع أصحاب الهمم وغيرهم.

كما سيحظى المؤتمر بتغطية إعلامية واسعة النطاق وأطلق مجموعات من التوكيبيات وقف توعية مجتمع الشرق الأوسط بأفضل السبل نحو الرعاية الصحية للمليون من أصحاب الهمم.

وبناء على ما سبق ننصح بدعوة سعادتكم للمشاركة معنا في مسيرةنا لتحسين صحة أصحاب الهمم وتعزيز سمعة الإمارات كواحة من أفضل دول العالم في هذا المجال. انطلق الى التحريبي، وكلنا نثق بأن مؤتمرا بمسحا جماهير أكثر من 50 مليون نسمة، سيحظى بإهتمامكم ومشاركتكم الواسعة.

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Conference Main Topics

Rehabilitation Therapies for People of Determination

Medical Management For People of Determination

Multidisciplinary Services for People of Determination

Clinical Research for Future Opportunities
Session 1: Medical management for people of determination

Moderator: Prof. Ayman El-Hattab
Consultant Clinical Genetics and Professor, College of Medicine, University of Sharjah

1:30 – 02:00: Common gastrointestinal problems and nutritional deficiencies in children with neurodisabilities
Dr. Dalia Belsha
Pediatric Gastroenterology, American Hospital, Dubai, UAE

02:00 – 02:30: Neurological comorbidities in people of determination
Dr. Tarek El-Azzabi
Consultant, Pediatric Department, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE

02:30 – 03:00: Pediatric spinal deformities: a complete different philosophy
Dr. Zaid Al Aubaidi
Unit Head & Consultant, Orthopedics & Pediatric Spine Surgery, Al Zahra Hospital, Dubai, UAE

Session 2: Panel discussion

03:00 – 04:30: Clinical research and future opportunities
Moderator: Prof. Ayman El-Hattab
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Dr. Nadia Akawi
Director & Assistant Professor, Department of Genetics & Genomics, College of Medicine & Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain City, UAE

Dr. Rania Al Dweik
Assistant Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology, College of Health Sciences, Abu Dhabi University, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Tuesday 10 October 2023

Session 3: Rehabilitative therapies for people of determination

Moderator: Mr. Mahmoud A. Mahmoud
Program Director, Early Intervention, Sanad Village, Dubai, UAE

10:30 – 11:15: Implementation of assistive technology for healthcare professionals
Mr. Eqab Al-Badarneh
Senior Occupational Therapist & Assistive Technology Consultant, OTservice, Dubai, UAE

11:15 – 12:00: Building an effective vocational training program in Dubai
Mr. Mahmoud A. Mahmoud
Early Intervention Program Director, Sanad Village, Dubai, UAE

Session 4: Panel discussion

12:00 – 01:30: Multidisciplinary services for people of determination

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Board Certified Behavior Analyst Consultant, Sanad Village, Dubai, UAE

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