

# THE 1ST EMIRATI CONFERENCE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:30 - 9:00	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	
9:00 - 9:20	Emirati Board the Way Forward	Dr. Mohammed Al-Houqani
<b>Session 1</b> 9:20 - 10:30 Clinical Competency Committees: How can they be most effective?	9:20-9:35 ACGME-I Requirements	William Hart
	9:35-10:30 Operationalizing CCC's Interactive Session with Engagement of PD's and Panel	Dr. Laura Edgar
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Session 2</b> 10:45 - 12:30 Milestones	10:45-11:00 ACGME-I Requirements	Lori Lewis
	11:00-11:30 Milestones: The Basics	Laura Edgar
	11:30-12:00 Program Director Perspective	Dr. Latifa Mohammed Al-Ketbi
	12:00-12:15 Intro to the Clinician Educator Milestones	Dr. James Arrighi
	12:15-12:30 Panel Discussion	
12:30 - 1:30	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>	
<b>Session 3</b> 1:30 - 2:15 EPAs	EPAs Workshop	Dr. Teodora-Elena Ucenic
<b>Session 4</b> 2:15 - 3:30 Experience in Accreditation Perspectives and Lessons	2:15-2:35 NIHS Experience	Dr. Mohammed Al Houqani Dr. Manal Al Halabi
	2:35-2:55 ACGME-I Experience	Dr. James Arrighi
	3:00-3:15 Honoring Speakers	
3:15 - 3:30	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Session 5</b> 3:30- 4:30	Surveyor's Workshop	Dr. Elsheikh Badr
4:30 - 4:45	<b>Wrap up and Thank You</b>	

# Speakers



**Dr. Mohammed Al-Houqani**  
Secretary General  
National Institute for Health Specialties

Dr. Mohammed Al Houqani is the Secretary General of the National Institute for Health Specialties, which is the accrediting and certifying body for postgraduate clinical training programs in the UAE. Dr. Al Houqani is an Associate Professor at United Arab Emirates University, Consultant of Internal Medicine, Respiriology and Sleep Medicine. He served as the Assistant Dean for Medical Education for 5 years. Dr. Al Houqani is a Fellow of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Internal Medicine & Respiriology. He published 26 papers on tobacco and sleep disorders, and he was a keynote speaker in various international and regional conferences, workshops, and webinars.



**Dr. James Arrighi**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
ACGME International

Dr. James Arrighi is the President and Chief Executive Officer of ACGME-International. He completed his Bachelor of Science and Medical Doctor degrees at Brown University in Rhode Island, USA. He then completed training in internal medicine, cardiology, and nuclear medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, the National Institutes of Health, and Yale University School of Medicine. Before joining ACGME, Dr. Arrighi served as a program director for the cardiology fellowship, and as director of graduate medical education, at Brown University and Rhode Island Hospital. He is a Professor of Medicine, Diagnostic Imaging, and Medical Science at Brown, and received several faculty awards for teaching. For over two decades, he has mentored residents and fellows; he has published over 70 peer-reviewed publications and has delivered over 130 national or international invited lectures. He joined the ACGME-International in September 2021.



**William Hart**  
Associate Executive Director  
ACGME International

William Hart is the ACGME-I Associate Executive Director. He joined ACGME in 1998 as the Administrative Secretary for the Review Committees for Dermatology, Medical Genetics, Orthopaedic Surgery, and Pathology. Before joining the ACGME, Mr. Hart was the shipping and receiving manager for Illinois Harley-Davidson in Berwyn, IL. Mr. Hart earned a diploma from Fenwick High School, where he served as immediate back-up to the soccer team's goalkeeper and routinely played non-speaking roles in the drama club's theater productions. He has also completed several leadership courses at Apple Podcast University.



**Lori Lewis**  
Executive Director  
ACGME-International

Lorraine C. Lewis, EdD, is Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education-International (ACGME-I) Executive Director. She joined ACGME in 2011 as the Executive Director for the Review Committees for Anesthesiology, Preventive Medicine, and the Transitional Year. Before joining the ACGME, Dr. Lewis was manager of predoctoral dental education and international accreditation for the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Dr. Lewis earned an EdD in Higher Education Policy and Administration from the University of Minnesota, where she conducted research on faculty attitudes and practices related to program evaluation. She also has an MS in Allied Health and a BS in Medical Dietetics, both from the Ohio State University.



Dr. Laura Edgar  
Vice President  
Milestones Development

Dr. Edgar is the Vice President for Milestone Development. In her current role, she serves as an organizational and department leader. She leads volunteers and staff members through the development of Milestones and related materials for all ACGME accredited specialties. Dr. Edgar creates and manages the Milestones resources that aid program directors, learners, and Clinical Competency Committees. She serves as a liaison to the medical education community and is a frequent speaker on topics related to the Milestones, Clinical Competency Committees, assessment, education, and accreditation. She previously served as the Executive Director for Milestones Development and the Review Committees for Medical Genetics and Genomics, Pathology, and Radiation Oncology.

Prior to working at ACGME, Dr. Edgar worked in the clinical laboratory for 10 years and then directed several domestic and international certification, accreditation, and scientific organizations. Dr. Edgar earned her doctorate in education, focusing on organizational leadership after obtaining a Bachelor's degree in medical laboratory sciences and a Master's degree in business administration. She is a certified medical technologist and a certified association executive.

Dr. Teodora-Elena Ucenic  
Consultant Obstetrics and Gynecology

Graduated Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Tg. Mures, Romania, (1980 – 1986).

**Previous Appointments:**

2004 – 2020: consultant Ob/Gyn in governmental and private hospitals in Al Ain and Abu Dhabi.

1994 – 2004: Consultant, University Hospital Sibiu, Romania.

1/2/1994 – 31/05/1998: Specialist, University Hospital Sibiu, Romania.

1/1/1991 – 31/1/1994: Resident, Ob/Gyn University Hospital No. 2 Tg. Mures, Romania.

**Academic Appointments:**

2021 – to date: Assistant professor Obs/Gyn at CMHS, UAEU, Al Ain

1/07/2016 – 28/2/2017: core faculty, Chair of PEC Residency Program Corniche Hospital.

1/1/2013 – 30/06/2015: Ob/Gyn residency program director, Al Ain Hospital.

1/09/2013 – 28/2/2017: adjunct Assistant Professor Ob/Gyn, CMHS Al Ain.

22/08/2010 – 31/12/2012: Core faculty Ob/Gyn residency program, Al Ain Hospital,

7/3/1996 – 01/07/2004: Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medicine Sibiu, Romania.

1/6/1993 – 6/3/1996: Medical researcher Ob/Gyn. Center for Public Health and Medical Researches Sibiu, branch of Romanian Academy for Medical Sciences.

**Personal statement:**

Using a lifelong carrier, I want to dedicate all my clinical, academic, and administrative expertise to the new generations of doctors.

I wish them to become eminent physicians, ethical, strong and reliable pillars of their society.

Dr. Manal Al Halabi  
Dean and Professor of Pediatric Dentistry  
Hamdan Bin Mohammed College of Dental Medicine  
Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences

Professor Manal obtained her dental degree from the University of Jordan in Amman and her Certificate of Specialty Training in Pediatric Dentistry and Master of Oral Biology from the University of Maryland at Baltimore in the USA. She is certified by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Currently, Manal is the Dean and Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at Hamdan Bin Mohammed College of Dental Medicine, Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences. She is also a Founding Executive Board Member of the Emirates Pediatric Dentistry Club of the Emirates Dental Association.

Dr Manal is an appointed member of the Educational Committee of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry as well as the Standardized Records Committee of the International Association of Dental Traumatology. Her experience includes academic positions with Boston University and the University of Maryland as well as private clinical practice in the USA and the UAE. Her research interests include dental education, oral health of patients with special needs, traumatic dental injuries, and biological caries management in primary teeth. Dr Manal has numerous publications in internationally renowned high-impact professional journals.





**Dr. Latifa Al Ketbi**  
Chairperson of Academic Affairs Department  
Ambulatory Healthcare Services  
DIO and Family Medicine Program Director.

Adjunct Professor UAE University, College of Medicine. Qualifications are Arab Board in Family Medicine and Ph.D. degree. A medical educator with 20 years of experience as faculty and program director of the Alain Family Medicine Program. Led the AHS through multiple accreditations in the field of medical education, Arab Board, ACGME-I, and recently NIHS Emirati Board. Researcher with publications in peer-reviewed journals. Led the AHS project in "Patients' Centered Medical Homes" from 2013 to date, aiming to implement Best Practices through unique initiatives utilizing system change, building capacity, and EMR optimization. Member of several national committees in the field of primary care.



**Dr. Elsheikh Badr**  
Policy Development Expert

Dr Elsheikh Badr is a public health physician and a health workforce expert and strategist with over 20 years' service in senior health systems and health workforce positions in Sudan and beyond. He qualified as medical doctor and obtained a postgraduate diploma in public health from Gezira University in Sudan and a master's in health policy planning and management from the University of Leeds UK. His professional qualifications included Sudan Board fellowship in community medicine and the fellowship of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal Colleges of physicians UK. He obtained postgraduate training certificates on health workforce development including at University of Liverpool, University of Oxford, Royal Tropical Institute Amsterdam, Collective leadership institute Berlin, Harvard University, and University of California at Berkeley.

Dr Badr was the Director for Health Workforce Development at the Sudan Federal Ministry of Health and President of the Academy of Health sciences, a large, decentralized health professions education institution. He also served as Secretary General for the Sudan Medical Specialization Board, the premier postgraduate medical education body in the country. Dr Badr has been widely involved in national, regional, and global health workforce and health professions education initiatives. He is currently the Chairperson of the Community Medicine Council of the Arab Board of Health Specializations. Dr Badr is also a designated WHO health workforce consultant and served as member of international expert panels convened by the WHO on various areas related to health workforce development.

Since 2019, Dr Badr has been serving as policy expert with the National Qualifications Center UAE (Ministry of Education) working on the project of the National Institute for Health Specialties (NIHS) aimed at the development of postgraduate health professions education capacity. He is currently part of the NIHS team working in areas relating to governance, accreditation, assessment, and CPD.

Dr Badr research work and interests include health systems strengthening, health workforce policy, migration, health professions education, and health workforce regulation.



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