

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



THE PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN (POEM) GROUP 3RD SCIENTIFIC MEETING

CHILDHOOD CANCER: ADVANCING THROUGH ADVERSITY

MARCH 3-5, 2023 | MUSCAT, OMAN

Organized by the Pediatric Oncology East and Mediterranean (POEM) Group, St. Jude Global (SJG), and the American University of Beirut (AUB)

Abstract submission deadline: October 31, 2022 - <https://forms.gle/K2ws7f2dtdz2NZLq5>

In addition to the Scientific Meeting Program, two workshops will take place: Nursing Workshop and Multidisciplinary Workshop for Local Treatment of Abdominal Tumors.

This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

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General Information

Program Overview

POEM (<https://www.poemgroup.org/>) is a collaborative pediatric oncology regional group, formed in 2013 as a cooperative platform for physicians, scientists, and healthcare professionals from institutions in the Middle East, North Africa, and West Asia region, with the goal of sharing experience, initiation of cooperative trials, and establishing common strategies to achieve optimization of the care of pediatric oncology patients. POEM carries out several educational activities throughout the year, including educational symposia, workshops, and a biannual Scientific Conference.

POEM's Group Mission

To continuously improve pediatric oncology care through capacity building, research, training and advocacy in the East and Mediterranean region by integrated teamwork.

POEM's Group Vision

"Every child with cancer in the region has equitable access to highest quality care".

Objectives

By the end of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Describe the Ongoing Challenges of childhood cancer care in the POEM region
- Identify the experience and treatment protocols of leukemia and lymphoma
- Describe regional impact of GICC on POEM region
- State new advances and challenges for treating brain and solid tumors
- Define Benign Hematology treatments and new therapies

Target Audience

This activity is designated for physicians, scientists, and healthcare professionals involved in childhood cancer care and research.

Date and Venue

March 03-05, 2023

Venue: Al-Bustan Palace

Muscat, Oman

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Registration Information

Registration will open on November 1st, 2022

Abstract Submission is now open!

Click on the following link to fill the abstract submission form

<https://forms.gle/K2ws7f2dtdz2NZLq5>

Best abstract winners will receive a travel award to participate in the conference.

Special awards will be granted to young innovative abstracts.

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Supporters Information

To become a supporter, please click on the following link to check the packages and fill the supporter form <https://forms.gle/Jiwwk9wFeTf2bFwc8>

Preliminary Program

Day 1: Friday, March 3, 2023 (Local time)

8:00 - 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 - 9:30 **Meet the Expert Session**

Session 1: Ongoing Challenges

9:30 - 9:50 Challenges of Childhood Cancer Care in the POEM Region

9:50 - 10:35 **Panel Discussion:**
War and Childhood Cancer Care in the POEM Region

10:35 - 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 - 11:30 **Panel Discussion:**
Economic Crises Effect on Childhood Cancer Care in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

11:30 - 12:00 The Impact of COVID-19 on Pediatric Oncology Care in the POEM region

12:00 - 13:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

Session 2: Leukemia and Lymphoma

13:00 - 13:30 Leukemia - Experience from regional protocols - Mediterranean

13:30 - 14:00 Leukemia - Experience from regional protocols - India

14:00 - 14:30 CAR-T Cells in Leukemia: Implications for Low-and Middle-Income Economies

14:30 - 15:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

15:00 - 15:30 Hodgkin Disease: Treatment Practice in the POEM Region

15:30 - 16:00 Immunotherapy for Hodgkin Disease

16:00 - 16:30 Burkitt's Lymphoma Therapy in Developing Countries

Session 3: Posters

16:30 - 17:30 Poster Presentations - Session 1

Day 2: Saturday, March 4, 2023 (Local time)

8:00 - 9:00 **Meet the Expert Session**

Session 1: Regional Impact of GICC

9:00 - 9:45 Panel Discussion:
Global Initiative of Childhood Cancer in the WHO EMRO Region

9:45 - 10:45 **POEM 10th Anniversary Celebration (Non-CME)**

10:45 - 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

Session 2: Retinoblastoma

11:00 12:00 Challenges and Regional Efforts in Advancing Retinoblastoma Care - International and Regional experiences

12:00 - 13:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

Session 3: Brain Tumors

13:00 - 13:30 How I Treat Pediatric Low-Grade Glioma in 2022

13:30 - 14:00 Advances in Radiation Therapy for Brain Tumors in Children

14:00 - 14:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

Session 4: Solid Tumors

14:30 - 15:00 Wilms Tumor: Latest Updates, and Challenges in Resource-Limited Settings

15:00 - 15:30 Neuroblastoma: Recent Advances

Session 5: Abstracts

15:30 - 16:00 Oral Presentation for the Winning 3 Abstracts

16:00 - 17:00 **Poster Presentations - Session 2**

Day 3: Sunday, March 5, 2023 (Local time)

8:00 - 9:00 **Meet the Expert Session**

Session 1: Benign Hematology

9:00 - 9:30 Hemophilia - A Paradigm Change in Treatment Options

9:30 - 10:00 Inhibitors in Congenital Hemophilia

10:00 - 10:30 New Therapies for Sickle Cell Disease

10:30 - 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 - 11:30 Gene Therapy in Hemoglobinopathies

11:30 - 12:00 Current Treatment Strategy and Unmet Needs in Beta-Thalassemia

12:00 - 12:30 How I Treat Iron Overload in Thalassemia

12:30 - 13:00 How I Treat Persistent Immune Thrombocytopenia

13:00 - 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

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