Regional Oncology Conference:
Cancer: Reality and Challenges

2-3 February 2026, State of Kuwait

Day 1: Monday, 02 February 2026

Morning (Plenary Session - All Attendees)

08:00 – 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
Session 1: OPENING CEREMONY & EXHIBITION	
09:00 - 09:05	Opening Speech by **His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Abdulwahab Al-Awadhi** Minister of Health
09:05 - 09:10	Speech by **Hon. Ms. Sawsan AlFahoum Jaffer** President of the Gulf Federation for Cancer Control
09:10 – 09:15	Speech by **Hon. Dr. Khaled Ahmed AlSaleh** Conference Chairman
09:15 – 09:30	Keynote Lecture: Addressing the Growing Burden of Cancer in the GCC: Strategic Priorities and Policy Directions **Dr. Ali AlZahrani, KSA**
09:30 – 10:00	**OPENING EXHIBITION**

Session 2: **Breast Cancer and its updates**		Speakers
Moderators: Dr. Atlal Abu Sanad – Dr. Anwar AlNouri		
10:00 – 10:20	Screening of Breast Cancer – Is 40 the Magic Number?	Dr. Partha Basu IARC, France
10.20 – 10.40	Role of AI in Early Detection and Diagnosis of Breast Cancer	Dr. Nuha AlKhoumais KSA
10.40 – 11.00	Hereditary Genetic Syndromes in the GCC: Implications for Screening and Prevention	Dr. Shaker bahzad Kuwait
11.00 – 11.20	Recent Advances in Breast Surgery – Less is More (Oncoplastic & De-escalation Approaches)	Prof Dimitrios Varvaras Italy
11.20 – 11.40	**Q & A and Discussions**	
11.40 – 12.15	**Prayer Break**	

Session 3: Breast Cancer continuation		Speakers
Moderators:– Dr. Taha Allawati – Dr Salha Bujasoom		
12.15 – 12.35	Recent Updates in Breast radiation therapy	Dr Thuraya AlHajri Oman
12.35 – 12.55	Updates in Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Therapies: From Triple Negative to HER2+ Disease	Dr. Metab AlFohedi KSA
12.55 – 01.15	Managing Toxicities of New Targeted Therapies and Immunotherapy	Dr. Maha AlSendi Bahrain
01.15 – 01.35	Survivorship and Quality of Life in Breast Cancer Patients	Dr Aydah Alawadi UAE
01.35 – 01.55	**Q & A and Discussions**	
01.50 – 03.30	**LUNCH BREAK & Poster Viewing**	

Session 4: **Rapid Fire – I**		Speakers
Moderators: Dr Khaled AlSaleh – Dr Adhoob A. AlHammadi		
03.30 – 03.50	Practice-changing radiotherapy updates from ESTRO and ASTRO 2025	Dr. Zainab Ibrahim Bahrain
03.50 – 04.10	Car T cells where are we now?	Dr. Noora Butti Bahrain
04.10 – 04.30	Head & Neck Carcinoma – What's New?	Dr. Ahmed BoShehri Kuwait
04.30 – 04.50	Lung Cancer in 2025: From Mutation Maps to Immunotherapy Milestones Patients	Dr. Abdelaziz AlJasem Kuwait
04.50 – 05.10	Q & A and Discussions	
End of Day 1		

Day 2: Tuesday, 03 February 2026

08:30 – 09:30	REGISTRATION

Session 5: **Advancing Clinical Research in the GCC: Opportunities, Challenges, and Regional Impact**		
Moderators: Dr. Bassim AlBahrani		
09.30 – 09.40	**Recap of Day 1**	
09.40 – 10.00	**Keynote Lecture: The Future of Clinical Research in Oncology – A GCC Perspective** • Global trends in cancer research and how the GCC can position itself. • The regional vision: aligning with precision medicine, innovation, and patient outcomes.	**Dr Samar AlHomoud**
10.00 – 10.20	**Panel Discussion** Panellists: Dr. Salem AlShammari (Kuwait), Dr. Bassim AlBahrani (Oman), Prof. Ameen Bawazeer [Yemen], Dr. Kholoud Al Wosaibei (KSA), Dr. Noof Al Shaibani (Bahrain)	
10.20 –10.30	Q & A and Discussions	

Session 6: Palliative and Supportive Care		Speakers
Moderators: Dr. Mona Alshehabi - Dr Abdulrahman Abdulaziz		
10:30 – 10:50	The Role of General Practitioners in Early Palliative Care and Effective Symptom Management: Pain, Dyspnea, and Beyond	Dr Sami AlShammari KSA
10:50 – 11:10	Nurses as Pillars of Palliative Support (The critical role of nurses in bedside care, emotional support, and advocacy)	Mr. Ghassan Abu Dari KSA
11:10 – 11:30	Hospice Care in the GCC: Challenges and Opportunities	Dr. Atika AlMusalami Oman
11:30 – 11:45	Q & A and Discussions	
11:45 – 12.15	PRAYER BREAK	

Session 7: **Colorectal Cancer**		Speakers
Moderators: Dr. Labeeb Alaghabri – Dr. Ahmed Badheeb		
12.15 – 12.35	Advances in Screening and Early Detection: From FIT to AI-Assisted Colonoscopy	Dr. Omar Sherif Bahrain
12.35 – 12.55	Precision Oncology and the Role of Circulating Tumor DNA (ctDNA): From MRD to Treatment Decisions	DR. ALAA ALSALEM KSA
12.55 – 01.15	Colorectal Cancer in the young	Dr. Mohamed AlQarni KSA
01.15 – 01.35	Liver-Directed Therapies in CRC: Surgery, Ablation, and Emerging Role of Liver Transplantation	Dr. Essa Aleassa UAE
01.35 – 01.55	Organ-Preserving Approaches in Rectal Cancer (Watch & Wait)	Dr. Samar AlHomoud KSA
01.55 – 02.10	**Q & A and Discussions**	
02.00 – 03.30	**Lunch Break & Poster Viewing**	

Session 8: **Rapid Fire – II**		Speakers
Moderators: Dr. Adhoob A. AlHammadi – Dr. Ahlam Dohal		
03.30 – 03.50	Recent Updates in Gynecologic Malignancies Title: “Checkpoint Shifts & ADCs: Rewriting the Gynecologic Oncology Playbook	Dr. Noora AlEbrahim Kuwait
03.50 – 04.10	Precision & Immunity: GU Oncology’s New Era	Dr. Fahad bin Shamsa KSA
04.10 – 04.30	ASH Highlights: Hematology on the Move	Dr. Ahmed AlHuraiji Kuwait
04.30 – 04.50	Q & A and Discussions	

Session 9: Closing Session	
05.00 – 05.10	Conference highlights and recommendations
05.10 -05.20	Poster Presentation winners
05.20	Honoring Sponsors & Conference Close