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Time	Activity / Session	Speaker
08:00 AM – 09:00 AM	Registration	
09:00 AM – 11:10 AM	Session 1: Neurocognition & Early Development Moderators: Dr. Abdullah Al Ameri, Dr. Yassir Saed, Dr. Maher Soliman	
09:00 AM – 09:30 AM	ADHD Assessment & Diagnosis	Dr. Shamsa Ali Almarzooqi Clinical Psychologist Zayed Authority For People of Determination
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Developmental Screening for Infants & Preschool Children	Dr. Ibrahim Saddig Chair of Pediatrics, Ambulatory Health Services, Abu Dhabi, UAE
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Neurodevelopmental Outcomes of Prematurity: Beyond CP	Dr. Zeinab Alloub Consultant Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, Dubai, UAE
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Treatable Neurodevelopmental Delay	Prof. Anil V. Israni Consultant Paediatric Neurologist Tawam Hospital, Al ain Associate Professor, UAE University Visiting Professor, Parul University
11:00 AM – 11:10 AM	Q&A Discussion	
11:10 AM – 11:20 AM	Coffee Break	
11:20 AM – 11:30 AM	Opening Speech	
11:30 AM – 01:40 PM	Session 2: Neurodiversity Moderators: Dr. Ghada Ahmed, & Dr. Ala Anbar	
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Evaluation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders	Dr. Nicholas Hoque Head of Pediatrics Kanad Hospital, Al Ain, UAE
12:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Global Developmental Delay: Red Flags for Rare Diseases	Dr. Abdelazeem Mabrook Consultant Pediatrician, Mediclinic, Al Ain, UAE
12:30 AM – 01:00 PM	Diagnostic Dilemma: Unravelling Neuro Deficits in a Child	Dr. Aisha Al Shamsi Consultant Pediatrician Division Chief of Genetic/Metabolic Tawam Hospital Al Ain, UAE
01:00 AM – 01:30 PM	Gut–Brain Axis: Celiac Disease & CNS Presentation	Dr. Tawfik Hen General Pediatric Consultant, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
01:30 AM – 01:40 PM	Q&A Discussion	
01:40 AM – 02:40 PM	Lunch Break	
02:40 AM – 04:40 PM	Session 3: Autism Spectrum Disorders Moderators: Dr. Muhammad Bassel Noureddin, & Dr. Alaa Ahmed Qasem	
02:40 AM – 03:10 PM	Autism: Facts and Myths	Dr. Haneesha Pinnamaraju Medical Director & Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician SHINE Child Development Center, Dubai, UAE
03:10 AM – 03:40 PM	AI Approaches to ASD Screening & Diagnosis	Prof. Maria Efstratopoulou Associate Professor, Special Education - (CEDU), United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain, UAE

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03:40 PM - 04:10 PM	Dietary Management of Autism & ARFID	Dr. Aisha Ahmed Pediatric Nutrition & Community Health Programs Sakina Seha, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates
04:10 PM - 04:30 PM	Myelination, Brain Maturation and Early Nutritional Influence Disclaimer to learners: This scientific talk is sponsored by Nestle Wyeth	Dr. Ziad Raji Chebel Medical and Scientific Affairs Manager, Wyeth Nutrition
04:30 PM - 04:40 PM	Q&A Discussion	
04:40 PM - 04:50 PM	Coffee Break	
04:50 PM - 06:50 PM	Session 4: Neurobehavioral Disorders Moderator: Dr. Hala Al Sedawy	
04:50 PM - 05:20 PM	Childhood Hearing Loss: Neurodevelopment and Management	Dr. Mohamed Saber Senior Clinical Audiologist Sheikh Tahnoon Medical City, Al Ain, UAE
05:20 PM - 05:50 PM	Functions of Behavior	Dr. Zeinab Alloub Consultant Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, Dubai, UAE
05:50 PM - 06:00 PM	Q&A Discussion	
06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Special Education & Inclusion	
06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Autism Multidisciplinary Approach and Role of Special Education	Dr. Zeinab Alloub Consultant Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, Dubai, UAE
07:00 PM	End of Symposium	

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