



# Empowering the Voices of MENASA Communities in Clinical Research, Policies, Governance and Beyond! Bridging Global Research Equity through Innovation, Inclusion, and Intelligence

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Sunday, April 19th

## Executive Alignment & Cultural Prelude Day

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- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Summit Executive Meetings  
Penthouse Floor
- 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM** Conference Registration & Concert Tickets Pick up  
1st Floor Lobby
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** The U.S. National Arab Orchestra: Tarab Night.  
\$150/ticket  
2nd Floor Theatre
- 8:15 PM - 9:00 PM** Meet & Greet Reception  
\$40 per ticket  
12th Floor Great Room





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**Leadership, Policy & Governance Day**

**2nd Floor Theatre Hall**

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**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

**Registration & Coffee**

**8:30 AM - 8:40 AM**

**Welcome and Introduction**



**Radwa Aly, PhD, MSc, CPI  
Executive Director, GW  
Office of Clinical Research**



**Sarah Almilli, PharmD, APH  
CEO, EverMint Health**

**8:40 AM - 9:00AM**

**MS201: MENASA Presidential Keynote Address:  
Vision & Strategy 2026; Building Research Equity  
Across MENASA Nations**



**Prof. Hadi Danawi, PhD  
Founder, Chairman & CEO,  
MENASA Group**



9:00 AM - 9:20 AM

**MS202: Insight Health Presidential Keynote  
Address: Shaping The Future; One Step at A time**



**Jawad Shah, MD  
Founder & CEO, Insight Health  
Systems**



**Abeer Gharaibeh, MD, PhD  
Chief Clinical Research Officer,  
Insight Health Systems**

9:20 AM - 9:40AM

**MS203: Strategic Keynote Address: The Great  
Human-Technology Divide – Outpacing  
Humanity in Healthcare, Technology, Science,  
Research, & Policies**



**Ali Elhaj, LLM, PhD  
CEO, IVI Holding, Healthcare Sector |  
Vice Chairman, MENASA Group & RIME  
Institute | Chairman, Governance,  
Leadership, & Research Division, Arab  
Hospitals Federation**



**9:40 AM - 10:00 AM** **MS204: Plenary Session: Harmonizing Clinical Trial Frameworks For All: Regulatory Innovation and Patient Access**



**Sarah Ibrahim, PhD**  
**Acting Deputy Center Director, U.S.**  
**FDA**

**10:00 AM - 10:20 AM** **MS205: Plenary Session: Abu Dhabi: A Model for Clinical Research Innovation and Inclusion in the MENA Region**



**Shahrukh Hashmi, MD**  
**Director of Research, Department of**  
**Health, Abu Dhabi**

**10:20 AM - 10:40 AM** **MS206: Plenary Session: Strengthening The MENA Foundation in Healthcare in the Face of Change**



**Alice Yammine**  
**CEO, Arab Hospitals Federation**



**Ali Elhaj, LLM, PhD**  
**CEO, IVI Holding, Healthcare Sector |**  
**Vice Chairman, MENASA Group & RIME**  
**Institute | Chairman, Governance,**  
**Leadership, & Research Division, Arab**  
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**10:40 AM - 11:00 AM** **MS207: Plenary Session: APPNA and MENASA group joint Collaboration building bridges to increase Diversity and Inclusion in Clinical Trials**



**Raffia Qutab, MD**  
**APPNA Chair Liaison**  
**Committee**

**11:00 AM - 11:20 AM** **MS208: Plenary Session: Think and Grow Rich: The Revised Edition**



**Arlen Meyers, MD**  
**President & CEO, Society of Physician**  
**Entrepreneurs**

**11:20 AM - 11:40 AM** **MS209: Plenary Session: Smarter Trials, Fairer Outcomes: Artificial Intelligence as a Tool for Inclusive Research**



**Asif Ali, MD**  
**CEO, Cena Research Institute &**  
**Medical Advisor, American Heart**  
**Association Global Ambassador**

**11:40 AM - 12:40 PM** **Vendors Lunch & Networking**  
**2nd Floor Cafeteria**



12:45 PM - 1:00 PM

**MS210: Diversity and Inclusion in Clinical Safety:  
Elevating Representation of MENASA Communities**



Omar Aimer, Pharm. D, PhD  
President, International Society of  
Pharmacovigilance | President,  
Innovigilance

1:00 PM - 1:15 PM

**MS211: Secrets to Success with MENASA  
Populations Clinical Trial Recruitment Efforts in the  
U.S.**



Hisham Attris  
Site Owner, Vida Clinical Studies

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM

**MS212: Developing Frameworks to Enhance  
Clinical Trial Enrollment among (MENA)  
Populations: A Population Science Approach**



Hoda Badr, PhD  
Professor, Baylor College of  
Medicine, Dan L Duncan Cancer  
Center

1:30 PM - 1:45 PM

**MS213: Navigating the Political Currents around  
Clinical Trials and MENASA Communities**



Dayne Walling  
VP Government Relations &  
External Affairs, Insight Health  
Systems

1:45 PM - 2:05 PM

**MS214: Panel Q&A  
Moderator: Radwa Aly, PhD, MSc, CP**



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**MS215: Achievements In Clinical Research: A Case Study of Lebanon**



**Hisham Ramadan, BS**  
CEO, Omicron Pharmaceuticals.

2:20 PM - 2:40 PM

**MS216: MS206: Funding Opportunities And Resources**



**Omar Aldabagh, PhD**  
VP, Iraqi American Health and Cancer Foundation



**Hibah Awwad, PhD**  
Program Director - Traumatic Brain Injury, NIH

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**MS217: Transforming Healthcare Through Precision, Innovation, and Compassionate Care**



**Mustafa Kamalaldine, MD**  
Quantum Health Systems

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

**MS218: How Technology Can Help Improve Patient Outcomes For Populations**



**Hussein Elhaj**  
Director - Business Development & Enterprise Strategy, eClinicalWorks

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

**MS219: Trials Without Borders - Reaching Every Patient, Everywhere**



**Mohammed Quadri, MD**  
VP Strategy for Academics Research and Innovation, Hackensack Meridian Health

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

**MS220: To Be or Not To Be — Clinical Research as a Care Option**



**Ayesha Hameed, MPH**  
Sr. Study Site Engagement Manager, Takeda Pharmaceuticals

4:00 PM - 4:20 PM

**MS221: Panel Q&A**  
Moderator: Sarah Almilli, PharmD, APH



4:25 PM - 5:00 PM

### **MS222: Closing Leadership Fireside Chat: Governance & Research Integrity in Emerging Regions**



**Moderator:**  
**Mohanad AlBayyaa, MD**  
Physician-Scientist, Faculty at the U of Texas Medical Branch



**Panelist:**  
**Ali Elhaj, LLM, PhD**  
CEO, IVI Holding, Healthcare Sector | Vice Chairman, MENASA Group & RIME Institute | Chairman, Governance, Leadership, & Research Division, Arab Hospitals Federation



**Shahrukh Hashmi, MD**  
Director of Research, Department of Health, Abu Dhabi

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### **Residents Research Symposium** 2nd Floor Entrance Hall

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

### **Entertainment Program 2 - Darwish, Networking & Socialization** 12th Floor Great Room

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Clinical Research & Human Experience Day

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MS223: Virtual-International Perspectives

1-Cultural Engagement & Needs Assessment;  
Thinking Outside The Box



Roseanne Onyia  
CEO Clinique Research | TCIS Africa

2- Update on the Status of Clinical Trials in Qatar



Professor Khaled Fakhro  
Chief Research Officer, Precision  
Medicine | Sidra Medicine-Qatar

3- MENASA and South Asia Impact Collaboration  
In India



Priyadarshini Arambam  
Director, Clicebo CRO





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**MS224: Panel Discussion-Lived Experiences from MENASA Experienced Principal Investigators**

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**Moderator:**  
**Todd Albin, MBA**  
**Director of Clinical Trials, Insight Health Systems**



**Panelist:**  
**Mohanad AlBayyaa, MD**  
**Physician-Scientist, Faculty at the U of Texas Medical Branch**



**Rizwan Moinuddin, DO**  
**Nephrologist-PI, Insight Health Systems - Chicago**



**Umar Shakur, DO**  
**Cardiologist-PI, Insight Health Systems - Chicago**



**Vincent Rampersaud, MD**  
**Interventional Pain Management, Insight Health Systems- Michigan**





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**MS225: Driving Trial Performance using Real-World Insights and Advanced Analytics**



Mazhar Jaffry, MBBS, MBA  
Revival Research Institute

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

**MS226: The UAE Advantage: How an Integrated Research Ecosystem Accelerates Early-Phase and Complex Trials in the MENA region**



Nael AbdelSamad, MD  
Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

**MS227: Bridging the Gap: Challenges and Real-World Practices in Clinical Research Across Academia and Industry**



Mohanad AlBayyaa, MD  
Physician-Scientist, Faculty at the U of Texas Medical Branch



Ehab Hasan, MPH  
Founder, Mid-America Life Sciences Consulting

10:15 AM - 10:35 AM

**MS228: Panel Q&A**  
Moderator: Radwa Aly, PhD, MSc, CP



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**10:35 AM - 10:50 AM** **MS229: Structural Blind Spots In Mental Health Frameworks for MENASA Communities, And The Urgent Need To Bridge The Gap**



**Rayan Al Jurdi, MD**  
Co-Founder, Brain Health  
Consultants and TMS Center



**Nisrine Maktabi**  
Trauma Informed Counselor

**10:50 AM - 11:05AM** **MS230: Next-Level Personalized Healthcare: Integrating Mental Health 2.0, Root Cause Medicine & AI**



**Sam Sater, MD**  
Associate Professor of Medicine,  
Florida State University | Founder &  
CEO, Human Aligned Services  
powered by Novorêx

**11:05 AM - 11:20 AM** **MS231: A Showcase of Applications**



**Ryan Clemens, PharmD**  
CEO, MindMe



**Dina Dali Balta**  
Director of Product Design,  
MENASA Group



**Rhea Sharma, MPH**  
Founder, DesiWoman.Ai & COO,  
Diverse Medical Solutions

**11:20 AM - 11:40 AM** **MS232: Panel Q&A**  
**Moderator: Sarah Almilli, PharmD, APH**



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**MS233: Genomic Determinants of Obesity and  
Clinical Trial Participant Recruitment Strategies**



**Nathan Nagel, MBA**  
**CEO, Global Muslim Weight  
Management Group, LTD.**

1:00 PM - 1:15 PM

**MS234: Patients' Experiences As A Retention Tool**



**Farah Ahmad, MBA**  
**Co-Founder & CEO, PatientX**

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM

**MS235: Real World Evidence: How Sites Can  
Generate \$\$**



**Ryan Clemens, PharmD**  
**CEO, MindMe**



**Jorge Toro**  
**President & CEO, Medinexo**

1:30 PM - 1:50 PM

**MS236: Panel Q&A**  
**Moderator: Radwa Aly, PhD, MSc, CP**



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**MS237: Digital Healthcare and Remote Monitoring**



**Wessam Sonbol, BS**  
Global Director MENASA Digital  
Health; Founder | CEO, Delve Health  
Healthcare Technology

2:05 PM - 2:20 PM

**MS238: BlueCloudX & MENASA Global Site  
Network**



**Al Pacino II, BS**  
President HealthCare  
Point/BlueCloudX



**Ryan Clemens, PharmD**  
CEO, MindMe

2:20 PM - 2:35 PM

**MS239: From Crisis to Recovery in Conflicts:  
Lessons learned from Syria, Gaza, Sudan, Yemen,  
and Lebanon**



**Zaher Sahloul, MD**  
President of MedGlobal | Associate  
Professor, University of Illinois

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**MS240: Panel Q&A**  
Moderator: Sarah Almilli, PharmD, APH

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**MS241: Setting the stage for medical observer-  
ship and fellowship opportunities in Oncology,  
Nero-ophtalmology and interventional cardiology**



**Nagham Al-Zubidi, MD**  
Associate Professor, MD Anderson  
Cancer Center, Houston, TX |  
President, Iraqi American Health  
and Cancer Foundation

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

**MS242: Clinical Trials as a Career Accelerator:  
What Every Physician & Resident Should Know**



**Asim Saeed, MD**  
Chief Academic Officer, DIO, Corp  
Director of Physician Alignment,  
Insight Hospital and Medical Center

4:00 PM - 4:20 PM

**MS243: Panel Q&A**

**Moderator: Radwa Aly, PhD, MSc, CP**

4:20 PM - 4:40 PM

**MS244: Closing Plenary-Call for Action. Shaping  
the MENASA Research Future; Unified Reflections  
And Commitments For MENASA's Next Decade Of  
Leadership In Clinical Research**



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**Prof. Hadi Danawi, PhD**  
Founder, Chairman & CEO, MENASA  
Group



**Panelist:**  
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Hospitals Federation



**Shahrukh Hashmi, MD**  
Director of Research, Department of  
Health, Abu Dhabi



4:40 PM - 5:00 PM

## MS245: A Thank You From The Steering Committee



**Prof. Hadi Danawi, PhD**  
Founder, Chairman & CEO,  
MENASA Group



**Ehab Hasan, MPH**  
Founder, Mid-America Life  
Sciences Consulting



**Preeti Dhaania, MBBS**  
CEO, Ozark Clinical  
Research



**Tina Karunaratne, LPD**  
CEO, Karuna Integrated  
Clinical Services



**Sarah Almilli, PharmD, APH**  
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Solutions



**Todd Albin, MBA**  
Director of Clinical Trials,  
Insight Health Systems



**May Gerges, AALB**  
Council Team Member,  
MENASA Group

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

## Entertainment Program 3 - Zaffa & Dabke Dance & Socialization

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Site Focused Workshops

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8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

**The Basics: How To Start A Site**



**Preeti Dhaania, MBBS**  
CEO, Ozark Clinical Research,  
Decentralized Lead, Trident Clinical  
Research Services

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

**Breaking into Industry Research Business  
Development : How to Secure Your First Trial  
from different perspectives.**



**Ehab Hasan, MPH**  
Founder, Mid-America Life  
Sciences Consulting



**Ayesha Hameed, MPH**  
Sr. Study Site Engagement  
Manager, Takeda Pharmaceuticals

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**Patient Recruitment**



**Todd Albin, MBA**  
Director of Clinical Trials, Insight  
Health Systems

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

**Virtual: Applying Human Factors to Patient  
Education in the Middle East**



**Rabih Dabliz, PharmD**  
Founder, AmanViva



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**Transforming the Impossible: How to Negotiate Clinical Trial Invoice Items from First Offer to Final Approval**



**Daniel Fox, PhD**  
CEO, CRPN



**Tina Karunaratne, LPD**  
CEO, Karuna Integrated  
Clinical Services

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**Maintaining Best Practices: Communication and Beyond**



**Albaraa Alkilani, MD**  
Director of Research Operations,  
Insight Health Systems



**Sindhju Koneru, PhD**  
Research Project Manager II, Henry  
Ford Health

12:45 PM - 1:15 PM

**Supply chain-From A-Z: What Goes Behind The Scene**



**Hisham Ramadan, BS**  
CEO, Omicron Pharmaceuticals.





## Exclusive Conversations

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**1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**MENASA Group Deal Room Investors Connect:  
Where Care Meets Capital – Partnership with  
GrowQ360**

**Access Fee: \$ 250**



**Mohammed Quadri, MD  
VP Strategy for Academics  
Research and Innovation,  
Hackensack Meridian Health**



**Ali Elhaj, LLM, PhD  
CEO, IVI Holding, Healthcare Sector |  
Vice Chairman, MENASA Group & RIME  
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Leadership, & Research Division, Arab  
Hospitals Federation**



**Aashir Soheil, MBA  
CEO, Sohail Global Ventures**

**Wednesday, April 22nd**

**Location Available Upon Registration**

**12:00 PM - Onwards Exclusive Networking Lunch With Leaders**

**Access Fee: \$ 50**

