



FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE AMERICAN ARAB ASSEMBLY OF

**CELL THERAPY AND
TRANSPLANTATION**

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King Hussein Cancer Center





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ABOUT THE KHCC

KHCC stands as one of Jordan's crown jewels and the pride of the Arab world. It is accredited by the Joint Commission International (JCI) as a disease-specific cancer center, making it the first center in the developing world and the sixth worldwide to earn such a distinction. Our vision is saving lives with the highest standards of comprehensive cancer care and control and engaging society in the fight against cancer in Jordan, and the region. Our mission is providing the best comprehensive care for cancer patients in Jordan and the Middle East, raising awareness about the importance of early detection and cancer prevention, providing nonprofit cancer insurance for treatment at KHCC and performing scientific research for the purpose of lowering mortality rates and alleviating the suffering brought on by cancer.

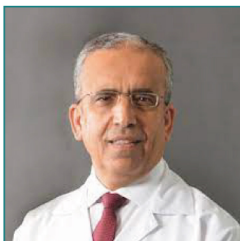
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ABOUT THE AAACCTT

American Arab Assembly of Cellular Therapy and Transplantation (AAACTT) is a non-political, non-religious and non-for-profit professional organization uniting physicians from Arab origin involved in the field of cellular therapy and blood and marrow transplantation with the mission to foster and promote social, cultural and scientific collaboration among members, and a vision inspired by Gibran Kahlil Gibran's poem "I believe in you." We seek to leverage our inherited values for the good of medicine and humanity. We also thrive to establish cooperation with healthcare professionals and institutions in our home countries for the benefit of our people

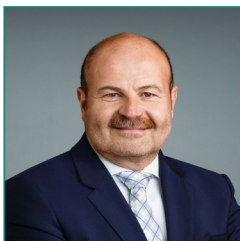
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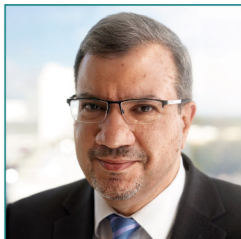
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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The conference will provide scientific updates in the field of cellular therapy and blood and marrow transplantation by renowned faculty members practicing in the USA and the Middle East region. The conference is also intended to establish close ties between the AAACCTT and regional groups and will provide unparalleled opportunities for mentorship, career developments and scientific and research collaboration. The conference will also foster social and cultural interactions among attendees.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:

- Provide the participants with an update on the science and clinical practice of cellular therapy and blood and marrow transplantation
- Discuss applicability of recent advances in cellular therapy and blood and marrow transplantation to the Middle East and developing countries
- Foster ideas for mentorship and career development for trainees and junior faculty and for collaboration in clinical research
- Promote initiatives to close a world-wide health care disparity issue in cellular therapy and transplantation

CONFERENCE TOPICS

SELECTION OF
CONDITIONING
REGIMENS

HLA TYPING AND
DONOR CHIMERISM
TESTING IN 2023

DONOR SELECTION AND
MANAGEMENT OF
DONOR-SPECIFIC ANTIBODIES

RELAPSE PREVENTION
FOLLOWING ALLOGENEIC
TRANSPLANTATION

GVHD PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT

CAR-T CELL
THERAPY

CELLULAR THERAPY AND
TRANSPLANTATION FOR
BENIGN HEMATOLOGICAL
CONDITIONS

CPD CREDITS
CPD credits will be provided by JMC
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CONFERENCE LANGUAGE:
English





SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

| Time | Topic |
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| November 16 | |
| 08:00 - 08:45 | Breakfast and Opening Remarks Mohamed Kharfan-Dabaja & Khaled Halahleh |
| 08:45 - 09:15 | Blood and Marrow Transplantation: Keynotes A Samer Al-Homsi |
| 09:15 - 09:40 | Cellular Therapy and Transplantation for Benign Hematological Conditions Co-Chairs: Rawad Rihani & Rabi Hanna |
| 09:40 - 10:00 | Gene Therapy for Thalassemia Rabi Hanna |
| 10:00 - 10:15 |  Coffee Break |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | To The Point: Donor Selection Co-Chairs: Khaled Halahleh & Medhat Askar |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | HLA typing and Chimerism Testing in 2023 Medhat Askar |
| 10:45 - 11:00 | Management of Donor Specific Antibodies Usama Gergis |
| 11:00 - 11:15 | Donor Selection Algorithm in 2023: Applicability to Developing Countries Shatha Farhan |
| 11:15 - 12:30 | Oral Abstracts and Awards Best Abstract Presentations Co-Chairs: Mohammed Makoseh, Muna Qayed & Husam Abu-Jazar |

| Time | Topic |
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| 12:30 - 13:30 |  Lunch Break |
| 13:30 - 13:50 | To The Point: Selection of Conditioning Regimen Co-Chairs: Hasan Hashem & Zaid Al-Kadhimi Myeloid malignancies Zaid Al-Kadhimi |
| 13:50 - 14:10 | Lymphoid Malignancies Nora Chokr |
| 14:10 - 14:30 | Non-Malignant Disorders Hasan Hashem |
| 14:30 - 15:15 | Infectious Complications of Allogeneic Transplantation Co-Chairs: Joud Jarrah & Zeinab El Boghdadly Viral and Fungal Infections Zeinab El Boghdadly |
| 17:30 - 19:00 | Opportunities for Collaboration Round Table (all conference attendees are encouraged to participate) |
| 19:00 - 21:00 | Presidents Notes and Gala Dinner Hikmat Abdel-Razeq & A Samer Al-Homsy |

| Time | Topic |
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| November 17 | |
| 07:00 - 07:30 | Breakfast |
| 07:30 - 08:15 | Curriculum Development and Graduate Medical Education Jennifer Kanakry |
| 08:15 - 08:45 | How I use PTCy: Past, Present and Future Christopher Kanakry |
| | Special Symposium: CAR-T Cell Therapy Co-Chairs: Mahmoud Aljurf & Mohamed Kharfan-Dabaja |
| 09:00 - 09:20 | How to Build a CAR-T Cell Therapy Program Mahmoud Aljurf |
| 09:20 - 09:40 | Indications of CAR-T Cell Therapy Mohamed Kharfan-Dabaja |
| 09:40 - 10:00 | Management of CAR-T Cell Therapy Complications Jean Yared |
| 10:00 - 10:20 | Cytopenia and Clonal Hematopoiesis Following CAR-T Cell Therapy Amer Beitinjaneh |
| 10:20 - 10:40 | Current Limitations and Future Directions in Cellular Therapy Hisham Abdel-Azim |
| 10:40 - 11:00 | Roundtable Discussion |
| 11:00 - 11:15 |  Coffee Break |
| | Big Debate: The Standard of Care in GvHD Prevention in 2023 Co-Chairs: A Samer Al Homsy & Monzr Al-Malki |
| 11:15 - 11:45 | Matched Related and Unrelated Donor Monzr Al-Malki |
| 11:45 - 12:15 | Mismatched Unrelated and Haploidentical Donor Muna Qayed |
| 12:15 - 12:30 | Round Table Discussion |

| Time | Topic |
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| 12:30 - 13:30 |  Lunch Break |
| 13:30 - 14:00 | Treatment of Acute GvHD in 2023: Use of Novel Agents Sherif Farag |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | Treatment of Chronic GvHD in 2023: Use of Novel Agents Mohammad Abu Zaid |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | Pediatric Case Discussions Co-Chairs: Mohammed Essa & Rabi Hanna Discussant: Hisham Abdel-Azim |
| 15:00 - 15:15 |  Coffee Break |
| 15:15 - 15:35 | Prevention of Relapse Following Allogeneic Transplant Co-Chairs: Mohsen Alzahrani & Usama Gergis |
| 15:35 - 15:55 | Modifiable Factors Razan Mohty |
| 15:55 - 16:15 | Is Maintenance Therapy Justified? Yes Ali Bazarbachi |
| | No Usama Gergis |
| 18:00 - 19:00 | Closing Reception |

ABSTRACTS

Participants, in particular trainees and junior faculty are encouraged to submit abstracts for consideration for oral presentation or posters during the conference.

To submit an abstract:

Please email the abstract to: aaactt2022@gmail.com

The following information must be included:

- Authors, titles and institutional affiliation
- Presenting author contact information including email address and phone number
- Background, Material and Methods, Results and Conclusion

Word limit is 300. Tables and figures are not included in the word count but must be limited to one each. Font: Abadi MT, 12.

Submission deadline: August 30

If selected for presentation, authors will be notified by the end of September and are expected to attend.

Registration and Payments

Please complete the registration form

<https://forms.gle/oD1zbPme8b83HxG79>

HOTEL RESERVATION

A block of rooms has been booked for conference attendees and guests at competitive rates. Please use code (complete) when making your reservation.

<https://book.passkey.com/gt/219380668?gtid=15dcd4cd552a1d3e1a962be3a839cf5f>

The following hotels are participating:

Four Seasons Hotel

5th Circle, Kindi Street, Amman, Jordan

code: 231115KHC

Fairmont Hotel

6 Beirut Street - 5th Circle, P.O. Box 831370 Abdoun, Amman 11183, Jordan

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One Day Tour (On the dates 14,15, or 18 November 2023)

Option 1

Amman – Madaba – Mount Nebo – Bethany – Dead Sea – Amman

Including

- Transfer by modern car 2018/2023 (4 seats) / Gas
- Professional driver
- Entrance fees to sites mentioned
- Entrance fees with lunch to Dead sea resort

| Rate per person in USD | |
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| Per person (minimum of 2 pax) | 150 USD |

Option 2 (On the dates 14,15, or 18 November 2023)

Amman – Petra – Amman

Including

- Transfer by modern car 2018/2023 (4 seats) / Gas
- Professional driver
- Entrance fees to sites mentioned
- Lunch at Petra
- Professional English-speaking guide 2-3hrs in Petra

| Rate per person in USD | |
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| Per person (minimum of 2 pax) | 250 USD |

Option 3 (On the dates 14,15,17 or 18 November 2023)

Amman City Tour – Jerash – Amman

Including

Transfer by modern car 2018/2023 (4 seats) / Gas

- Professional driver
- Entrance fees to sites mentioned
- Lunch at Jerash
- Professional English-speaking guide 1-2hrs in Jerash

| Rate per person in USD | |
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| Per person (minimum of 2 pax) | 150 USD |

Overnight Options (On the dates 14, or 18 November 2023)

Day 1: Amman – Petra visit – Wadi Rum

Day 2: Wadi Rum Jeep tour – Amman

Including

- Transfer by modern car 2018/2023 (4 seats) / Gas
- Professional driver
- Entrance fees to sites mentioned
- Professional English-speaking guide 2-3hrs in Petra
- 4*4 Safari 2hrs in Wadi Rum desert
- Accommodation in Wadi Rum Aladdin camp in a deluxe tent or similar on HB basis (Breakfast & Dinner)

| Rate per person in USD | |
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| Per person (minimum of 2 pax) | 374 USD |

