

FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE AMERICAN ARAB ASSEMBLY OF

CELL THERAPY AND TRANSPLANTATION

July 19-20th, 2024

Intercontinental Hotel, Amman-Jordan



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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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

This is the First 1st Annual AACTT and King Hussein Cancer Center joint conference. As a leading Cancer Center in the Middle East and region, King Hussein Cancer Center has graciously agreed to partner with AACTT and host this conference.

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 collaboration in clinical research in cellular therapy and blood and marrow transplantation
- 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
6 For Attendees & 8 For Speakers

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CONFERENCE LANGUAGE:
English

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\$300

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Time	Topic
July 19th, 2024	
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 - 10:00	Cellular Therapy and Transplantation for Benign Hematological Conditions Co-Chairs: Rawad Rihani, Rabi Hanna & Adel Wahadeneh
09:15 - 09:40	KHCC Experience Rawad Rihani
09:40 - 10:00	Gene Therapy for Thalassemia Rabi Hanna
10:00 - 10:15	 Coffee Break
10:15 - 11:15	To The Point: Donor Selection Co-Chairs: Medhat Askar, Khaled Halahleh & Mayda Abushanab
10:15 - 10:35	HLA Typing and Chimerism Testing in 2024 Medhat Askar
10:35 - 10:55	Management of Donor Specific Antibodies Usama Gergis
10:55 - 11:15	Donor Selection Algorithm in 2024: Applicability to Developing Countries Shatha Farhan

Time	Topic
11:15 - 12:30	Oral Abstracts and Best Abstract Award Presentation (6 abstracts, 12 minutes each) Co-Chairs: Muna Qayed , Mohammad Makoseh & Mohammad Salameh
12:30 - 13:30	 Lunch Break
13:30 - 14:30	To The Point: Selection of Conditioning Regimen Co-Chairs: Ayman Saad & Hasan Hashem & Waleed Dana
13:30 - 14:00	Hematological Malignancies Zaid Al-Kadhimi
14:00 - 14:30	Non-Malignant Disorders Hasan Hashem
14:30 - 16:30	Special Symposium: CAR-T Cell Therapy Co-Chairs: Ayman Saad & Mohamed Kharfan-Dabaja & Jude Jarrah
14:30 - 15:00	How to Build a CAR-T Cell Therapy Program Ayman Saad
15:00 - 15:30	Indications of CAR-T Cell Therapy Mohamed Kharfan-Dabaja
15:30 - 16:00	Management of post CAR-T Cell Therapy Infectious Complications Jude Jarrah
16:00 - 14:30	Current Limitations and Future Directions in Cellular Therapy Hisham Abdel-Azim
19:00 - 21:00	Presidents Notes and Gala Dinner Hikmat Abdel-Razeq & A Samer Al-Homsy

Time	Topic
July 20th, 2024	
07:00 - 07:30	 Breakfast
07:30 - 08:15	Curriculum Development and Graduate Medical Education Jennifer Kanakry
08:15 - 09:00	PTCy: Past, Present and Future Chair: Husam Abu-Jazar Speaker: Christopher Kanakry
09:00 - 10:00	TCT Programs in the Region: Current Status and Future Directions Co-Chairs: A Samer Al-Homsy Sondus Alsharidah & Abdalla Awidi Abaddi
09:00 - 09:15	Kuwait Sondus Alsharidah
09:15 - 09:30	Qatar Amna Jameel
09:30 - 09:45	Egypt Mohamad Abdelmohti
09:45 - 10:00	Round Table Discussion: Opportunities for Collaboration
10:00 - 10:15	 Coffee Break
10:15 - 11:45	To Big Debate: The Standard of Care in GvHD Prevention in 2024 Co-Chairs: A Samer Al-Homsy, Christopher Kanakry & Iman Khattab
10:15 - 10:45	Matched Related and Unrelated Donor Monzr Al-Malki
10:45 - 11:15	Mismatched Unrelated and Haploidentical Donor Muna Qayed
11:15 - 11:45	Round Table Discussion

Time	Topic
11:45 - 12:45	 Lunch Break
12:45 - 13:15	Treatment of GvHD in 2024: Use of Novel Agents Chair: Salwa Saadeh Speaker: Ramzi Abboud
13:15 - 14:15	Pediatric Case Discussion: Co-Chairs: Rawad Rihani & Rabi Hanna Discussant: Hisham Abdel-Azim
14:15 - 15:15	Adult Case Discussion: Co-Chairs: Christopher Kanakry & Zaid Abdel Rahman Discussant: Monzr Al-Malki
15:15 - 15:30	 Coffee Break
15:30 - 16:30 15:30 - 16:00 16:00 - 16:30	Prevention of Relapse Following Allogeneic Transplant: Is Maintenance Therapy Justified? Co-Chairs: Usama Gergis & Rozan Al Far Yes Ali Bazarbachi No Usama Gergis
17:00 - 18:00	Closing Reception

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HOTEL RESERVATION

A block of rooms has been booked for conference attendees and guests at competitive rates.

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Intercontinental Jordan

Room Rates:

- single room ++ 80 JOD

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SOCIAL PROGRAM

Option 1:

Amman - Jerash - Ajloun - Amman

Trip cost per person: 110 JOD

Including (Transportation, Entry Fees for Both Towns, Local Guide and Lunch)

Option 2:

Amman - Petra - Amman

Trip cost per person : 185 JOD

Including (Transportation, Entry Fees, Local Guide on the Site and Lunch)

Option 3:

Amman - Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman

Trip cost per person: 240 JOD

Including (Transportation, Entry Fees to Petra & Wadi Rum, Local Guide in Petra & lunch, Jeep Tour in Wadi Rum for 2 hours)

Option 4:

Amman - Madaba - Mount Nebo - Dead Sea - Amman

Trip cost per person: 90 JOD

Including (Transportation, Entry Fees to Madaba & Mount Nebo, Lunch & Swimming at Holiday In Resort Dead Sea)

