



# 3<sup>rd</sup> MIDDLE EAST MASTER CLASS IN HEMATOLOGY

JANUARY 2026  
9-10

RAFFLES HOTEL  
DUBAI - UAE



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# WELCOME LETTER



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that we invite you to the **3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Middle East Master Class in Hematology (MEMAC)**, held in proud collaboration with the **International Academy for Clinical Hematology (IACH)**. Mark your calendars for **January 9-10, 2026**, and join us at the elegant **Raffles Hotel in Dubai, UAE**.

Hematology remains one of the most rapidly advancing specialties in medicine, driven by breakthroughs in our understanding of disease biology and the rise of innovative therapies, from precision medicine to cutting-edge immunotherapies. In such a fast-paced landscape, coming together to share knowledge and experiences is not just valuable: it is essential.

That is exactly why MEMAC was created: to be a **dedicated platform for hematologists across the region** to explore the latest evidence-based practices in the management of leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, and more.

Now entering its third year, MEMAC continues to grow in both reach and relevance, offering **rich educational content, expert-led discussions, and practical insights** that directly enhance patient care.

We can't wait to welcome you to what promises to be another memorable and impactful gathering in the heart of Dubai, a city known for its energy, hospitality, and innovation.

For updates and further information, please visit [www.memachematology.com](http://www.memachematology.com)

**See you at MEMAC 2026!**



**Ali Bazarbachi, MD, PhD**  
Congress Co-chair



**Mohamad Mohty, MD, PhD**  
Congress Co-chair

## EBAH-CME CREDIT POINTS



The program of the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Middle East Master Class in Hematology (MEMAC) 2026** - from **January 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, at **the Raffles Hotel in Dubai, UAE**. has been reviewed and approved for CME accreditation by the European Board of Accreditation in Hematology (EBAH) CME Unit. The EBAH-CME Unit has approved this educational activity for a maximum number of CME credits. Each physician should only claim credits for time that they actually spent in the educational activity. We are pleased to inform you that the 2026 MEMAC has been awarded:



### **9.5 EBAH-CME Credit Points**

Following the MEMAC Conference, all registered participants will receive a Learner's Questionnaire (LQ). Completion of the LQ is mandatory for CME accreditation. Upon completion, participants will be validated by IACH through the EBAH system and CME credits will be awarded accordingly.

**FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 9**



08:00 - 08:30

Registration

08:30 - 09:45

## **Session 1: State-of-the-Art Diagnosis & Therapy in Myeloid Malignancies**

Moderators: Asma Alolama, MD - Hesham Elsabah, MD - Hanan Hamed, MD - Humaid Al Shamsi, MD

08:30 - 08:50

MDS

• Amer Zeidan, MD

08:50 - 09:10

Myelofibrosis

• Ibrahim Yakoub-Agha, MD

09:10 - 09:30

CML

• Giuseppe Saglio, MD

09:30 - 09:45

⌚ Q&A

### **Industry Symposium Novartis**

*Moderator: Mahmoud Marashi, MD - UAE*

09:45 - 09:55

Key CML Highlights from ASH 2025

• Inas Elnajjar, MD

09:55 - 10:05

Clinical Experience with SCEMBLIX

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10:05 - 10:15

⌚ Q&A

**FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 9**



10:15 - 10:30

 **Coffee Break**

10:30 - 11:00

**Industry Symposium Amgen**

Blinatumomab in Frontline Adult ALL Consolidation:  
Evidence and Practice



Emmanouil Nikolousis, MD

11:00 - 12:15

**Session 2: Bone Marrow Failures and Gene Therapy**

Moderators: Magdy Elbordiny, MD - Riad El Fakih, MD - Nour Moukalled, MD - Alaa Alwan, MD

11:00 - 11:20

Aplastic Anemia



Mahmoud Aljurf, MD

11:20 - 11:40

Gene Therapy in Hemoglobinopathies



Annalisa Ruggeri, MD

11:40 - 11:55

 Q&A

11:55 - 13:35

 **Lunch & Prayer Break**

13:35 - 14:05

**Industry Symposium Johnson & Johnson**

Advancing CLL Care in 2026:  
Evidence Updates on BTK Inhibitors and Beyond



Elias Jabbour, MD

**FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 9**



14:05 - 14:55

### **Session 3: State-of-the-Art Diagnosis and Therapy in Chronic Leukemias**

Moderators: Mahmoud Salah, MD - Shahrugh Hashmi, MD - Faraz Khan, MD - Ghada ElGohary, MD

14:05 - 14:25

CLL

•  Mohamed Kharfan-Dabaja, MD

14:25 - 14:45

Hairy Cell Leukemia

•  Mervat Mattar, MD

14:45 - 14:55

Q&A

### **Industry Symposium Gilead Kite**

14:55 - 15:15

Reshaping R/R DLBCL Care with Potentiality to Cure - CART Role

•  Emmanouil Nikolousis, MD

15:15 - 15:35

Navigating Pathways to Follicular Lymphoma Remission

**FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 9**



15:35 - 16:25

#### **Session 4: State-of-the-Art Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia**

Moderators: Husam Abu Jazar, MD - Ahmad Ibrahim, MD - Nabil Yafour, MD - Mahmoud Marashi, MD

15:35 - 15:55

T-ALL

•  Eolia Bressot, MD

15:55 - 16:15

B-ALL

•  Elias Jabbour, MD

16:15 - 16:25

EQ Q&A

16:25 - 17:25

#### **Industry Symposium Roche**

Transforming the Second Line Landscape in DLBCL with STARGLO

•  William Townsend, MD

17:25 - 17:40

 **Coffee Break**

**FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 9**



17:40 - 18:10

### **Session 5: Plenary Session**

Moderators: Ali Bazarbachi, MD - Mohamad Mohty, MD

17:40 - 18:05

CAR T Cells: Past, Present & Future



Michel Sadelain, MD

18:05 - 18:10

✉️ Q&A

18:10 - 18:40

### **SESSION 6: Plenary Session**

Moderators: Khalid Halahleh, MD - Iman Abou Dalle, MD - Shabeeha Rana, MD - Malek Benakli, MD

18:10 - 18:35

Modern Therapy of AML



Hagop Kantarjian, MD

18:35 - 18:40

✉️ Q&A

18:40

Closing

**SATURDAY****JANUARY 10**

08:00 - 08:30

Registration

08:30 - 09:45

**Session 7: State-of-the-Art Diagnosis & Therapy in Lymphoma - 1**

Moderators: Bassim Albeirouti, MD - Inas Al Najjar, MD - Honar Cherif, MD

08:30 - 08:50

DLBCL

 Anna Sureda, MD

08:50 - 09:10

T NHL

 Laurent Gandhi Damaj, MD

09:10 - 09:30

Relapsed Hodgkin Lymphoma

 Ali Bazarbachi, MD

09:30 - 09:45

Q&amp;A

**Industry Symposium Astellas**

09:45 - 10:15

Beyond the Horizon: Optimizing the Management of  
FLT3mut+ R/R AML: The Role of Gilteritinib Mark Levis, MD

10:15 - 10:45

**Industry Symposium Johnson & Johnson**

10:45 - 11:15

Front-line Multiple Myeloma: Redefining standard of care

 Meletios Dimopoulos, MD

Relapsed Multiple Myeloma: Innovations in Therapy and Care Pathways

 Ali Bazarbachi, MD

**SATURDAY****JANUARY 10**

11:15 - 11:30

**Coffee Break**

11:30 - 11:50

**Industry Symposium Abbvie**

BsAbs: a New Era in Lymphoma Management

Emmanouil Nikolousis, MD

11:50 - 12:10

**Industry Symposium Takeda***Moderator: Ali Bazarbachi, MD*

HD21 and the Future of Hodgkin Lymphoma

Anna Sureda, MD

12:10 - 12:30

Shaping Frontline Treatment in HL: Expert Perspectives and Future Direction

Anna Sureda, MD

Salem Alshemmari, MD

Arif Alam, MD

12:30 - 13:40

**Session 8: State-of-the-Art Diagnosis & Therapy in Lymphoma - 2**

Moderators: Ajlan Al Zaki, MD - Colette Hanna, MD - Ibrahim Abu Gheida, MD - Rasha Galal, MD

12:30 - 12:50

Mantle Cell Lymphoma

Olivier Hermine, MD

12:50 - 13:10

Low Grade Lymphoma

Reyad Dada, MD

13:10- 13:30

Waldenstrom Disease

Meletios Dimopoulos, MD

13:30 - 13:40

QQ Q&amp;A

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 10**



13:40 - 14:00

**Industry Symposium GSK**

Elevating the Outcomes in RRMM: A New Era



Mohamad Mohty, MD

14:00 - 15:00

 **Lunch Break**

15:00 - 15:45

**Industry Symposium Sanofi**

**Moderator: Ahmad Alsaeed, MD - KSA**

Evolution in Multiple Myeloma Treatment: From Triplets to Quadruplet Regimens



Ghazi Alotaibi, MD



Ayman Alhejazi, MD

15:45 - 16:30

**Moderator: Mahmoud Marashi, MD - UAE**

The Role of MRD Negativity Testing in Multiple Myeloma Management



Ahmad Alhuraiji, MD



Saud Alhayli, MD

16:30 - 16:45

 **Coffee Break**

16:45 - 17:05

**Industry Symposium Sandoz**

TBA

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 10**



17:05 - 17:55

### **Session 9: State-of-the-Art Diagnosis and Treatment of Multiple Myeloma**

Moderators: Mohamad Azzam Ziade, MD - Murthada Al Khabori, MD - Tazi Mazalek Zoubida, MD

17:05 - 17:25

Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma

•  Thierry Facon, MD

17:25 - 17:45

New Saudi Guidelines for Myeloma

•  Ghazi Alotaibi, MD

17:45 - 17:55

QQ Q&A

17:55 - 18:25

### **Session 10: Acute Leukemia Clinical Cases**

Moderators: Ahmed Alaskar, MD - Jean El Cheikh, MD - Nour Ben Abdeljelil, MD

17:55 - 18:10

Clinical Case 1

TBC

18:10 - 18:25

Clinical Case 2

•  Mohammad Bakkar, MD

18:25 - 18:55

### **Session 11: Lymphoma Clinical Cases**

Moderators: Mohamad Mohty, MD - Ali Bazarbachi, MD - Muna Altarshi, MD

18:25 - 18:40

Clinical Case 1

•  Kayane Mheidly, MD

18:40 - 18:55

Clinical Case 2

•  Marwa Tagelsir Ahmed, MD

18:55

Closing



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