

# The 5th Combined Gulf Cancer Conference CONTINUUM OF CARE IN CANCER CONTROL & MANAGEMENT

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Al Jawaher Reception and Convention Centre, Sharjah, UAE

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In partnership with The Gulf Federation for Cancer Control and Gulf Center for Cancer Control & Prevention, Friends of Cancer Patients (FOCP) is hosting the 5th Annual Combined Gulf Cancer Conference under the theme of "Continuum of Care in Cancer Control" from 21-23 November, 2022 under the Patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Jawaher Bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, wife of the Ruler of Sharjah, Founder and Royal Patron of FOCP, International Ambassador of the World Cancer Declaration for the Union for International Cancer Control, International Ambassador for Childhood Cancer for UICC.

The three days Scientific Conference will address the spectrum of cancer care continuum in the Gulf Region, to analyze the current situation and highlight the best practices around the world in order to improve the standards of care in cancer control and management. Addressing all these topics and more, this conference will host different prominent international speakers, oncologists, scientists, public health experts and researchers. We are anticipating around 400 delegates from Gulf Region & abroad primarily patients & survivors, care givers, healthcare professionals, regulators and corporates.

The objective of the conference is to achieve the following:

- To evaluate the current state of cancer burden and cancer control programs & management in gulf region
- To analyze opportunities & gaps in order to enhance cancer care continuum in the gulf region
- To improve the cancer control & management of care to impact population outcome through prioritizing intervention across cancer continuum
- To highlight civil society role in enhancing cancer care continuum spectrum in gulf region



HE Sawsan Jafar, Chairperson, Board of Directors, FOCP

"This conference is a key event in our region and provides an excellent opportunity for in-person networking and meetings, as well as to stay updated with the latest research, products and innovations being developed in the GCC which are leading us into the future of cancer care and management."



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The importance of establishing a reference centre for cancer research was the highlight of the recommendations presented by cancer researchers and entities in the GCC during the closing ceremony of the 5th Combined Gulf Cancer Conference.

Dr. Ali Al Zahrani, Executive Director of GCCCP, shared the recommendations from cancer experts on the importance of communication and fostering a culture of medical consultancy and harnessing modern technology, particularly in early detection and treatment and its essential role and great economic viability, cost-effectiveness and optimisation of resources. Health professionals also advocated the need to support scientific research to further develop cancer care with a focus on palliative care to offer inclusive treatment services to patients.

In a special session titled 'Power of Patient Knowledge: Patients' Voice in National Cancer Control Planning', an engaging panel of experts came together to highlight the importance of patient understanding in providing optimum disease care and prevention.

Katarina Gralén, (IHE) – Sweden, showcased a report including the analysis on the burden of disease for cancer and recommendations on how to improve the situation for cancer patient care across the region. She underscored the importance of combating cancer, given that it is the second leading cause of deaths in the region "Our recent report covering nine MEA countries indicated that the number of new cancer cases will almost double from 410,000 to 720,000 cases per year between 2020 and 2040, and almost half of them will encounter premature deaths. We need to handle cancer comprehensively to reduce the risks and improve the quality of life of patients based on scientific research and innovation, and achieve equal access to care," she said.



"This conference addressed key issues that will stimulate cancer prevention and control organisations in the GCC countries to strategize on developing activities and programmes, focus on enhancing the effectiveness of cancer prevention awareness programmes, and prioritize educating the community on the importance of early detection in combating cancer and continuing to provide excellence in healthcare."

Aisha Al Mulla, Director of FOCP

Reaffirming its belief in youth contribution to the healthcare sector, the 5th Combined Gulf Cancer Conference (CGCC) offered a unique platform for university students and upcoming medical experts to share their abstract research presentations throughout the three-day conference.

During the daily presentations themed 'Youth in Action', young researchers showcased their cancer control research projects and findings aimed at improving healthcare systems and cancer treatments in the GCC countries. The conference received 12 scientific theses from university students and 13 scientific abstracts from health experts in the UAE and the GCC. The best three presentations were lauded at the closing ceremony of the CGCC, based on the evaluations by physicians and academic health leaders attending the conference as well as global cancer prevention entities.

In the Youth in Action category, Wafaa Abumustafa, a student at the University of Sharjah, ranked first, and her colleague in the same university Amal Bouzid, ranked second, while Sedra Kremesh from Al Ain university ranked third.

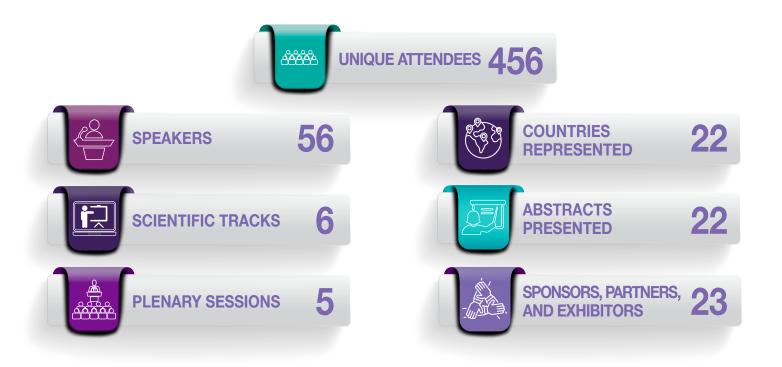
In the Experts from the Field category, Robert Hierner, a researcher from the Saudi-German Hospital Dubai, ranked first, and Poorna Manasa, a researcher from the University of Sharjah, ranked second, while Sabreena Safuan from Ajman University ranked third.

The conference also conducted a 'Youth Engagement' session under the theme of "Exploring Youth Perceptions About the Continuum of Care in Cancer Control & Management". The discussion was moderated by Dr. Eman Al Shamsi from Al Qassimi Hospital, UAE.

Dr. Manal Elewah, Certified Art Therapist, Founder and CEO, Art2Care from Egypt conducted a workshop: "Art Therapy Program: To Improve Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing" during the conference. This workshop provided a unique hands-on experience to the delegates.







### **FACULTY BREAKDOWN**

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Regional

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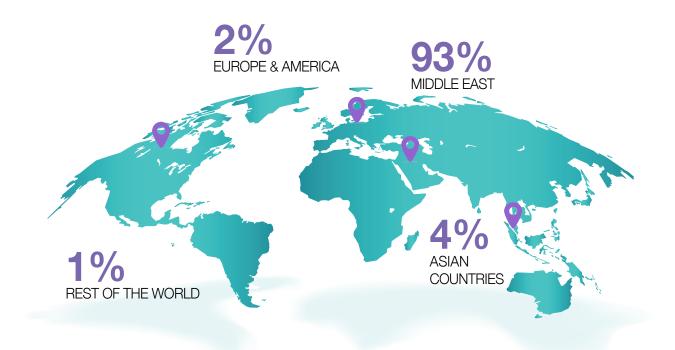
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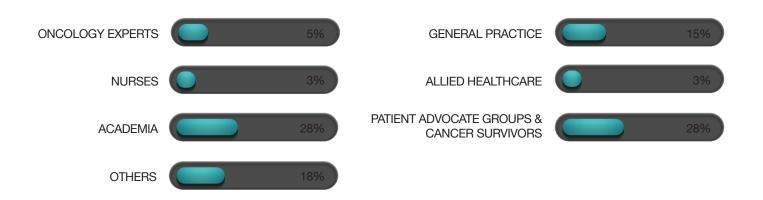




### ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHY



### PROFESSIONAL DEMOGRAPHY



### **ATTENDEE COUNT**



# Please select your main reason/s for attending CGCC

TOPICS/TRACKS PRESENTED

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SPEAKERS

16%

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

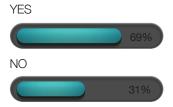
20%

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

16%

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# Did you attend the Youth in Action Exhibition Activities?



# How satisfied are you with the overall delivery of the Youth in Action Activities?

VERY SATISFIED

72%

MORE THAN SATISFIED

22%

SATISFIED

5%

PARTLY SATISFIED

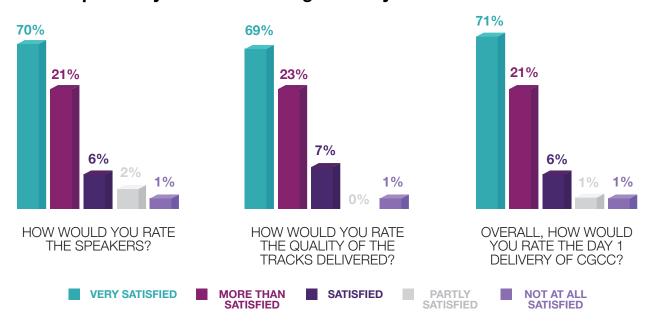
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NOT AT ALL SATISFIED

# Did you attend Day 1 of the conference?

YES 63% NO 37%

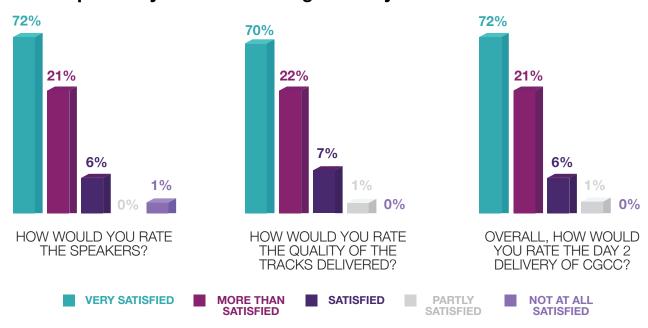
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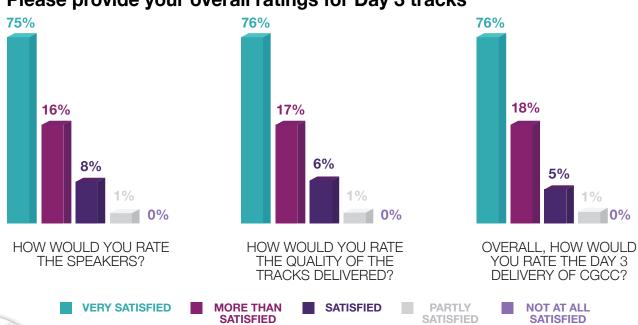
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### Did you attend Day 3 of the conference?



### Please provide your overall ratings for Day 3 tracks



# How satisfied are you with the quality of the Venue?

# WERY SATISFIED 85% MORE THAN SATISFIED 13% SATISFIED 2% PARTLY SATISFIED 0% NOT AT ALL SATISFIED 0%

# How satisfied are you with the quality of the Program flow?



# How satisfied are you with the quality of the Event Organizers?



# How satisfied are you with the quality of the overall Event?



### Will you join the 6th Edition of CGCC next year?



































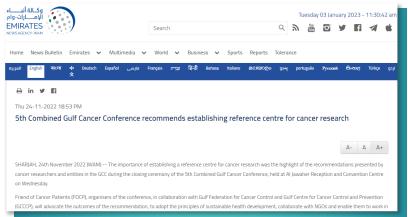




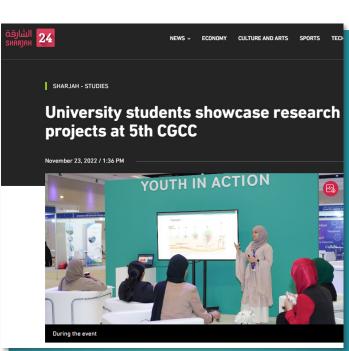


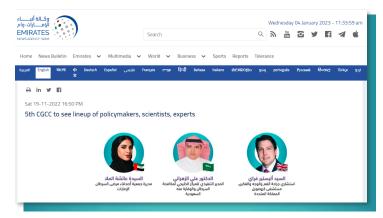


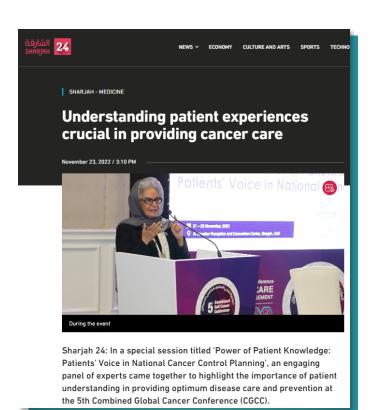












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His Highness the Ruler of Sharjah & Her Highness Sheikha #JawaherAlQasimi during the opening of the 5th Combined Gulf Cancer Conference

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22/11/2022: 5th Combined Gulf Cancer Conference, Sharjah, UAE: One of the best conferences I have participated in organized by Friends of Cancer Patients in partnership with The Gulf Federation for Cancer Control and Gulf Center for Cancer Control & Prevention

Excellent participation from leaders and pioneer in cancer care across the region and the globe. Rich scientific program to address the care spectrum for Cancer in the Gulf Region, help analyse the current situation and highlight the best practices to move forward in order to improve the standard of care across the continuum of

I had the opportunity to discuss barriers to conducting clinicals trials in our region with focus in the UAE and how to accelerate cancer research productivity.

Best part was catching up with great friends from the UAE and the region and the day ended up with a nice surprise, A beautiful Rain shower in the beautiful City of Sharjah 🔾 🗘 🗘

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- So far would be great if we could get deeper in development of registries of cancer, unified database, different practices worldwide not just regionally
- The Youth in Action presentation competition, it would have been better to separate Undergraduates from postgraduate presenters for a fair competition
- Diversifying the topic with inclusion of latest awareness campaign modules and more workshops on the diagnostic aspect of disease process

# DELEGATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Friends of Cancer Patients (FOCP), in collaboration with Gulf Federation for Cancer Control and Gulf Centre for Cancer Control and Prevention (GCCCP), will advocate the outcomes of the recommendation, to adopt the principles of sustainable health development, collaborate with NGOs and enable them to work in creating awareness for the need of screening and early detection.



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