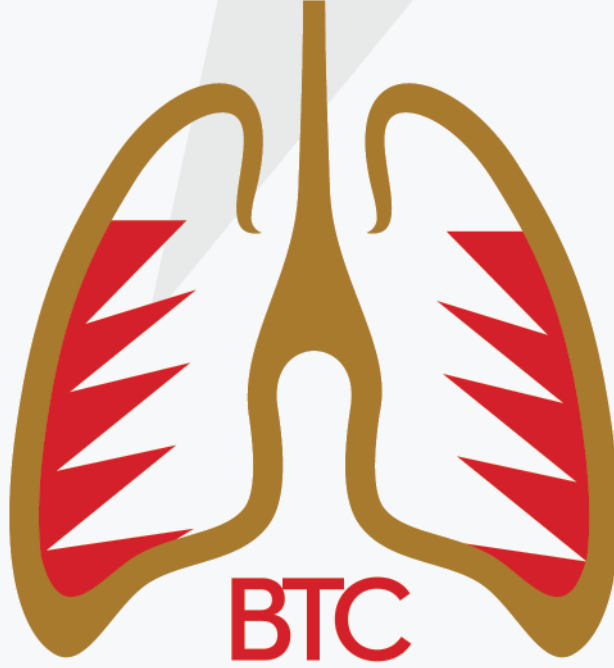




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## Day 1: Thursday ( 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026)

| 08:00 – 09:00                                                                                       | Registration & Welcome                                                              |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 09:00 – 10:00                                                                                       | Official Opening Ceremony                                                           |                       |
| Breathing Matters: Airway Disease I<br>Moderators: Prof. Majdi Idrees + Dr. Thuraya Zaid            |                                                                                     |                       |
| 10:00 – 10:20                                                                                       | The Year in Review: New Insights in Asthma and COPD                                 | Dr. Rachel Kaminski   |
| 10:20 – 10:40                                                                                       | Severe Asthma in 2025: Choosing the Right Biologic                                  | Dr. Bassam Mahboub    |
| 10:40 – 11:00                                                                                       | ACO Unveiled: When Asthma Meets COPD                                                | Dr. Mirjana Drvenica  |
| 11:00 – 11:15                                                                                       | Q&A                                                                                 |                       |
| 11:15 – 11:35                                                                                       | Industry Symposium                                                                  |                       |
| 11:35 – 13:30                                                                                       | Prayer and Lunch Break                                                              |                       |
| The Pressure Within: Pulmonary Vascular Disease<br>Moderators: Dr. Muneer Mahdi + Dr. Reyadh Salman |                                                                                     |                       |
| 13:30 – 13:50                                                                                       | Pulmonary Hypertension Redefined: Understanding The 7th World Symposium Update      | Dr. Naser Al-Busaidi  |
| 13:50 – 14:10                                                                                       | Pulmonary Hypertension Clinic: Bahrain Experience                                   | Dr. Aysha Ahmed       |
| 14:10 – 14:30                                                                                       | Therapeutic Approaches in Group 2 to 5 Pulmonary Hypertension: What Actually Works? | Dr. Hani Sabbour      |
| 14:30 – 14:50                                                                                       | Targeted PH Therapy: What's Coming Next                                             | Prof. Majdy Idrees    |
| 14:50 – 15:05                                                                                       | Q&A                                                                                 |                       |
| 15:05 – 15:15                                                                                       | Coffee Break                                                                        |                       |
| 15:15 – 15:35                                                                                       | Industry Symposium                                                                  |                       |
| Invisible Invaders: Pulmonary Infection<br>Moderators: Dr. Safa Al-Khawaja + Dr. Mohamed Makhloq    |                                                                                     |                       |
| 15:35 – 15:55                                                                                       | Pulmonary TB: New Guidelines, New Era                                               | Dr. Naser Salman      |
| 15:55 – 16:15                                                                                       | Surgical Management of Pulmonary Infections                                         | Dr. Ghassan Al-Faqawi |
| 16:15 – 16:35                                                                                       | Fungal Foes: New Threats, New Diagnostics                                           | Dr. Rawan Al Agha     |
| 16:35 – 16:50                                                                                       | Q&A                                                                                 |                       |
| 16:50 – 17:00                                                                                       | Recap & Closing of the Day                                                          | Dr. Muneer Mahdi      |

## Day 2 : Friday ( 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026)

| 08:00 – 08:30                                                                                          | Registration & Welcome                                              |                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Breathing Matters: Airway Disease II<br>Moderators: Dr. Bassam Mahboub + Dr. Nasser Al-Busaidi         |                                                                     |                          |
| 08:30 – 08:50                                                                                          | Catching COPD Before it Catches You                                 | Dr. Amit Panjwani        |
| 08:50 – 09:10                                                                                          | The Power of Three in One: Transforming COPD Outcome                | Dr. Mansoor Hameed       |
| 09:10 – 09:30                                                                                          | Eosinophils & More                                                  | Dr. Abdulrahman Almadani |
| 09:30 – 09:50                                                                                          | CRSwNP: What the Pulmonologists Should Know                         | Dr. Tasabeeh Abduljabbar |
| 09:50 – 10:00                                                                                          | Q&A                                                                 |                          |
| 10:00 – 10:20                                                                                          | Industry Symposium                                                  |                          |
| 10:20 – 10:30                                                                                          | Break                                                               |                          |
| Scars of Breath: Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD)<br>Moderators: Dr. Naser Behbehani + Dr. Salih Gabani |                                                                     |                          |
| 10:30 – 10:50                                                                                          | IPF: Where Do We Stand?                                             | Dr. Alya Aldoseri        |
| 10:50 – 11:10                                                                                          | Antifibrotics for All? Expanding Indications                        | Dr. Hussain Redha        |
| 11:10 – 11:30                                                                                          | The Breaking Ground in Pulmonary Fibrosis: The Fibroneer Trials     | Dr. Sughra Alawi         |
| 11:30 – 11:40                                                                                          | Q&A                                                                 |                          |
| 11:40 – 12:00                                                                                          | Industry Symposium                                                  |                          |
| 12:00 – 13:30                                                                                          | Prayer Time & Lunch Break                                           |                          |
| The Fragile Lung: ICU Pulmonology<br>Moderators: Dr. Sana AlKhawaja + Dr. Mohamed Abdul Ghaffar        |                                                                     |                          |
| 13:30 – 13:50                                                                                          | Navigating the Storm: Modern Strategies in ARDS Management          | Dr. Sara Radhi           |
| 13:50 – 14:10                                                                                          | From Crisis to Cure: The ECMO Journey                               | Dr. Safa Al Taitoon      |
| 14:10 – 14:25                                                                                          | Q&A                                                                 |                          |
| Pediatric Pulmonary<br>Moderators: Dr. Osama Abdul Karim + Dr. Ali Ibrahim                             |                                                                     |                          |
| 14:25 – 14:45                                                                                          | Chronic Cough in Children                                           | Dr. Hesham Alekri        |
| 14:45 – 15:05                                                                                          | Beyond Symptom Management: New Disease Modifiers in Cystic Fibrosis | Dr. Husain Baqer         |
| 15:05 – 15:15                                                                                          | Q&A                                                                 |                          |
| 15:15 – 15:30                                                                                          | Break                                                               |                          |
| Lung on Fire: Cases That Teach<br>Moderators: Dr. Muneer Mahdi + Dr. Jalila Adnan + Dr. Nisha Chandran |                                                                     |                          |
| 15:30 – 15:50                                                                                          | When the Lungs Speak in White                                       | Dr. Mohammed Redha       |
| 15:50 – 16:10                                                                                          | When Classic Signs Deceive                                          | Dr. Hussain Merza        |
| 16:10 – 16:30                                                                                          | A Barrage in the Chest: The Mystery of the Cannonballs              | Dr. Ahmed Radhi          |
| 16:30 – 16:45                                                                                          | Q&A                                                                 |                          |
| 16:45 – 17:00                                                                                          | Recommendations & Closing                                           |                          |

# PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS



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## Day 1 : Thursday ( 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026)



14:00-15:00

Thoracic Emergency Imaging workshop

Dr. Jalila Adnan

## Day 2 : Friday ( 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026)



10:00 - 11:00

Make your Patient Breath Better: Basic Mechanical Ventilation Workshop

Dr. Fatema Abbas  
Ms. Narjis Sabt

14:00 - 15:00

Spirometry Workshop: From Technique to Interpretation

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