

NAAMA 35th International Medical Convention

***Transforming Patient Care:
Bridging Innovation and Clinical
Practice Across Borders***

In collaboration with Faculty of Medicine,
University of Lisbon

July 3 – July 5, 2026
Lisbon, Portugal



Scientific Program Schedule

Main CME Program

Day 1 – Saturday, July 4, 2026

Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon, Portugal

8:00 – 8:10 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks Nidal Moukaddam, MD, PhD (NAAMA President) & Raed Al-Naser, MD (Convention Chair)	
8:10 – 8:35 AM	A Brief Historical Review of Portuguese Medical Education Sofia Reimão, MD, PhD Neuroradiology	0.5 CME
8:35 – 9:00 AM	Conflict-Responsive Clinical Mobility for Disrupted Medical Education: A Trinity College Dublin Initiative Colin Doherty, MD Neurology	0.5 CME
9:00 – 9:25 AM	The Missing Curriculum: The Four Domains and Twelve Pillars of Professional Success in Medicine Omar Lattouf, MD Cardiothoracic Surgery	0.5 CME
9:25 – 10:00 AM	Keynote Address–Conflict Medicine: The Cost of Duty Mohammed Tahir, MD Orthopedic Surgery, CEO Al Risaleh Foundation	0.5 CME

10:00 AM – 10:20 AM Coffee Break

10:20 – 10:45 AM	From Clinic to Policy: A Role We Weren't Trained For Ibrahim Sablaban, DO Psychiatry & Addiction Medicine	0.5 CME
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10:45 - 11:10 AM	Pediatric Hospital Medicine: A Care Model, Not Just a Specialty Zuhair Alsakaji, MD Pediatrics	0.5 CME
11:10 - 11:35 AM	From a Facebook page to a global mission: The Journey of JAPA Maen Hussein, MD Hematology-Oncology	0.5 CME
11:35 - 12:00 PM	Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Field of Psychiatry Zina Meriden, MD Psychiatry	0.5 CME
12:00 - 12:25 PM	Management of Refractory Depression Filipa Novais, MD Psychiatry	0.5 CME
12:25 - 12:50 PM	Functional Neurological Disorder: A Common Neuropsychiatric Condition Hiding in Plain Sight Souraya Torbey, MD Psychiatry	0.5 CME
12:50 - 1:15 PM	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Knowledge and Attitudes among Refugees and their Healthcare Workers in Lebanon Judy Effendi and Luna Samman NAAMA NextGen	0.5 CME



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Day 2 – Sunday, July 5, 2026

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8:00 – 8:25 AM	AI Role in Improving Outcomes in Complex Endovascular Aneurysm Repair Mahmoud Malas, MD Vascular Surgery	0.5 CME
8:25 – 8:50 AM	Robotics and AI in Surgery and Medicine Raed Alnajjar, MD Cardiothoracic Surgery	0.5 CME
8:50 – 9:15 AM	The Modern Doctor and Algorithmic Conscience: Islamic Ethics in the Age of AI Medicine Hassan Bencheqroun, MD, MBA Pulmonology	0.5 CME
9:15 – 9:40 AM	New Frontiers in Airway Disease: Asthma, COPD, and Emerging Therapies Nicola Hanania, MD, MS Pulmonology	0.5 CME
9:40 – 10:05 AM	Plenary Speaker: Improving Access to Care With an Intelligent Control Plane Taha Kass-Hout, MD, MS Cardiology, Chief Science and Technology Browser	0.5 CME

10:05 – 10:25 AM Coffee Break

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10:25 – 10:50 AM	Exertional Dyspnea: VCD vs Asthma Bassel Salman, MD Pediatric Pulmonology	0.5 CME
10:50 – 11:15 AM	Understanding Menopause and Metabolic Health in Arab American Women Anna Cabeça, DO Obstetrics and Gynecology	0.5 CME
11:15 – 11:40 AM	Renal Cell Carcinoma: State of Research and Future Directions Nizar Tannir, MD, FACP Oncology	0.5 CME
11:40 – 12:05 PM	Minimally Invasive, Non-Surgical Management of Thyroid Tumors Sina Jasim, MD, MPH Endocrinology	0.5 CME
12:05 – 12:30 PM	Bad Liver, Good Liver Rui Tato Marinho, MD, PhD Gastroenterology	0.5 CME
12:30 – 12:55 PM	Metabolic Syndrome: Evolution, Impact, Prognosis, and New Management Tarek Hassanein, MD Gastroenterology	0.5 CME

Closing Remarks



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