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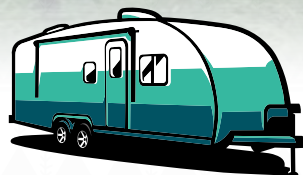
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Introduction to the Scientific Programme



The SPIDS week 2026 Scientific Program is Thoughtfully structured into 4 main Categories. These categories include the Scientific Segment, which is arranged into sessions or symposia, Open forum discussions, Research, and educational sessions. Furthermore, for the first time, and in -line with this year's theme of Saudi Arabia 2026 – The Year of AI was introduced. Additionally, the program includes a carefully crafted Professional, career- oriented inspiring and ethically ground presentations. That said, there are few outlier segments or the "Grab Bag" items that don't neatly fit into any single theme. These are often an out - of - the - box, creative sessions, designed to add a splash of fun, surprises and creativity to the overall experience.

1- Scientific Sessions/Symposia:

40 – 90 minutes, including Q & A session

2-4 talks (2-4 speakers)

2 chairpersons

Each session/symposium consists of a focused topics built around a specific domain or track in the field and features a specialised presentations that are delivered by experts Physicians in the track. SPIDS week covers 15 unparalleled sessions in different tracks. Tracks are color-coded in the program to ease navigation.

Featured Sessions in SPIDS week 2026:

SPIDS Fashion Show

For the first time at SPIDS Week, science meets creativity in an engaging and unconventional experience. The SPIDS Fashion Show presents the latest advances in antimicrobial stewardship, emerging therapies, and innovative concepts through a dynamic and visually inspiring format designed to educate, engage, and leave a lasting impression.

Expect the Unexpected

Medicine is full of surprises, and so is this session. Expect the Unexpected challenges participants with intriguing clinical scenarios, unexpected diagnoses, and interactive discussions that promote critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and collaborative decision-making in Pediatric Infectious Diseases.

SPIDS Caravan

More than a journey, the SPIDS Caravan represents our commitment to bringing knowledge, collaboration, and innovation to every destination. As the signature theme of Season 6, the Caravan guides participants through unique scientific experiences, interactive sessions, and inspiring discoveries, reflecting the spirit of exploration that defines SPIDS Week.

2- Open Forum:

20 – 30 minutes, including Q & A session

2-4 Panellists and 1 session lead

2 chairpersons

A Knowledge sharing and an open dialogue between senior experts that don't take the shape of a formal presentation. A remarkable example is the powerful and inspiring "Meet the Experts" and the entertaining show of "A Day with the Stewardship Pager.

3- Research session:

50 minutes, 3 oral Abstract presenters and speaker

2 chairpersons

Abstract participants can present their Pending (published) research orally or showcase their work in the Exhibition as ePosters. They're one step away from publishing their work in one of the leading National Journals who partner with SPIDS week to advance the local research.

4- Education sessions:

30 – 45 minutes, 2- 3 speakers

2 Chairpersons

Educational sessions, often referred to as "Afternoon delight", feature a non-traditional way of learning, and offer a learning experience in a more relaxed, engaging and inspiring way. These out-of-the-box sessions have been the signature of SPIDS week over the years. Most notable this year are: "R.E.D B.O.O.K On, step-By-Step Education" and SPIDS Week Annual Competition

5- Spotlight:

SPIDS Annual award:

A prestigious honor presented each year to a distinguished health professional or expert whose work significantly contributes to the theme of that year's SPIDS Week.

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6- Special Features:

SPIDS week Named Lecture:

A distinguished keynote presentation established to honor the pioneering work of a health professional whose contributions have had a profound and a lasting impact on the field.

Young SPIDS:

This year marks a bold new step with the introduction of the "Young SPIDS" session, an initiative born again from our 2026 theme of Innovation. You will see them take the stage as speakers, presenters, moderators, and active contributors across the program. Their voices aren't just welcomed-They're essential.

TRACKS:

- CLN** Clinical
- DX** Diagnostics
- IPC** Infection Prevention and Control
- ASP** Antimicrobial Stewardship
- VAX** Vaccinology and Immunology
- PHE** Public Health and Emerging infections
- RSH** Research and Publications
- SFS** SPIDS Fashion Show
- ETU** Expect the Unexpected
- SC** SPIDS Caravan

Scientific Programme

Tuesday, 29 September 2026

Day 1



08:15 AM	Early Conference Check-In Welcoming coffee
08:20 AM	Welcome Address/ Opening Speech SPIDS Team
Session 1 Sepsis 2026 Practice-Changing: Insights You Can't Ignore CLN DX IPC ASP	
Chairs	Prof. Abdulrahman Alnemri Dr. Abdulrahman Alghamdi
08:30 AM	AI in Sepsis Management: Early Detection and Treatment Dr. Laila Alawdah
08:50 AM	Pediatric Surviving Sepsis Guidelines in 2026: What's New and Why? Dr. Nawaf Aldajani Dr. Ibrahim Alhelali Prof. Muhammad Halawani International TBD
09:30 AM	Neonatal Sepsis: Fighting Infection in The First Days of Life Dr. Zainab Al Nujaimy
09:55 AM	Q & A with Luminaries (TEA Time)
10:05 AM	Refreshment Break
10:15 AM	Opening Ceremony and SPIDS Annual Award
Session 2 The AI health continuum: New Avenues for AI in Infectious Diseases PHE	
Chairs	Prof. Ibrahim Bin Hussain Dr. Abdullah Alqwizani
10:45 AM	AI Transforming Healthcare in Saudi Arabia Dr. Khalid Alqumaizi
11:05 AM	Digital Healthcare Ecosystems Dr. Abdulaziz Alhomod
11:25 AM	AI In infectious diseases Surveillance Dr. Suliman Alghnam
11:50 AM	Q & A with Luminaries (TEA Time)
12:00 PM	Lunch and Prayer (Exhibition)
Session 3 Plumbing the Depths – The Hidden World of pediatric infectious diseases CLN DX	
Chairs	Dr. Abdulrahman Alqahtani Dr. Alaa Almulhem
01:00 PM	Sexually transmitted infections: typing to therapy Dr. Tarik Alazraqi

01:25 PM	Community- acquired pneumonia: know your enemies, treat them well Dr. Alaa Aljuaid
01:40 PM	PID controversies: Antibiotic dilemma in respiratory tract infection Dr. Mohammed Alaboud Dr. Mohammed Alshahrani
02:05 PM	Milk matters: Brucella risk and practical approach in management Dr. Mubarak Alshamrani
02:30 AM	Q & A with Luminaries (TEA Time)
02:40 AM	Refreshment Break
Session 4 Hot topics in PID with Young SPIDS Café DX ASP VAX ETU	
Chairs	Dr. Hassan Kurdi Dr. Tasneem Zaidan
02:50 PM	Is there an ECHO in Here? Stewardship of TTEs for Bacteremia Dr. Sara lary
03:00 PM	Bronchoscopy diagnosis for infectious disease Dr. Saeed Omair
03:10 PM	Are Inhaled Antibiotics Useful for Prevention or Treatment of Pneumonia Dr. Abduelah Algethami
03:20 PM	Are Intrathecal and Intravitreal Antimicrobials Useful? Dr. Abdulrahman Awil
03:30 PM	Young SPIDS Café Dr. Dayel Alsharani Dr. Mohamed Al Shehri
03:40 PM	Flash Card
03:50 PM	Not the consult I expected this afternoon. Panic vs calm TBD
04:00 AM	Refreshment Break
04:10 PM	State of Art : Pneumococcal Vaccine Update Prof. Abdulrahman Almazrou
04:30 PM	Bwodouh Podcast Dr. Musaad Alharbi

Afternoon Delight

05:00 PM Day 1 Recap

Scientific Programme

Wednesday, 30 September 2026

Day 2



08:00 AM Welcoming coffee

Session 1 From Global to Local: The New Face of Threats to Public Health

CLN IPC PHE

Chairs
Dr. Ali Alsheri
Dr. Abdullah Alqarni

08:30 AM **Hospital Outbreak Control Management: through the eyes of Infectious diseases physician**
Dr. Ibrahim Asiri

08:50 AM **Lessons from Recent Global Outbreaks (Hantavirus/Ebola/Dengue)**
Dr. Majed Althaqfi

09:30 AM **The Paradox of Progress: Why Pertussis Still Matters in 2026**
Dr. Mohammad Al Ghounaim

09:55 AM **Q & A with Luminaries (TEA Time)**

10:05 AM **Refreshment Break**

Session 2 Cutting - Edge Diagnostics in Pediatrics

DX ETU

Chairs
Dr. Nouf Alfraydi
Prof. Mohammed Alayed

10:15 AM **AI-Assisted Diagnosis of Pediatric Infections**
Dr. Yahya Shabi

10:35 AM **Metagenomic Sequencing for Unknown Infections**
Prof. Ali Somali

11:00 AM **Moving from culture to Rapid Molecular Diagnostics in ID**
Dr. Ali Hawan

11:25 AM **Tips and tricks for PID imaging interpretation**
Dr. Mohammed Algathradi

11:50 AM **Q & A with Luminaries (TEA Time)**

12:00 PM **Not the consult I expected last night. Panic vs calm**
Dr. Abdulrahman Alharbi

12:10 PM **Lunch and Prayer (Exhibition)**

Session 3 SPIDS week contest

CLN DX ASP VAX

Chairs
Dr. Raidan Alyazidi

01:00 PM **SPIDS week contest**
Dr. Hassan Kurdi
Dr. Muath Almubarak

Session 4 Infection in Immunocompromised Candidacy: Hard Lines or Gray Zones?

CLN DX ASP

Chairs
Dr. Hebah Alameer

01:40 PM **Challenging consults in clinical immunocompromised (Meet the expert)**
Prof. Ibrahim Binhussain
Dr. Dayel Alsharani
Dr. Alaa Albishri
Dr. Fatimah Zabbani

02:10 PM **Approaches to C.diff prevention management and treatment in the immunocompromised host**
Dr. Musaed ALharbi

02:35 PM **Little patients, big challenges: tackling infection in SCD**
Dr. Hyder Arishi

03:00 PM **One Battle After Another: But Basidiobolomycosis persists**
Dr. Nabil Aldayhi

03:25 PM **Q & A with Luminaries (TEA Time)**

03:45 AM **Refreshment Break**

Session 5 Rapid Fire Abstracts Session: "Don't Touch That" and Other Professional Advice

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Chairs
Dr. Amal Alfaraj

03:45 PM **Featured oral abstracts**
TBD

04:25 PM **Year in Review: Top Infectious Diseases Journal Articles From 2025**
Dr. Hilal ALhashami

Afternoon Delight

04:50 PM Day 2 Recap

Scientific Programme

Thursday, 01 October 2026

Day 3



08:00 AM Welcoming coffee

Session 1 Antimicrobial Stewardship Across the Continuum of Pediatric Care

Chairs Dr. Nada Bukhary

08:30 AM AI-Guided Antimicrobial Prescribing/ Predicting Antimicrobial Resistance TBD

08:55 AM A Day Combining the Stewardship Pager and Handshake Rounds:
Dr. Raidan Alyazidi
Dr. Fatimah AlDubaisi
Dr. Ali Alnajmi
Dr. Ahmed Albishri

09:25 AM Leading the Charge: Advancing Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship, One Child at a Time
Dr. Omar Alzomor

09:50 AM Q & A with Luminaries (TEA Time)

09:55 AM Refreshment Break

10:05 AM Not the consult I expected this morning. Panic vs calm
Dr. Rhaf Mohammed Bahomeed

Session 2 Old Foes, New Strategies in Tropical diseases

Chairs Dr. Tahani Maashi
Dr. Mohamed Alhazmi

10:15 AM Advances in Pediatric Malaria Prevention and Control and management
Dr. Mohammad Daghriri

10:40 AM Leishmaniasis in the Middle East: New Diagnostics and Treatment
Dr. Abdulrahman ALodayani

11:05 AM Salmonellosis treatment conundrums - Not Always Black & White
Dr. Ahmed Aljarie

11:30 AM State of art: Capitalizing on Every Opportunity to Protect Children from Influenza
Dr. Sahar Aldossary

11:50 AM Q & A with Luminaries (TEA Time)

12:00 AM SPIDS WEEK Digest

12:10 PM Lunch and Prayer (Exhibition)

01:00 AM SPIDS Honoring (Abstracts and oral presentation winners)

Session 3 Learn on the go

Chairs Dr. Muath Al Mubarak
Dr. Ahmed saleem

01:20 PM RED BOOK ON: Step-by-step Education
Catch Your Breath: Exposure to TB
Revenge of the Syph: Congenital Syphilis Diagnostics, and Treatment

Breaking Down Silos: Practical Skills for Treating exposed infant for HIV mother
Dr. Eman Ghazwani
Dr. Faten Basnawi
Dr. Khalid Alshaikh

01:50 PM State of the Art
TBD

02:10 PM Q & A with Luminaries (TEA Time)

02:20 AM Refreshment Break

Session 4 Off the Beaten Path: SPIDS fashion show

Chairs TBD

02:30 PM Spore Wars:
New Antimicrobial in the Pipelien
Dr. Ebrahim Helal Alsaadoon

02:45 PM New World Screwworm
Dr. Amal Alfaraj

03:00 PM Novel Assays and Biomarkers in Infectious Disease Detection
Dr. Roaa Abdullah Zailaie

03:15 PM Q & A with Luminaries (TEA Time)

03:25 AM SPIDS week Announcement
SPIDS Team

03:35 PM Closing Remarks

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