

**“The Conference on Clinical Trials Transformation: Unraveling the Future”**

**King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre (KFSHRC)-Riyadh**

**Monday 19 January 2026**

08:30 – 09:00	<b>Refreshment and Registration</b>	
<b>Conference Opening</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Suggested Speakers and Special Comments</b>
09:00-09:02	Holy Quran	Recorded
09:02-09:10	Welcome to the Conference	<b>Abdulrazaq S. Al-Jazairi, Pharm.D., MBA, FCCP, BCPS (AQ-Cardiology)</b> Conference President King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre
09:10 – 09:15	Opening Remarks	<b>Prof. Jackeyiru Ying</b> Chief Innovation & Research Officer Research and Innovation King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre
09:15-09:30	Opening Ceremony	<b>Bjorn Zoega, MD</b> Deputy Chief Executive Officer King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre
09:30-10:00	Recognition of Sponsors and Clinical Trials Contribution Award Announcement	<b>Bjorn Zoega, MD</b> Deputy Chief Executive Officer King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre
<p><b>Session I: Keeping Saudi Arabia on the Edge in Advanced Biotechnology Research</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Abdulrazaq Aljazairi</b></p> <p>Director; Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative Division</p> <p>Research and Innovation</p> <p>King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre</p>		
10:00-10:30	<b>Keynote Speech: Addressing the Geopolitical Environment in Relation to Robustly Conducting Clinical Trials</b>	<b>Henry Wei, MD</b> Head of Development Innovation Regeneron New York, United States
10:30-11:00	<p><b>Panel discussion: Regulatory Frameworks and National Strategies: Enabling Advanced Biotechnology and Clinical Trials in Saudi Arabia</b></p> <p><b>Henry Wei, MD</b> Head of Development Innovation Regeneron New York, United States</p> <p><b>Sami Al-Qarawi, MD, PhD</b> Sr. General Manager General Department of Biotechnology Development Royal Commission for Riyadh City Kingdome of Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Khalid AlBurikan, Pharm D</b> Deputy Minister of Health for Investment Ministry of Health Kingdome of Saudi Arabia</p>	

	<p><b>Ibrahim Alsubaihi, MD</b> Executive Director, Clinical Trials Saudi National Institute of Health Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Omaima Arab, Pharm D</b> Head, The Registration and Follow-Up Section i Clinical Trials Department Drug Sector Saudi Food &amp; Drug Authority</p>
11:00-11:30	<b>Networking</b>
11:30-12:00	<p><b>Session Chairs:</b> <b>Dr. Ali Alshehri</b> Deputy Chief Education &amp; Training Officer Education &amp; Training King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre</p> <p><b>Dr. Abdulrazaq Aljazairi</b> Director; Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative Division Research and Innovation King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre</p>
	<p><b>Panel discussion: Operational Resilience: How Hospitals and Pharma Navigate Geopolitical Pressures to Sustain High-Quality Clinical Trials?</b></p> <p><b>Henry Wei, MD</b> Head of Development Innovation Regeneron Tarrytown, New York, United States</p> <p><b>Hazzaa Alzahrani, MD</b> Consultant, General Hematology Hematology, Stem Cell Transplant &amp; Cellular Therapy Cancer Center of Excellence King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre</p> <p><b>Waleed Alhazzani, MD</b> Consultant, CEO of the Scientific Research Center Ministry of Defense Health Services</p> <p><b>Khalid AlMoaikeel, MBA, MS, PhD</b> Senior Director of Venture Traction Redesign Health</p> <p><b>Abdulrahman Alshagawi</b> Head of Clinical Operations - Middle East Thermo Fisher Scientific</p>
12:00-01:00	<b>Prayer and Lunch</b>
	<p><b>Session II: Accelerating Biotechnology Impact: Learning from Successes and Addressing Persistent Barriers</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Dr. Fowzan Alkuraya</b> Chief Medical and Genomics Officer Lifera Omics Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Dr. Rayid Abdulqawi</b> Chairman Of Lung Health Centre</p>

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01:00-01:10	Utilization of Biotechnology and innovation in Chronic non-communicable diseases	<b>Wesam Soliman</b> Research Country Manager-Global Drug Development Global Drug Development Novartis Saudi Company Ltd.
01:10-01:20	Utilization of Biotechnology and innovation in rare diseases	<b>Srinivas Chunduru, MD</b> Chief Scientific Officer EveryONE Medicines Massachusetts, United States
01:20-01:30	Utilization of Biotechnology and innovation in oncology/hematology diseases	<b>Farid Askar</b> Country Medical Director Medical Affairs, Clinical Research Roche
01:30-02:00	<p><b>Panel discussion: Biotechnology Breakthroughs: Why the Momentum is not Matching the Promise?</b></p> <p><b>Srinivas Chunduru, MD</b> Chief Scientific Officer EveryONE Medicines Massachusetts, United States</p> <p><b>Sascha Berger, PhD.</b> Founder &amp; Managing Director Berger Invest</p> <p><b>Nada Aljassim, PhD.</b> Strategy Leader and Executive Manager Biotechnology and Health Strategy Office Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Robert Gal, MD, EMBA</b> Chief Executive Officer Al Rajhi Pharma. Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Nouf Alrasheed, PhD, CABP</b> Senior Clinical Scientist Hematopathology &amp; Transfusion Medicine Department King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre</p> <p><b>Khaled Sehly</b> Director, Market Access &amp; Govt. Affairs Lead GCC at Bristol Myers Squibb Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Abdulaziz A AlSayyari, Ph.D, MBA</b> Managing Partner Biotech &amp; Regulatory Ventures (BiSynergic) Saudi Arabia</p>	
	<p><b>Session III: Exploring new Landscape for Complex and Challenging Clinical Trials</b></p> <p><b>Session Chairs:</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Badr Albawardy</b> Deputy Executive Director Medical Centre of Excellence King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre</p>	

	<b>Dr. Sakra Balhareth</b> Senior Clinical Trials Specialist Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative Division Research and Innovation King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre	
02:00-02:15	From Idea to Impact: Building a Seamless Research Value Chain for the Future	<b>Prof. Jackieyiru Ying</b> Chief Innovation & Research Officer Research and Innovation King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre
02:15-02:30	Conducting Clinical Trials: Effective Collaboration and Alignment Across the Globe	<b>Summer Starling, DrPH, MPH</b> Senior Manager, Strategic Operations Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative (CTTI) Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) North Karolina- United Stats
02:30 – 03:00	<b>Panel Discussion: Global Alignment in Complex Trials: What True Collaboration Really Requires</b>  <b>Summer Starling, DrPH, MPH</b> Senior Manager, Strategic Operations Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative (CTTI) Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) North Karolina- United States  <b>Ahmed Alaskar, MD</b> Executive Director King Abdullah International Medical Research Center (KAIMRC),  <b>Mohammad Bazarbashi, MD</b> Consultant, Genitourinary & Gastrointestinal Oncology Cancer Center of Excellence King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre  <b>Rania Alhawas, Ph.D. MS.</b> Sr. Medical Director-Country Lead Lilly  <b>Hazem El Ashry, Ph.D, M.Sc., MBA</b> Associate Director, Head of Medical Evidence Generation & Delivery Team – AstraZeneca GCC countries & Pakistan cluster  <b>Mohamed Mostafa</b> Chief Executive Officer, Pharmaceutical Development Company PDC-CRO	
03:00-03:15	<b>Prayer and Refreshment</b>	
	<b>Session IV: Enabling Technology to Shape the Future</b> <b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Ahmad Abusalah, PhD.</b> Director Of Digital Innovation Hub Healthcare Information Technology Affairs Department King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre  <b>Fadi Smeirat</b> Partner, MENA Life Sciences Leader EY Consulting	
03:15-03:30	Challenges and Opportunities of Integrating AI into Clinical Trials and Regulatory Approval	<b>Tala H. Fakhouri, Ph.D., M.P.H</b> Vice President, Regulatory Consulting: AI & Digital Policy, Real-World Research

		Parexel Bethesda, Maryland, United States
03:30-4:00	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Pivotal Role of AI, regulation innovation, improving compliance, acceptable approaches</b></p> <p><b>Tala H. Fakhouri, Ph.D., M.P.H</b> Vice President, Regulatory Consulting: AI &amp; Digital Policy, Real-World Research Parexel Bethesda, Maryland, United States</p> <p><b>Abdulaziz Alhomod, MD</b> Chief Innovation Officer Seha Virtual Hospital Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Salman Alasiry</b> VP of Law, Ethics &amp; Compliance Hevolution Foundation Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Fahad Alsaawi</b> Chief Data Scientist LEAN Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Petros Kotsidis</b> Chief Digital Officer Healthcare Information Technology Affairs Department King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre</p>	
4:00-05:00	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>	

**Preconference Activities on January 18, 2026:**

**Workshops:**

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Day	Time	Topics	Speaker
<p><b>Session Chair</b>  <b>Roa'a Al-Gain, Pharm.D, EMBA, CPEL, BCPS</b>                      Director, Pharmaceutical Care Division                      Pharmaceutical Care Division                      King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre-Madinah</p>			
18 January	10:00-12:00	<p><b>Research Innovation Enterprise: Turning Research into Real-World Solutions</b></p>	<p><b>Jeffrey S. Glenn, MD, PhD</b>                      Director, Center for Hepatitis and Liver Tissue Engineering                      Director, ViRx@Stanford--Stanford Biosecurity and Pandemic Preparedness Initiative                      Stanford University School of Medicine                      California, United States</p> <p><b>Edward A Pham, M.D., Ph.D</b>                      Deputy Director ViRx@Stanford                      Stanford Biosecurity and Pandemic Preparedness Initiative                      Stanford University School of Medicine                      California, United States</p>
	13:30 – 15:30		<p><b>Jeffrey S. Glenn, MD, PhD</b>                      Stanford University                      California, United States</p> <p><b>Edward A Pham, M.D., Ph.D</b>                      Deputy Director ViRx@Stanford                      Stanford Biosecurity and Pandemic Preparedness Initiative                      Stanford University School of Medicine                      California, United States</p>
18 January	10:00-12:00	<p><b>From Bench to Bedside and Back: Connecting Scientists with Clinical Researchers</b></p>	<p><b>Ali Alzahrani, MD</b>                      Consultant, Endocrinology                      Medical Center Of Excellence                      King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre</p>
	13:30 – 15:30		<p><b>Muhammad Suhail Anwar, MD</b>                      Consultant, General Oncology                      Cancer Centre of Excellence                      King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre</p> <p><b>Hazem Ghebeh, PhD.</b>                      Senior Scientist                      Research Laboratories Department                      Research and Innovation                      King Faisal Specialist Hospital &amp; Research Centre</p>

## Touring KFSHRC Research Facility, Prior Registration Required

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This exclusive tour is designed for researchers, scientists, investors, and pharmaceutical industry professionals who are interested in understanding King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre's (KFSHRC) legacy and cutting-edge research capabilities. The tour focuses on advanced research infrastructure and strategic innovation initiatives.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Explore state-of-the-art laboratories and specialized research units.
- Learn about groundbreaking projects and translational research programs.
- Engage with experts and ask questions about research collaborations, commercialization pathways, and future opportunities.

### General Tour Highlights

The general tour will include:

- **Red Carpet Experience:** Celebrating KFSHRC's 50 years of excellence in healthcare, showcasing its legacy and contributions to medical advancement.
- **Capacity Command Centre:** A strategic hub designed to optimize hospital operations and improve patient outcomes. The Command Centre leverages Evidence-Based Practices (EBP), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and advanced algorithms to monitor services, enhance process mapping, address internal and external risks, and implement interventions based on data trends and demand. This transformation aligns with Saudi Vision 2030, ensuring resource efficiency and operational excellence.
- **Clinical Research Department:** The hub for designing and executing clinical trials, ensuring global standards and ethical rigor.

### Specialized Research Tours

After the general tour, participants can select one of the following one-hour specialized tours based on their interest:

1. **Center for Genomic Medicine:** Established in 2011, the Medical Genetics Program is the country's leading tertiary referral center for genetic diseases. It provides diagnosis and treatment for a wide range of genetic disorders, specializing in lysosomal storage disorders through stem cell transplantation and

enzyme replacement therapy. The program also pioneered the first independent genetic counseling service and prevention genetics program in Saudi Arabia.

2. **Animal Research Facility:** Explore KFSHRC's advanced animal research facility, which supports translational research and preclinical studies essential for developing innovative therapies and improving patient care.