



CCAD’S 1st THORACIC ONCOLOGY SYMPOSIUM 2025

28 – 29 NOV 2025 | CLEVELAND CLINIC ABU DHABI



AGENDA

DAY 1 - FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 28, 2025

14:30 - 15:20	Registration	
15:20 - 15:30	Welcome & Introduction Andres Obeso Usman Ahmad Stephen Grobmyer George Haber.	
	Updates in Lung Cancer Staging and pathology Moderators: Usman Ahmad, (UAE) Liu Wei, (China)	
15:30 - 15:45	9th Edition of the TNM Staging System for Lung Cancer: What Has Changed and Why?	Theodora Kereniti, (UAE)
15:45 - 16:00	Defining Complete Resection in Lung Cancer: Criteria, Challenges, and Prognostic Value.	Ricardo Terra, (Brazil)
16:00 - 16:15	Surgical mediastinal staging in the shadow of EBUS: still relevant or redudant?	Shair Ahmad, (UAE)
16:15 - 16:30	Molecular Biology in Lung Cancer Staging: A Complement to Traditional Anatomical Classification	TBC
16:30 - 16:45	Discussion Panel	
16:45 - 17:15	Coffee Break	
	Early Stage Lung Cancer Moderators: Zaid Zoumut, (UAE) Yu Zhentao, (China)	
17:15 - 17:30	Bronchoscopic Ablation for Early Stage Lung Tumors	Momen Wahidi, (USA)
17:30 - 17:45	Magement of pure GGO lesions: wedge or segmentectomy?	Michel Gonzalez, (Switzerland)
17:45 - 18:00	Updates in SBRT for stage I Lung cancer	Paul Ramia, (UAE)
18:00 - 18:15	Role of systemic adjuvant treatment in Stage I Lung Cancer	Emad Dawood, (UAE)
17:50 - 18:20	Discussion Panel	
	Navigating Thoracic Oncology in the Middle East: Regional Insights Moderators: Hussam Ismail, (UAE) Khaldoon Abo Dhaka, (UAE)	
18:30 - 18:40	Current Landscape and Challenges in Thoracic Oncology in Kuwait	Eissa Ghanem, (Kuwait)
18:40 - 18:50	State of Thoracic Oncology in Jordan: Advances and Future Directions	Riad Abdeljalil, (Jordan)
18:50 - 19:00	Thoracic Oncology in Oman: Progress and Perspectives	Yaseen Al Lawati, (Oman)
19:00 - 19:10	Preparing for the future in UAE: Carbon Ion Therapy	Fadi Geara, (UAE)
19:10 - 19:20	Discussion Panel	
	End of Day 1	

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DAY 2 - SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 29, 2025



08:30 - 09:00	Light Breakfast and Introductions	
	Locally Advanced Lung Cancer Moderators: Carla Hajj, (UAE) Usman Ahmad, (UAE)	
09:00 - 09:15	New therapeutic Paradigms in Resectable Stage II and III Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer	Ahmed Raza, (UAE)
09:15 - 09:30	Restaging after induction therapy: when, how, and who we should do it	Zhang Zhenfa, (China)
09:30 - 09:45	Technical Obstacles and repercussions in Lung Cancer Surgery Post-Induction Chemotherapy and Immunotherapy	Ricardo Terra, (Brazil)
09:45 - 10:00	Updates on Radiation for locally advanced Lung Cancer. Sequencing systemic therapies and beyond	Kenneth Rosensweig (USA)
10:00 - 10:15	Discussion Panel	
	Thoracic Tumor Board Moderators: Paul Ramia, (UAE) Yusuf Bayrak, (UAE)	
10:15 - 10:30	Case 1 - Stage III (N2b) Lung Cancer Ricardo Terra Ahmed Raza Kenneth Rosensweig Momen Wahidi Fan Xinglong	Parvin Akhmedov, (Russia)
10:30 - 10:45	Case 2 - Oligometastatic Lung Cancer Ricardo Terra Ahmed Raza Kenneth Rosensweig Momen Wahidi Fan Xinglong	Natalya Baghumyan, (Armenia)
10:45 - 11:00	Case 3 - Thymoma Ricardo Terra Ahmed Raza Kenneth Rosensweig Momen Wahidi Fan Xinglong	Mladja Savic, (Serbia)
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break	
	Non CME Industry Sessions Moderators: Andres Obeso, (UAE) Ibrahim Abu Ghaida, (UAE)	
11:30 - 12:00	J&J Industry Sponsored	Santiago Figueroa, (Spain)
12:00 - 12:20	MSD Industry Sponsored	Saeed Rafi, (UAE)
12:20 - 12:40	Astra Zeneca Industry Sponsored	TBD
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch Break	
	Innovations in Lung Cancer Moderators: Ali Wahla, (UAE) Eissa Ghanem, (Kuwait)	
13:40 - 13:55	Artificial Intelligence in Thoracic Oncology	Anna Minasyan, (Spain)
13:55 - 14:10	Dynamic prosthesis for chest wall reconstruction	Juan Carlos Trujillo, (Spain)
14:10 - 14:25	New advances on Interventional Pulmonology	Momen Wahidi, (USA)
14:25 - 14:40	Updates in Robotic applications in thoracic surgery	Arif Allakhverdiev, (Russia)
14:40 - 14:55	Discussion Panel	





	Mediastinum & Esophagus Debate Session: Early Stage Mesothelioma Moderators: Ashraf Alzaabi, (UAE), Dharmesh Gopalakrishnan, (UAE)	
15:00 - 15:10	Surgical and Multidisciplinary Treatment Approaches for Thymomas	Usman Ahmad, UAE
15:10 - 15:20	Management of Relapsed and Refractory Mediastinal Germ Cell Tumors	Parvin Akhmedov, (Russia)
15:20 - 15:30	Multimodal Treatment Strategies for Locally Advanced Esophageal Cancer	Shen Chunhui, (China)
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break	
	Pathology & Biological Club Moderators: Puja G. Khaitan, (UAE) Goran Salih, (UAE)	
16:00 - 16:15	STAS and Its Impact on Surgical Strategy in Lung Cancer	Korkut Bostanci, (Turkey)
16:15 - 16:30	TBD	TBD
16:30 - 16:45	Pathologic Response After Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy in Resectable NSCLC	Haytham Dimashkieh, (UAE)
16:45 - 17:00	Discussion Panel	
	Award Ceremony Moderators: Andres Obeso, (UAE) Nicolas Moreno, (Spain)	
17:00 - 17:15	Best Abstract Communications	TBC
17:15 - 17:30	Closing Remarks and Evaluation Andres Obeso, (UAE) Usman Ahmad, (UAE) Paul Ramia, (UAE)	
	End of Day 2	

