

7th Qatar International Epilepsy Course, September 26-28,  
2025

## Scientific Program (**Qatar Time**)

Day 1

Day 1: 26 September 2025

<b>Morning Sessions</b>		
07.30 AM- 08.00	<b>Morning coffee</b>	
07.45 AM- 08.00 AM	Opening Session	Dr B. Mesraoua (Qatar) Dr Hassan Al Hail (Qatar) Dr Ali Asadi- Pooya(USA) Dr Osama Elalamy (Qatar) Dr Ghanem Al Sulaiti (Qatar)
08.00 AM- 08.30 AM	<b>2025 Classification of Seizures</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Mesraoua B (Qatar) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Musab Ali (Qatar)
08.30AM - 08.40AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

08.40 AM- 09.10 AM	<b>Idiopathic Generalized Epilepsies:</b> Diagnosis and Treatment	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Ali A. Asadi-Pooya (USA) <b>Moderator</b> Dr O Elalamy (Qatar)
09.10 AM- 09.20 AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
09.20 AM- 09.50 AM	<b>Symptomatic Generalized Epilepsies:</b> West Syndrome, Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (Diagnosis and Treatment)	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Ruba Benini (Qatar) <b>Moderator</b> Rola Khodair (Qatar) <del>Dr Gayane Melikyan (Qatar)</del>
09.50 AM- 10.10 AM	<b>Q &amp; A and Coffee break</b>	
10.10 AM- 10.40 AM	<b>Autoimmune Epilepsies:</b> update on Diagnosis and Treatment	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Simona Lattanzi (USA ,Italy) <b>Moderator</b> Dr khaled Zammar (Qatar)
10.40AM - 10.50AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
10.50AM - 11.20AM	<b>New Onset Refractory Status Epilepticus (NORSE):</b> Clinical Presentation and Treatment	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Gayane Melikyan (Qatar) <b>Moderator</b> Dr H Al Hail (Qatar)
11.20AM - 11.30AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

11.30AM - 12.00PM	<b>Epilepsy and Pregnancy update</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Torbjörn Tomson (Sweden) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Abeer Sabry (Qatar)
12.00AM - 12.10PM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
12.10AM - 12.30PM	<b>Fasting During Ramadan in Epilepsy Patients</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr. Khaled Bassam Zammar (Qatar) <b>Moderator</b> Dr B Mesraoua (Qatar)
12.30AM - 02.00PM	<b>Q &amp; A and Lunch</b>	

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02.00 PM- 02.30 PM	<b>Artificial intelligence (AI) and seizure detection, diagnostic precision, and personalized treatment.</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Majd AbulRob (Qatar) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Yaser Osman (Qatar)
02.30 PM- 02.40 PM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
02.40 PM- 03.10 PM	<b>Epilepsy surgery in the Gulf Region:</b> educational needs and gaps, availability of epilepsy surgery units, Epilepsy fellowship training programs ...	<b>Speaker</b> Dr <b>Ghaieb Al Jandeel (Irak )</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Dr Musab Ali (Qatar)
03.10 PM- 03.20 PM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
03.20 PM- 03.50 PM	<b>Progressive Myoclonic Epilepsy</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Ahmed Beydoun (Lebanon) <b>Moderator:</b> Dr Fatima Mallat (Qatar)
03.50 PM- 04.10 PM	<b>Q &amp; A and coffee break</b>	
04.10 PM- 05.50 PM	<b>Special session 1. Imaging in Epilepsy :</b> 1. Introduction : Dr B Mesraoua (Qatar)(10 min)  2. Structural neuroimaging (CT, MRI) Dr Schuknecht (Switzerland) 45 min  3. Functional Neuroimaging (PET: positron emission tomography, fMRI) Dr Jerzy P. Szaflarski (USA) 45 min	<b>Moderator</b> Dr Mesraoua (Qatar)
05.50 PM- 06.10 PM	<b>Q &amp; A and general discussion</b>	

Day 2

# Day 2: 27th September 2025

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07.30 AM- 08.00 AM	<b>Morning coffee</b>	
08.00 AM- 08.30 AM	<b>ASMs withdrawal in patients with controlled seizures: Qatar study</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Naim Haddad (Qatar) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Rola Khodair (Qatar)

08.30 AM- 08.40 AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
08.40 AM- 09.10 AM	<b>Debate:</b> Does Cenobamate improve the stagnant outcomes (rate) of Drug-Resistant Epilepsy (DRE)? Dr Abou-Khalil: Yes (15 min) Dr Emilio Perucca: No (15 min)	<b>Moderator</b> Dr Mohammed Kubeissi (USA)
09.10 AM- 09.20 AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
09.20 AM- 09.50 AM	<b>Epilepsy Surgery in Drug-resistant Epilepsy:</b> Presurgical evaluation and surgery options	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Mohammed Kubeissi (USA) <b>Moderators</b> Dr Ghanem Al Sulaiti (Qatar) Dr Ali Ayad (Qatar)
09.50 AM- 10.00 AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
10.00 AM- 10.10 AM	<b>Coffee break</b>	
10.10 AM- 10.40 AM	<b>ASMs and Breastfeeding</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Torbjörn Tomson (Sweden) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Gayane M (Qatar)
10.40 AM- 10.50 AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
10.50 AM- 11.20 AM	<b>Update on Antiseizure Medications (ASMs)</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Abou Khalil (USA) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Ahmed Meer (Qatar)
11.20 AM- 11.30 AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

11.30 AM- 12.00 Noon	<b>Therapeutic Strategies for Epilepsy Treatment</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Simona Lattanzi (Italy) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Hassan Al Hail (Qatar)
12.00 AM- 12.10 PM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
12.10 NOON- 02.00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>A</b>		
02.00 PM- 02.30 PM	<b>Epilepsy in elderly</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Naim Haddad (Qatar) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Majd Abulrob (Qatar)
02.30 PM- 02.40 PM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

02.40 PM- 03.10 PM	<b>Precision therapies in epilepsy</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Emilio Perucca (Australia) <b>Moderator:</b> Dr Ali Asadi Pooya (USA)
03.10 PM- 03.20 PM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
03.20 PM 04.45 PM	<b>Special Session 2. Etiology of Functional Seizures</b>  1. Introduction: Dr Ali A. Asadi-Pooya (USA)(5 min)  2. Brain connectivity studies:Dr Jerzy P. Szaflarski, University of Alabama at Birmingham (USA)(40 min)  3. Genetic studies: Dr Ali A. Asadi-Pooya (USA) (40min)	<b>Moderator</b> Dr B Mesraoua (Qatar)
04.45 PM 04.50 PM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
04.50 PM 05.00 PM	<b>Coffee break</b>	

<p>05.00 PM 06.50 PM</p>	<p><b>Special session 3. Why does temporal lobe epilepsy surgery fails?</b></p> <p>1.Introduction: Dr B Mesraoua (10 min)</p> <p>2. Incomplete Resection: Dr Ahmed Beydoun (25 min)</p> <p>3. Generation of new epileptogenic foci, emergence of an occult epileptogenic focus: Dr Gonzalo Alarcon (25 min),</p> <p>3. Localization errors, Dual pathology: Dr Mohamad Koubeissi (25 min)</p> <p>4.Contralateral Seizure Relapse, Extratemporal Epilepsy mimiking TLE and other factors: Dr Abou-khalil (25 min)</p>	<p><b>Moderator</b> Dr Ghanem Al Sulaiti (Qatar) Dr Ali Ayyad (Qatar)</p>
<p>06.50 PM 07.00 PM</p>	<p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>	

## Day 3

Day 3: 28th September 2025

<p><b>orning Sessions</b></p>		
<p>08.00 AM 08.30 AM</p>	<p><b>Reflex epilepsy</b></p>	<p><b>Speaker</b> Dr Musab Ali (Qatar) <b>Moderator</b> Dr A Beydoun (Qatar)</p>

	08.30 AM 08.40 AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
	08.40 AM 09.20 AM	<b>SUDEP: Definition, epidemiology, and significance of education</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Torbjörn Tomson (Sweden) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Khaled Zammar (Qat
	09.20 AM 09.30 AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

09.30 AM 10.00 AM	<b>Cortical stimulation during epilepsy surgery</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Gonzalo Alarcon (United Kingdom) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Abou- Khalil (USA)
10.00 AM 10.10 AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
10.10 AM 10.20 AM	<b>Coffee break</b>	
10.20 AM 11.30 AM	<b>Special Session 4. Recent Epilepsy Treatments in the Pipeline</b>  1.Introduction: B Mesraoua (Qatar)(10 min)  2. Antiseizure medications in the pipeline: Dr Simona Lattanzi (Italy)(20 min)  3. Antiseizure devices in the pipeline: Dr Abou-Khalil (USA)(20 min)  4.Gene-based treatments in the pipeline: Dr Emilio Perucca (Australia)(20 min)	<b>Moderator</b> Dr Khaled Zammar (Qatar)
11.30 AM 11.40 AM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
11.40 AM 12.10 PM	<b>Epileptic Encephalopathies</b>	<b>Speaker</b> Ruba Benini (Qatar) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Rola Khodair (Qatar)
12.10 PM 12.20 PM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

12.20 PM 02.00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>A</b>		
02.00 PM 03.10 PM	<b>Genetic Testing for Epilepsy</b> 1. Introduction (Dr B Mesraoua , Qatar) (10 min)  2. Genetic testing in Qatar (Dr Tawfeg Ben Omran (30 min)  3. Genetic testing in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) (Dr Chanez Triki ,M.D.,(30 min)	<b>Moderator</b> Dr Gayane M (Qatar)
03.10 PM 03.20 PM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
03.20 PM 04.00 PM	Localizing and lateralizing features of auras and seizures	<b>Speaker</b> Dr Mohammed Kubeissi (USA) <b>Moderator</b> Dr Abou-khalil (USA)
04.00 PM 04.10 PM	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
04.10 PM 05.30 PM	<b>Epilepsy Case Presentations</b> 1. Vanderbilt Clinic (USA) (20 min) Dr Abou-Khalil 2. Washington University (USA) (20 min) Dr Mohamad Koubeissi 3. AUB (Lebanon) (20 min) Dr Ahmed Beydoun 4. HMC (Qatar) (20 min) Dr Musab ...	<b>Moderator</b> Dr Mesraoua (Qatar) Dr H AL Hail (Qatar) Dr Yaser (Qatar) Dr Khaled Zammar (Qatar)
05.30 PM 05.45 PM	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>	Dr Mesraoua (Qatar) Dr Hassan Al Hail (Qatar)