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NEUROIMAGING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 AL BARAHA 1

08:30-09:00 Registration

Neuroimaging Workshop		
09:00-09:25	The Visual Presentation: The Neuroimaging Examination of the Visual Pathway	M. Aboulwafa Ali (UK)
09:25-09:40	Case Practice	M. Aboulwafa Ali (UK)
09:40-10:05	Focal Neurological Presentations with Supratentorial White Matter Hyperintensities	M. Aboulwafa Ali (UK)
10:05-10:20	Case Practice	M. Aboulwafa Ali (UK)
10:20-10:45	Brainstem and Spinal Cord Clinical-Neuroradiological Syndromes	M. Aboulwafa Ali (UK)
10:45-11:00	Case Practice	M. Aboulwafa Ali (UK)

NEUROOPHTHALMOLOGY WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 AL BARAHA 2

08:30-09:00 Registration

Optical Coherent Tomography (OCT) and Neuro-ophthalmological Tools in Multiple Sclerosis		
09:00-09:30	Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) Use in Multiple Sclerosis: From Technique to Clinical Application: part 1	N. El Ayoubi (LB)
09:30-10:00	Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) Use in Multiple Sclerosis: From Technique to Clinical Application: part 2	N. El Ayoubi (LB)
10:00-10:30	The Use of Other Ancillary Neuro-Ophthalmological Testing in Multiple Sclerosis: VEP, Humphrey Visual Field, and OCT Angiography	F. Althekair (SA)
10:30-11:00	Clinical Case Scenarios: Integrating Clinical Presentation with OCT and Other Neuro-Ophthalmological Ancillary Testing	F. Althekair (SA)



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MENACTRIMS MEETINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 AL RIMAL

11:00-12:30

MENACTRIMS Board Meeting

12:30-13:30

MENACTRIMS General Assembly

PARADIGMS PRE-MENACTRIMS SYMPOSIUM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 AL BARAHA 1

13:30-14:00 Registration

Practical Strategies for Early Treatment and Detecting Progression in MS

Chair: B. Yamout (AE)

14:00-14:05	Welcome	B. Yamout (AE) & C. Oreja-Guevara (ES)
14:05-14:20	The Role of Microglia in Multiple Sclerosis: Implications for Treatment with Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors	H.P. Hartung (DE)
14:20-14:35	Prognostic Factors for Evaluation of MS Therapy in Treatment Naive Patients	M. Zakaria (EG)
14:35-14:50	How to Detect Progression in Multiple Sclerosis	C. Oreja-Guevara (ES)
14:50-15:00	Q&A and Panel Discussion	All faculty, facilitated by B. Yamout (AE)

NOVARTIS PRE-MENACTRIMS SYMPOSIUM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 AL BARAHA 1

15:00-15:30 Registration

Keeping Up With the Evolution of MS: Are We Using Anti-CD20s Early Enough?

Chair: R. Alroughani (KW)

15:30-15:45	MS is Evolving in the Treated Era: Are Current Interventions Meeting the Challenge?	H. Wiendl (DE)
15:45-16:00	What Do We Need to Know About Long-Term Anti-CD20 Therapy Use And Safety?	H. Wiendl (DE)
16:00-16:15	Anti-CD20 Therapy in Family Planning: What Do We Need to Know?	K. Hellwig (DE)
16:15-16:30	Q&A	H. Wiendl (DE), K. Hellwig (DE)



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MERCK MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS PRE-MENACTRIMS SYMPOSIUM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 AL BARAHA 1

16:30-17:00 Registration

Do the 2024 McDonald Criteria Benefit Differential Diagnosis?		
17:00-17:10	Welcome and Keybote Introduction	J. Oh (CA)
17:10-17:35	Current Markers: To What Degree Do PRLs Enhance MS Diagnosis?	J. Oh (CA)
17:35-18:00	Seeing Ms Differently: Does The Addition of the Optic Nerve Clarify or Complicate?	B. Yamout (AE)
18:00-18:25	To What Extent Do the Updated McDonald Criteria Differentiate MS from Other Conditions?	C. Oreja-Guevara (ES)
18:25-18:50	Earlier Diagnosis, Earlier Treatment: Do Prognostic Factors Still Have a Role in 2025?	M. Zakaria (EG)
18:50-19:00	Audience Q&A and Meeting Close	All speakers, moderated by J. Oh (CA)



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TENTH MENACTRIMS CONGRESS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025 MAIN HALL

08:00-09:00 Registration & Morning Coffee

09:00-10:15 Session I: NMOSD and MOGAD Updates Chairs: E. Shosha (SA), N. Grigoriadis (GR)		
09:00-09:20	MOGAD: Update on Diagnosis and Treatment	S. Daoudi (DZ)
09:20-09:40	NMOSD: The Updated IPND 2025 Diagnostic Criteria	D. Wingerchuk (US)
09:40-10:00	MENACTRIMS Guidelines for Diagnosis and Treatment of NMOSD	B. Canibano (QA)
10:00-10:15	Panel Discussion	
10:15-10:30 Welcome and Introduction B. Yamout (AE), President of MENACTRIMS		
10:30-11:00 Satellite Symposium hosted by Novartis Chair: J. Inshasi (AE)		
10:30-10:50	New Insights into Kesimpta and Its Impact on MS Treatment	R. Alroughani (KW), H. Wiendl (DE)
10:50-11:00	Panel Discussion	
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15-12:30 Session II: European Charcot Foundation: Updates in Progressive MS Chairs: X. Montalban (ES), R. Alroughani (KW)		
11:15-11:35	Update on Progressive MS Research	T. Coetzee (US)
11:35-11:55	Diagnosing Progressive Disease in MS	X. Montalban (ES)
11:55-12:15	Treatment of Progressive MS: Present and Future	H. P. Hartung (DE)
12:15-12:30	Panel Discussion	
12:30-13:00 Satellite Symposium hosted by Roche Chair: B. Yamout (AE)		
12:30-12:40	Start Strong, Stay Strong - More than a Decade of Transformation with Ocrevus	R. Alroughani (KW)
12:40-12:50	Ocrevus SC - Redefining MS Care	M. Maurer (DE)
12:50-13:00	Panel Discussion	
13:00-14:30	Friday Prayer Break and Lunch	



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Session III: MS Treatment <i>Chairs: M. Zakaria (EG), R. Gouider (TN)</i>		
14:30-15:45		
14:30-14:50	Upcoming Therapies in MS	P. Vermersch (FR)
14:50-15:10	MS in Elderlies: To Stop or Not to Stop DMT	S. Khoury (LB)
15:10-15:30	Prognostic Factors Role in Choosing Therapy	L. Kappos (CH)
15:30-15:45	Panel Discussion	
Satellite Symposium hosted by AstraZeneca Complement Component 5 Inhibitor Therapies (C5ITs) in Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD): Clinical Insights and Real-World Evidence <i>Chair: B. Yamout (AE)</i>		
15:45-16:15		
15:45-15:57	Role of Complement 5 Inhibitor Therapies (C5ITs) in Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD)	D. Wingerchuck (US)
15:57-16:07	Ravulizumab in NMOSD: Clinical Insights and Real-World Evidence	A. Boyko (RU)
16:07-16:15	Panel Discussion	
16:15-16:30	Coffee Break	
Session IV: Oral Presentations <i>Chairs: M. Al-Jumma (SA), C. Oreja-Guevara (ES)</i>		
16:30-17:30		
16:30-16:40	OC1: Long-Term Cognitive Analysis in Patients With Multiple Sclerosis (MS): Is There a Difference Between Benign and Non-Benign MS?	S. Paybast (IR)
16:40-16:50	OC2: Epidemiology, Clinical Characteristics, and Treatment Patterns in a Large Pediatric-Onset Multiple Sclerosis Cohort	G. Ismail (LB)
16:50-17:00	OC3: The Use of Upper Cervical Spinal Cord Area as a Diagnostic Biomarker of Conversion Into Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis	M. Siddik (LB)
17:00-17:10	OC4: Longitudinal AI-Based MS Lesion Segmentation Tool for Heterogeneous MRI Datasets	O. Abdullah (AE)
17:10-17:20	OC5: Added Value of Contrast-Enhanced Magnetic Imaging With Fluid Attenuated Inversion Recovery (FLAIR) in Evaluation of Patients With Multiple Sclerosis	H. Hassoun (IQ)



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17:20-17:30	OC6: Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) and Multiple Sclerosis: Investigating Genetic Susceptibility and Disease Severity in Saudi Population	E. Nassim Ali (SA)
19:30-22:30	Congress Dinner <i>((by ticket only- last buses depart at 19:45))</i>	



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08:30-09:00 Registration & Morning Coffee

09:00-10:15 Session V: Neuroimaging in MS <i>Chairs: S. Bohlega (SA) & A. Boyko (RU)</i>		
09:00-09:20	Differential Diagnosis of MS: Neuroimaging Features	M.A. Sahraian (IR)
09:20-09:40	Imaging of Smouldering Disease in MS	B. Stankoff (FR)
09:40-10:00	The Evolving Role of MRI in the 2024 McDonald Criteria	S. Makkawi (SA)
10:00-10:15	Panel Discussion	
10:15-10:30	Coffee Break	

10:30-11:00 Satellite Symposium hosted by Merck <i>Chair: J. Inshasi (AE)</i>		
10:30-11:00	Optimizing Treatment Pathways: Insights from Mavenclad Clinical and Real-World Data	R. Alroughani (KW), J. Oh (CA)
11:00-12:15 Session VI: Immunopathogenesis of MS <i>Chairs: J. Inshasi (AE) & A. Siva (TR)</i>		
11:00-11:20	EBV and MS: Recent Updates	O.F. Torkildsen (NO)
11:20-11:40	Immunology of MS: Peripheral vs Central Chronic Inflammation	H. Wiendl (DE)
11:40-12:00	Genetic and Environmental Factors in MS	J. Al Khaboori (OM)
12:00-12:15	<i>Panel Discussion</i>	

12:15-12:45			Satellite Symposium hosted by Sanofi <i>Chair: B. Yamout (AE)</i>	
12:15 – 12:20	Welcome and Introduction		B. Yamout (AE)	
12:20-12:30	The HERCULES Trial: Efficacy and Safety Outcomes		J. Oh (CA)	
12:30-12:40	Translating Data to Clinical Practice		P. Vermersch(FR)	
12:40-12:45	Panel Discussion			
12:45-14:00	Lunch Break			



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14:00-15:15 Session VII: Special Populations in MS <i>Chairs: M. Dahdaleh (JO) & A. Shatila (AE)</i>		
14:00-14:20	Pediatric MS: The MENA experience	S. Farouk Ahmed (KW)
14:20-14:40	DMTs During Pregnancy and Breastfeeding	K. Hellwig (DE)
14:40-15:00	RIS: When to Treat With the New Diagnostic Criteria	C. Lebrun-Frenay (FR)
15:00-15:15	<i>Panel Discussion</i>	
15:15-15:45 Satellite Symposium hosted by Biogen <i>Chair: R. Alroughani (KW)</i>		
15:15-15:45	New Heights of Efficacy and Flexibility with Tysabri SC	P. Vermersch (FR)
15:45-16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:00-17:15 Session VIII: Hot Topics in MS <i>Chairs: H. Hassoun (IQ) & J. Oh (CA)</i>		
16:00-16:20	Biomarkers in MS: How to Use Them?	M. Moccia (IT)
16:20-16:40	How to Setup AI for MRI Interpretation at your Center	A. Abulaban (SA)
16:40-17:00	Remyelination in Multiple Sclerosis; Present and Future Perspectives	S. Ahmed (EG)
17:00-17:15	<i>Panel Discussion</i>	
17:15-17:30 Closing Ceremony and Awards Presentation <i>B. Yamout (AE), President of MENACTRIMS</i>		



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NURSING SESSION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 AL NOOR

09:00-10:45			Nursing Session I Chair: J. Massouh (AE)		
09:00-09:30		The Evolving Role of the MS Nurse: Global Perspectives		K. Costello (US)	
09:30-10:00		Optimizing Symptom Management in MS: Practical Strategies for Nurses		P. Eelen (BE)	
10:00-10:45		Empowering Neuroimmunology Care in MENA: Voices from the Frontline		K. Costello (US), S. Ahmed (US), M. Zeineddine (LB) Moderated by J. Massouh (AE)	
10:45-11:00		Coffee Break			
11:00-12:45			Nursing Session II Chair: M. Zeineddine (LB)		
11:00-11:20		MS Nurses as Brain Health Champions		J. Massouh (AE)	
11:20-11:50		New and Emerging Therapies in MS		S. Farouk Ahmed (KW)	
11:50-12:15		Management of Risks Associated with High-efficacy Therapies		P. Eelen (BE)	
12:15-12:45		MS Research Essentials		M. Zeineddine (LB) & G. Ismail (LB)	
12:45-14:00		Lunch Break			
14:00-14:30			Nursing Industry Talk I hosted by Roche Chair: J. Massouh(AE)		
14:00-14:10		From IV to SC: Transition Guidance and Operational Considerations for Nursing Teams		S. Kocak (DE)	
14:10-14:15		Hands-On Demonstration		S. Kocak (DE)	
14:15-14:20		Managing Patient Expectations		S. Kocak (DE)	
14:20-14:25		Real-World Experience and Clinical Practice		S. Kocak (DE)	
14:25-14:30		Panel Discussion			
14:30-15:00			Nursing Industry Talk II hosted by Merck		
14:30-15:00		Optimizing Patient Care with IRT: Practical Insights for MS Nursing		G. Lee (AE)	



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15:00-15:30 Nursing Industry Talk III hosted by Novartis		
15:00-15:30	Navigating MS Treatments: How Nurses Enhance Patient Confidence & Self-Management	G. Lee (AE)
15:30-16:00 Nursing Industry Talk IV hosted by AstraZeneca		
15:30-16:00	Championing Patient Care in NMOSD	J. Massouh(AE)
16:00-16:30 Nursing Industry Talk V hosted by Sanofi <i>Chair: R. Alsuwaidi (AE)</i>		
16:00-16:10	Evolving Concept of Smoldering Neuroinflammation and its Role in Disability Accumulation	R. Alsuwaidi (AE)
16:10-16:20	Role of Nurse: Bridging Between Treating Physician & Patient	G. Lee (AE)
16:20-16:30	Proactive Management for Patients with nrSPMS	J. Massouh (AE)
16:30-17:00 Nursing Industry Talk VI hosted by Biogen <i>Chair: A. Almutlaq (SA)</i>		
16:30-17:00	Measuring Novel Efficacy Endpoints and Convenience with Tysabri SC	R. Alsuwaidi (SA)



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10:00-10:30 Registration

10:30-11:30

NMSS Session I

10:30-10:40 Welcome and Opening Remarks

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10:40-10:50 NMSS Driving MS Research

A. Shatila(AE)

10:50-11:05 Latest MS Research

B. Yamout (AE)

11:05-11:15 Q&A

11:15-11:25 Person with MS Journey and Value of Research for MS

M. Janahi(AE)

11:25-11:35 Coffee Break

11:35-12:30

NMSS Session II

11:40-12:30

MS research advancements panel
1. Treatment
2. AI
3. Lifestyle updates
4. Women's Health

Moderator:
M. Al Harbi (AE)
Panelists:
R. Alroughani (KW),
O. Abdullah (AE),
S. Noori (AE) &
J. Massouh (AE)

12:30-12:45 Q&A

12:45-13:00 Coffee Break

13:00-14:00

NMSS Workshop

13:00-14:00 Research Ready Workshop

M. Zeineddine (LB)

14:00-14:05 Closing

NNMS

14:05 Lunch