

The Australian Islamic Medical Association Presents:
Inaugural National Conference 2023

Past, Present & Future of Healthcare

Sat 13 May - Sun 14 May 2023

8 AM - 5 PM AEST 9 AM - 1 PM AEST

Bryan Brown Theatre and Function Centre
80 Rickard Road, Bankstown NSW, Sydney Australia

Join us on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2023 for the largest gathering of Australian Muslim Health Care Professionals including senior and junior doctors as well as medical and other health discipline students.

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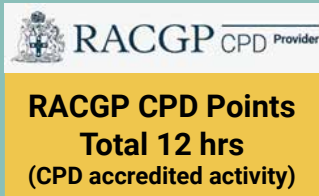
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Specialists (including GPs): \$400

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Students: \$150

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Speakers & Topics

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Digital health and Artificial Intelligence - Challenges and Opportunities

International Speakers



Dr Wajid Akhter

Topic: The Spoonmaker's Diamond & the future of Australian Muslim healthcare

Dr Wajid Akhter is a council member of the Muslim Council of Britain and the British Islamic Medical Association. He is passionate about uniting Muslims to unlock our potential to change our current situation. A founding member of the Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management, he lectures in Social Media and the History of Medicine at Queen Mary's Medical School (London) and is an author specialising in Islamic History.



Dr Sharif Kaf Al-Ghazal

Topic: The History of Medicine in the Medieval Islamic World and its influence on Modern Medicine

Dr Sharif Kaf Al-Ghazal is a Consultant Plastic, Reconstructive & Hand Surgeon and the Plastic Surgery Clinical Lead at Bradford Teaching Hospitals in the UK. He is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Leeds and has published numerous papers and articles on plastic surgery. Dr Al-Ghazal was the former President of the British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA). He is also the chair of the BIMA Advisory Board. He is also the Editor in Chief of JBIMA and the founder of the International Society for History of Islamic Medicine (ISHIM). Dr Al-Ghazal has a significant interest in the history of Islamic medicine and is leading the history of Islamic medicine project for the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA).



Shaykh Dr Rafāqat Rashid

Topic: Islamic perspective on end of life care and brain death

Shaykh Dr Rafāqat Rashid is a traditional Shari'ah scholar, General Practitioner and an international professional trainer and educator. He is the co-founder of al-Balagh Academy and Course Director of many of its courses in particular its popular international medical fiqh programmes, which have had hundreds of registered students around the world, and associated takhassus courses for ulama.

International Speakers



Dr Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman

Topic: Building a Better World: FIMA's Global Network of Islamic Medical Associations

Dr Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman is the current President of the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA), which represents 29 Islamic medical associations and 17 associate members globally, comprising around 50,000 Muslim medical and health professionals. FIMA aims to facilitate Muslim physicians worldwide in medical education and ethics, student camps, and humanitarian and medical relief. Dr Abdul Rashid serves as a Consultant Physician at An Nur Specialist Hospital, the first shariah-compliant private hospital in Malaysia, and is a visiting professor of Medicine at the University of Cyberjaya. He holds several positions at the Ministry of Health Malaysia, including Chairman of the Specialist Review Panel for Phase 1 Trials and Committee Member for Research & Development into Herbal Medicine.



Dr Junaid Bajwa

Topic: Medicine: an exercise of the imagination

Junaid is a highly accomplished physician and Chief Medical Scientist at Microsoft Research, with extensive experience in primary care, secondary care, public health, and health policymaking. He is a Board member of the UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and University College Hospital (UCL), London. He has consulted for numerous healthcare systems across the world. He is a Clinical Associate Professor at UCL, an Associate Fellow at the Stanford Center for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and Imaging and a Visiting Scientist at Harvard School of Public Health. He was recently recognised as one of the top global innovators in 2022 by Intelligent Health and listed among the top 50 influential voices in healthcare globally for 2022 by Medika Life.

National Speakers



Dr Zachariah Matthews

Topic: Muslim Jurists on Assisted Reproductive Technology and Reproductive Tissue Transplantation

Dr Zachariah Matthews holds degrees in pharmacy, Islamic studies, and is currently pursuing a Masters in Educational Management and Leadership. With over twenty years of experience in education, he has lectured at the University of Sydney, managed a hospital pharmacy, and served as Head of Islamic and Leadership Studies at Unity Grammar College, Deputy Principal at Western Grammar School, and is currently the Principal of Malek Fahd Islamic School. He is also a director and instructor at Deen Academy, which provides leadership development programs.



Dr Marrwah Ahmadzai

Topic: Breaking Down Barriers: How Muslim Healthcare Professionals Can Build Bridges and Drive Inclusion in Healthcare

Dr. Marrwah Ahmadzai is an obstetrics and gynaecology registrar and an inspiring voice for anti-racism, migrant and refugee issues, and women's health. As a TEDx speaker, she passionately advocates for breaking down barriers and empowering diverse communities. Her articles have been featured in major publications such as ABC, SBS, and The Guardian, and she is a sought-after speaker on issues related to equity and diversity. Dr. Ahmadzai actively contributes to medical leadership and cultural safety initiatives through various committees and organisations such as RANZCOG, Australian National University and ACT Council of Junior doctors in training. Her advocacy efforts were recognised with the 2021 Multicultural Champion Award, and she was a finalist in the 2022 Australian of the Year Awards.



Dr Ashraf Chehata

Topic: Healing with Heart and Faith: Prophetic Lessons for Muslim Healthcare professionals

Dr Ashraf Chehata is a Melbourne-based Orthopaedic Upper Limb Surgeon, known for his unique style of motivational speaking that incorporates prophetic leadership and Quranic messages. He specialises in Elbow, Shoulder, and Wrist pathology, having completed his Orthopaedic training in Victoria and international fellowships within Europe. Currently, he serves as the National Vice President of the Australian Islamic Medical Association (AIMA) and President of AIMA-Victoria state branch. He is a captivating and engaging speaker, delivering highly impactful speeches across various forums that inspire individuals to unlock their full potential. He has an unwavering commitment to promoting positivity, empowerment, and diversity within the community.



Dr Asif Raza

Topic: The Gift of Giving: Navigating the organ donation process in Australia

Dr Asif Raza is a senior clinical lecturer at Western Sydney University and a consultant anaesthetist and intensive care specialist at Blacktown and Nepean Hospitals in New South Wales, Australia. He is also the organ donation coordinator for Blacktown Hospital's intensive care unit, passionate about raising awareness and educating the community on the importance of organ donation. Additionally, Dr Raza is pursuing a master's degree in Islamic studies, giving him a unique perspective, and understanding of the clinical aspects and Islamic ethical considerations for organ donation.

National Speakers



Dr Omer Shereef

Topic: Clinician Emotional Well-being: Thriving over Surviving!

Dr Omer Shareef is a Consultant Neuropsychiatrist at Townsville University hospital & Senior Lecturer at James Cook University. He completed his specialist training in the UK and a fellow of Royal Australian & New Zealand college of Psychiatrists. Dr Omer Shareef is the Vice President of Islamic medical association of Queensland (IMAQ) and an executive member of Australian Islamic Medical Association (AIMA). He is a board member of Tropical brain and mind foundation (TBMF). His special areas of interest are post brain injury connections, neurocognitive function & epilepsy. He enjoys taking special interest & active participation in community education on Islamic values and advocating for mental health wellness at individual and at societal level!



Dr Mohammad Al-Shinnag

Topic: Uncovering the Genetic Basis of Cardiac Diseases: The Role of Genomic Testing

Dr. Mohammad Al-Shinnag is an experienced consultant clinical geneticist, specializing in cardiac genetics and intellectual disability. He utilizes cutting-edge genomic testing technologies to establish both clinical and molecular diagnoses, providing expert advice on the risk of recurrence of genetic conditions within families. He is a fellow of both the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and the Human Genetics Society of Australasia. He is currently pursuing his fellowship in genetic pathology and medical genomics at Randwick Genomics (SEALS) pathology laboratory at the Prince of Wales Hospital. Mohammad holds an academic title as a lecturer at the University of New South Wales and has a strong interest in academic research, with a number of publications, and involved in several research projects.



Dr Noha Elserafy

Topic: From Preconception to Precision Medicine: The Power of Genomic Testing in Carrier Screening and Diagnosis

Dr. Noha Elserafy is a highly experienced Consultant Clinical Geneticist at Nepean Blue Mountain Local Health District, with expertise in various areas of genetics, including paediatrics, adults, metabolic, prenatal, cardiac, neurology, and renal genetics. Her recent training in genomic pathology at NSW pathology laboratory SEALS in Randwick has further enhanced her knowledge and skills. Dr. Elserafy is also actively involved in medical education and research, with publications in peer-reviewed journals and participation in multiple research projects.



Professor Farah Magrabi

Topic: Digital health and Artificial Intelligence - Challenges and Opportunities

Professor Farah Magrabi, a renowned Biomedical and Health Informatics Professor at Macquarie University, is a leader in investigating the clinical safety and effectiveness of digital health and AI technologies for clinicians and consumers. As head of the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Digital Health's Safety research stream and chair of the Australian AI Alliance's Working Group on safety, quality and ethics, she is committed to advancing the appropriate use of AI. She is also an Associate Editor of the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association and a Fellow at the University of York. Professor Magrabi received numerous awards, including Telstra Health's Brilliant Women in Digital Health award (2021), and was nominated to represent Australia on the Global Partnership for AI (GPAI) in 2023.

Program

DAY 1 - SATURDAY 13 MAY 2023

Registration & Breakfast 7:00 - 8:00 am

Welcome - 8:00 am

Dr Muhammad Afzal Kahloon

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Morning Tea Break 9:45 - 10:15 am

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Lunch & Dhuhr Prayer + AGM 12:00 - 1:15 pm

Building a Better World: FIMA's Global Network of Islamic Medical Associations

Dr Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman

Clinician Emotional Wellbeing: Thriving Over Surviving

Dr Omer Shareef

AIMA Student Wing Update

Afternoon Tea Break & Asr Prayer 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Breaking Down Barriers: How Muslim Healthcare Professionals Can Build Bridges and Drive Inclusion in Healthcare

Dr Marrwah Ahmadzai

Juggling Medicine and Faith : Navigating the unique challenges faced by Muslim students

Panel Discussion

Maghrib Prayer & End 5:00 pm

Conference Dinner

6:00 PM

Program



DAY 2 - SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023

Registration & Breakfast

8:00 - 9:00 am

Welcome 9:00 am

Dr Muhammad Afzal Kahloon

The Spoon maker's Diamond & the future of Australian Muslim healthcare

Dr Wajid Akhter

From preconception to precision medicine the power of Genomic Testing in carrier screening and diagnosis

Dr Noha Elserafy

Digital health and Artificial Intelligence - Challenges and Opportunities

Prof Farah Magrabi

Morning Tea Break

10:40 - 11:15 am

Uncovering the genetic basis of Cardiac Diseases: The role of Genomic Testing

Dr Mohammad Al Shinnag

Need for a Muslim Medical organization and lessons learnt from BIMA

Dr Sharif Kaf Al-Ghazal & Panelist

From Humble Beginnings to Bold Aspirations: AIMA's remarkable Journey

AIMA

Updates & Announcements

Closing Statement

Dhuhr Prayer, Lunch & End

1:10 pm

Buses Depart to Airport

2:00 PM

Parking

Bryan Brown Theatre Parking

There is limited parking (55 spaces) underneath the venue, which is free for up to 4 hours. Entry to the car park is off Rickard Road, opposite the Medical Centre.

The driveway is located just after the Western Sydney University campus.

Nearby Parking

Marion Street car park (502 spaces, multi-storey, approximately 7-8 minute walk).

40 Marion Street, Bankstown.

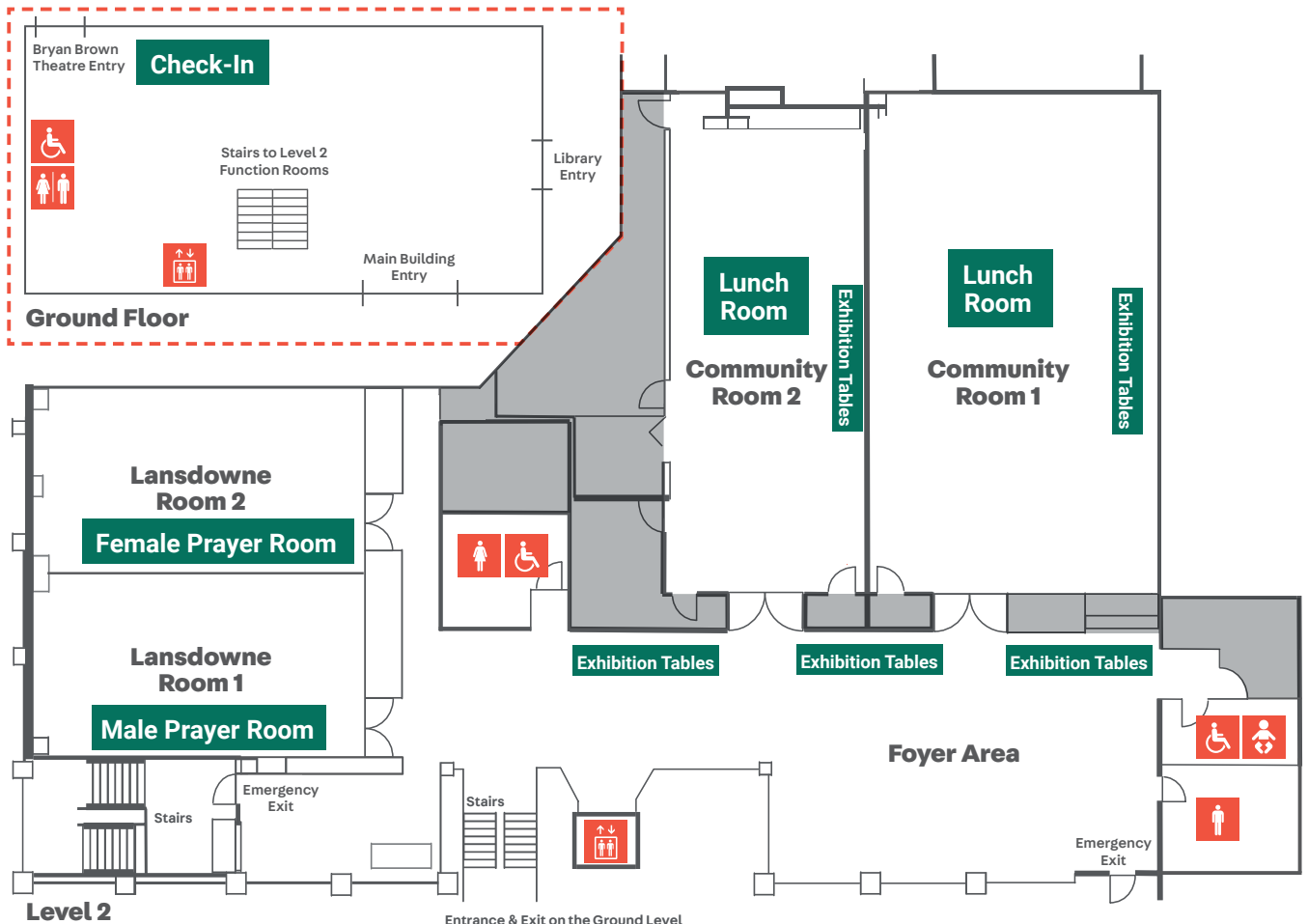
Additional parking can also be found at the Civic Tower (66/72 Rickard Rd, Bankstown NSW 2200) on levels P3, P4 and certain areas on level P5.

Prayer

Please stay with wudu or refresh it when using the wash room, to avoid congestion at prayer times.

There will be two groups for prayer and lunch to manage breaks easily, this will be announced before lunch breaks.

Venue Map



Travel

Shuttle Bus

A Shuttle Bus will run twice from Rydges to Bryan Brown Theatre.

Shuttle Bus 1st Pickup: 7:00 am.

Shuttle Bus 2nd Pickup: 7:30 am.

Car or Public Transport

Please allow ample time for travel in case of unexpected traffic delays.

Check-In

Upon arrival, please scan the check-in QR Code and fill in your details. If you have a RACGP or ACCRM number, please include it.

Once checked in, take your showbag and nametag and enjoy the complimentary breakfast before heading into the Theatre for the beginning of the conference.

Saturday Breakfast: 7am-8am

Sunday Breakfast: 8am-8:45am

If you want to claim CPD points please fill out an Evaluation form, this is a requirement from RACGP

Registration Fees

Early Bird (ends 16 April 2023)

General:	\$300
Trainees & Allied Health:	\$200
Students:	\$100



Regular (Starts 17 April 2023)

Specialists (including GPs):	\$400
Trainees & Allied Health:	\$250
Students:	\$150

**RACGP CPD Points
Total 12 hrs (CPD
accredited activity)**

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Accommodation

1. Rydges Bankstown: We have negotiated discounted rate for accommodation at Rydges Bankstown including family rooms and interconnected room rates. An accommodation booking link will be emailed to registered delegate to book an accommodation.

A shuttle bus service will be provided from Rydges to the conference venue.

Other available accommodations

- 2. Mercure Sydney Bankstown:** 8 Greenfield parade, Bankstown, 2200.
- 3. Novotel Sydney, Olympic Park:** 11a Olympic Blvd, Sydney 2127
- 4. Ibis Budget Enfield:** 626 Liverpool Rd, 2136 Strathfield South

Parking & Travel

Details for local parking and travel directions will be sent to you via email in due course.

Networking Dinner

The conference dinner will be held after the program closes on the first day. Spouses or other guests for the dinner can register for an additional \$100 per person.

Date: Saturday 13th May 2022
Time: 6.00pm to 9.30pm
Venue: Bankstown Sports Club
8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown NSW 2200

Refreshments

Breakfast with registration, mid-morning refresher, sandwich/wrap lunch, and an afternoon refresher (Halal) will be provided on the day as part of the registration.

If you have any food allergies, please email us at conference@aimamed.com.au, so that we can provide you with the list of potential allergens).

Exhibition Spaces

Sponsor spaces are available. If you would like a place for commercial or promotional purposes, please contact: sponsors@aimamed.com.au

Prayer Facilities

Prayer facilities will be available throughout the day.