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3rd International Conference on
**Vitamin D Deficiency
and Its Clinical Implications**

Under the auspices:



Welcome Note



Dear colleagues and friends !

It's my great pleasure to invite you to the **"3rd International Conference on Vitamin D Deficiency and Its Clinical Implications"** planned to be held on **21st and 22nd March, 2014** at the luxurious Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi, UAE. This premier event aims to address the latest information on what we really know, what we don't, what current research is going on and what needs to be done. The focus is especially on what practitioners/clinicians can do to diagnose and treat the Vitamin D deficiency that exists today. Participants will hear directly from some of the world's leading vitamin D experts from USA, Canada, UK, Belgium, the Netherlands, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, UAE and other parts of the world. To make this a complete scientific and enjoyable experience, great care is being taken to design and selection of the plenary sessions and the topics, in consultation with renowned faculty and their expertise. The event will provide a vitally important forum for learning, collaborations, one to one interactions, and professional development.

The conference is an important meeting point to inspire and connect leaders, decision makers, doctors, clinicians, scientists, technologists, public servants and academics to enhance the awareness, quality and safety practices to understand and prevent vitamin D deficiency and how best to bring it to fruition in policy and practice for government and the private sector. I hope that the conference will deliver useful knowledge, stimulate new ideas, and lead to strategic and tactical plans of action that will help solve the problems associated with vitamin D deficiency.

Looking forward to welcome you in Abu Dhabi, the world's fourth best city.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Afrozul Haq'.

Dr. Afrozul Haq, PhD,
Conference President

Conference Objectives:

- Identify the reasons of vitamin D deficiency in the UAE, middle east and the world
- Describe issues related to laboratory measurement of vitamin D
- Discuss the role of vitamin D in cancer
- Discuss the role vitamin D in bone health and beyond
- Discuss the role of vitamin D in diabetes
- Recognize the role of vitamin D in pregnancy
- Discuss the role of vitamin D deficiency and depression
- Identify and counsel patient at high risk to develop breast and other cancers
- Discuss the toxicity of vitamin D

Topics Include:

- Calcium homeostasis in CVD in the light of vitamin D
- Vitamin D and diabetes
- Vitamin D beyond bones. To D or not to D
- Vitamin D and autism
- The role of vitamin D in cancer
- Physiology and biochemistry of vitamin D
- Is vitamin D, vitamin E molecule of 21st century?
- Vitamin D and multiple sclerosis
- Genome-wide actions of vitamin D
- Focus on vitamin D: a molecule of universal interest
- Vitamin D in pregnancy
- Vitamin D toxicity
- Depression and vitamin D
- Immune-modulatory role of vitamin D
- Vitamin D and influenza
- Vitamin D and coronary artery disease - where are we?

Speakers

- Dr. Afrozul Haq, PhD, SKMC, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Dr. Laila Abdel-Wareth, MD, SKMC, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Prof. Roger Buillon, MD, Leuven, Belgium
- Prof. Renhold Vieth, PhD, Toronto, Canada
- Dr. Haider M Al Attia, MD, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Dr. Jaishen Rajah, MD, SKMC, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Dr. Ravinder Singh, PhD, USA
- Dr. Ayman Fahim, MD, Abu Dhabi Police G.H.Q, UAE
- Prof. Hari S. Sharma, PhD, DSc, FIERC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Prof. Laila Y. Al-Ayadhi, MD, PhD, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, UAE
- Dr. Arwa Al Modwahi, MD, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Dr. Ashok Rattan, MD, MAMS, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE
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- Dr. Laslei Matthews, MD, Atlanta, GA, USA
- Dr. Sreeram Ramagopalan, MD, London, UK
- Dr. Zain Al Yafei, PhD, SKMC, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Who Should Attend

Physicians, Scientists, Pharmacists, Nurses, Researchers, Laboratory Technologists and All Healthcare Professionals interested in Vitamin D.

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