



5th HYBRID PAFLAR Congress



**Paediatric Rheumatology in Africa:
Bridging Gaps in Care and Building Resilient Teams**



24th & 25th April, 2025



The Marriott Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria

CONGRESS PROGRAM



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23rd of April 2025

6 pm

Welcome cocktail, MRC LASUTH Auditorium – **Prof Adetokunbo O Fabanwo (Nigeria)**

Day 1: Thursday 24th April 2025

8.00 am – 9.00 am

Registration

Session One: Recent advances and innovations in Paediatric Rheumatology

Moderators: **Dr. Florentina Okeke** and **Dr. Jessica Perfetto**

9.00 am – 9.10 am

Welcome address by Scientific Chair – **Dr. Faleye Ayodele (Nigeria)**

9:10 am – 9.30 am

Updates on juvenile idiopathic arthritis in Africa –**Dr. Priya Ambaram (South Africa)**

9:30 am – 9.50 am

Update and improving outcomes for Childhood SLE –**Dr. Kate Webb (South Africa)**

9.50 am – 10.10 am

Advancing ANA Testing in Africa-**Dr. Ekemini Ogbu (Nigeria/USA)**

10.10 am – 10.30 am

Tapping into Social Media to Advance Paediatric Rheumatology in Africa-
Dr. Francis Furia-(Tanzania)

10.30 am – 11:10 pm

Tea/Coffee Break

11.10 am – 11.30 am

Immune Deficiency in Rheumatology Clinic – **Prof. Soad Hashad (Libya)**

11.30 am -11.50 am

Conflict with complementary and alternative medicines in paediatric rheumatology –
Dr. Waheeba Slamang (South Africa)

11.50 am -12.00 pm

Question and Answer Session

12.00 am – 1.00 pm

Opening Ceremony – Prof Akin Abayomi (Honourable Commissioner for Health, Lagos State)

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Lunch

Session Two: Mental health and wellbeing of patients/Updates on JDM and Kawasaki Disease

Moderators: **Dr. Oluremi Rahman** and **Dr. Hakeem Olaosebikan**

2.00 pm -2.20 pm

Mental Health status of children with rheumatic diseases – **Dr. Temilade Adegbite (Nigeria)**

2.20 pm -2:40 pm

Update on juvenile dermatomyositis **Dr. Brian Feldman (Canada)**

2.40 pm – 3.00 pm

Update on Kawasaki Disease, Clinical insights and new therapeutic approach

- Epidemiology and awareness **Dr. Nagib Dahdah Montreal, (Canada)**
- Treatment of Kawasaki –**Dr. Adriana Tremoulet, (SanDiego, USA)**

3.00 pm -3.10 pm

• Questions and answers

Session Three: Paediatric rheumatology in Africa: Building Resilient

Teams Moderators: **Dr. Ejiehi Aigbokhan** and **Dr. Freddie Coker**

3:10 pm – 3:30 pm

Role of physiotherapist in the management of paediatric rheumatic diseases-
Mr. Adeoye Komolafe (Nigeria)

3:30 pm – 3:50 pm

The Validity of the Juvenile Arthritis Kinetic Health Index to Improve Exercise Prescription in JIA – **Dr. Su-ané Zwiegelaar (South Africa)**

3:50 pm – 4:10 pm

Role of rheumatology nurses in the management of paediatric rheumatic diseases –
Ms. Leah Irungu (Kenya/UK)

4:10 pm – 4:30 pm

Pain control in paediatric rheumatic diseases- **Dr. Tracy Ting (USA)**

4:30 pm – 4:50 pm

The role of collaboration in the future of paediatric rheumatology – **Prof. Angelo Ravelli (Italy)**

4:50 pm – 5:10 pm

Oral Abstract Presentations

- African Children with JDM Present with Severe Disease and Have Worse Outcomes Over Time Compared to North American Children** **Dr. Jessica Perfetto (Canada)**
- Coronary Involvement in Kawasaki Disease** **Dr. Maryam Jalal (Morocco)**

5:10 pm – 5:20 pm

Question and Answer session

5.20 pm – 5:50 pm

Tea/Coffee Break

5:50pm – 7:00 pm

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Day 2: Friday 25th April 2025

Session one: Workshops

Moderators: Dr. Uche Tralagba and Prof. Wafa Hamdi

9:00 am-10:30 am	Basics in paediatric rheumatology Workshop - Basic approach to childhood rheumatic diseases – Dr. Amita Aggarawal (India) (20 minutes) (Musculoskeletal examination) pGALS Dr. Waheba Slamang (South Africa) (20minutes virtual 30 minutes practical) -50minutes - Nutrition and paediatric rheumatic diseases Prof. Angela Migowa (Kenya) (20 minutes) Questions and answers
10.30 am -11.10 am	Tea/Coffee Break
11.10 am-1.10 pm	Ultrasound Workshop – Moderator: Dr Rasheeda Oba Introduction to musculoskeletal ultrasound Practical session - Prof. Johannes Roth (Switzerland) - Dr. Patricia Vega (USA)
1:10 pm - 1:30 pm	Transition care in paediatric rheumatology – Dr. Emily Jean Brunner (USA)
1:30 pm-2:30 pm	Lunch
Session Two: Paediatric Rheumatology in Africa: Bridging the Gap Moderators: Dr. Henry Nwankwo and Dr. Francis Furia	
2:30 pm-3:00 pm	Scope of Paediatric rheumatology /overview of DADA2 deficiency– Prof. Seza Ozen (Turkey)
3.00 PM-3.20 pm	Paediatric Rheumatology in Africa: Bridging the Gap in education – Prof. Olufemi Adelowo (Nigeria)
3.20 pm -4:00 pm	Round table discussion -Paediatric Rheumatology in Africa: Bridging the Gap in advocacy (Directors of organizations Hope Arthritis -Dr.Angela Migowa, Dr. Ihsane Hmamouchi , LUREG -Ms. Sanusi Fauzat , Labalaba foundation -Ms. Chisa Nosamiefan
4.00 pm – 4.20 pm	Paediatric Rheumatology in Africa: Bridging the Gap in research Prof. Mohammed Hassan- (Egypt)
4:20 pm -5:00 pm	Round table discussion Paediatric Rheumatology in Africa: Bridging the Gap in clinical care Africa -Dr Angela Migowa America -Dr Aarat Patel Asia - Dr. Raju Khubchandani Europe -Prof.Angelo Ravelli
5.00 pm – 5.10 pm	Question and Answer Session
5.10 pm – 5:20 pm	Oral Abstract Presentations Macrophagic activation syndrome complicating Parvovirus B19 infection Dr. Karel Weyo (Morocco)
5.20 pm – 5.35 pm	Update on PAFLAR Registry Prof. Wafa Hamdi (Tunisia)
5.35 pm – 5.40 pm	Update on PAFLAR JIA Guidelines – Prof. Djohra Hadeef (Algeria)
5.40 pm – 5.40 pm	Congress Highlights
Program in Nigerian Time	



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