

NewsLetter



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Message from the president



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the September 2024 SWAAC ELSO Newsletter!

It is a great honor to take over from Professor Poonam Malhotra. As the president of the SWAAC ELSO chapter for the next two years, I had the privilege of working alongside our past presidents, starting with Professor Suneel Pooboni, the founding president in 2013, and every leader since, each of whom significantly contributed to the growth of our chapter and helped elevate it to its current status.

The SWAAC ELSO community continues to grow, and through this newsletter and our social media platforms, we hope to further engage and connect with the community especially in countries where the service has not yet been introduced. The SWAAC ELSO chapter is eager to provide support in education, team development, and service expansion for both established and emerging centers.

The chapter is eager to provide support for families, hence the tremendous work done by our SWAAC ELSO members in translating the patient and family section on the ELSO website into different languages of our region. One of our key objectives this year is to promote accessible education. In line with this goal, we are excited to make the lectures from this year's annual conference available for free, not just to the SWAAC ELSO chapter but to the entire ELSO community.

We're also excited to announce another ELSO Endorsed fully comprehensive ECMO course in Najran, in addition to the existing ELSO endorsed courses in India, Kuwait, Egypt and UAE. This will help develop more ECMO teams in the region by providing a standardized high quality training and education.

In addition, A major initiative for SWAAC ELSO leadership this year is to finalize the revision and update of the chapter's bylaws, ensuring greater representation and alignment with the needs of our community. Please stay connected through our social media channels, as we will soon announce opportunities for members to participate in shaping the future direction of the chapter.

Diversity is what defines the SWAAC ELSO chapter—it is our strength. I believe that with the resources, knowledge, and expertise within our chapter, we can collaborate and complement one another in order to contribute to the global community and enhance patient care. I look forward to seeing the SWAAC ELSO chapter grow even bigger and stronger in the years ahead.

Huda Alfoudri

SWAAC ELSO President



Update on Committees/Subcommittees

The current bylaws is under revision currently aiming to ensure a greater representation and alignment with the needs of our community. Please stay connected through our social media platforms, as we will soon announce opportunities for members to participate in shaping the future direction of the chapter. Below are the current members of steering committee. Please feel free to communicate with them for any matters relating to the chapter in their respective roles:

The Following is the Updated SWAAC ELSO Steering Group Committee Members:

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News and Updates



SWAAC ELSO 2024
CROSSING BOUNDARIES

- SWAAC ELSO 2024 lectures free access is available for the whole extracorporeal life support community. To access the lectures, register through this link [CLICK HERE](#) and you will receive a personalized access code that you can use to enter the material through the [SWAACELSO2024](#) website.



- SWAAC ELSO region social media accounts have been unified for the platforms X and Instagram. You can follow and repost to increase our chapter's visibility and you can contact the accounts to post your upcoming activities.



https://x.com/swaac_elso



<https://www.instagram.com/swaac.elso/>

SURVEY



- Research team from Qatar are investigating the knowledge, attitude and practice of ECMO healthcare workers towards acquired infections on ECMO. A [10 minutes online-based survey](#) has been shared for your kind participation.

SURVEY



- Cleveland Clinic, Abudhabi is investigating Anticoagulation Practices in Cardiopulmonary Bypass and ECMO. A short [international survey has been shared for your kind participation.](#)



- We are currently working on developing SWAACELSO subcommittees working groups so if you are interested in joining (education, innovation, research) please contact SWAAC ELSO through email at swaacelsonewsletter@gmail.com to express your interest.



- 11th SWAAC ELSO Conference is inviting you to participate in the abstract submission showcasing initiatives and innovations in ECLS education, ECMO program quality improvements initiatives, ECLS evidence-based medicine or practice. Visit the link [Abstract Submission – SWAAC ELSO](#) to submit your abstract.
 - Deadline for submissions: **10th October 2024**





ELSO Endorsed Courses

We are excited to announce a new course in SWAAC ELSO achieving the ELSO endorsement as a fully comprehensive ECMO simulation course, which is the **Najran ECMO course**, in KSA. The following is the list of the **ELSO ENDORSED COURSES** in SWAAC ELSO region:

1. Mumbai. India - **ECMO Training Course**
2. Kuwait - **Al-Adan Comprehensive Adult ECMO Simulation Course**
3. Cairo, Egypt - **ECMO EXPERTS COMPREHENSIVE Made Easy Course**
4. Abu Dhabi. UAE. - **Adult ECMO Comprehensive Simulation Based Course**
5. Najran. Saudi Arabia

You can apply to any of these course and this will qualify as step 1 and 2 in the pathway to obtaining the ELSO Adult ECMO Practitioner Certification (E-AEC).

Please visit the ELSO website for more details : <https://www.else.org/ecmo-education/certificationexam.aspx>

Upcoming SWAAC region ECMO courses:

The following are ECMO courses within the SWAAC ELSO Chapter:

- 8th ELSO Endorsed comprehensive simulation – Simulation based ECMO course, at Riddhi Vinayak Riddhi Vinayak Vinayak Critical Care and Cardiac Centre, **Mumbai India**
 - 29th – 30th September & 1st October 2024 – Virtual talk
 - 4th – 6th October 2024 – Hands on Simulation[ECMO India 2024 Brochure October.pdf](#)
- Aladan comprehensive ELSO endorsed Adult ECMO Simulation Course, Aladan hospital **Kuwait** on 9th – 11th November 2024
<https://ecmocenterkw.com/my>
- **Qatar ECMO Course** - “This is an integrated four-day ECMO course that covers the core knowledge of VA and VV ECMO, with specialized focus on the retrieval process and transport on ECMO, including off-site cannulation module and more than 50% of the course is spent on case-based discussion, hands on skill station and high fidelity simulation.”
For registration please email Mr. Abdulhakeem at Aabbass@hamad.qa
Limited seats for total 16 participants.





SWAAC ELSO conference 2025

We're excited to share the upcoming **11th SWAAC ELSO Annual Conference 2025** with you, which will be held in **Abu Dhabi UAE**, from the 4th – 8th of February 2025. Mark your calendars and enjoy the hospitality, culture, and serenity of Abu Dhabi. Make sure to have a look at the poster below for details and contact information.



Click on the poster for registration

Contact information on the website, [SWAAC ELSO \(swaacelso2025.com\)](http://swaacelso2025.com)



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Al Adan Comprehensive Adult ECMO Course - Kuwait

Highlights from Al Adan Comprehensive adult ECMO simulation course - ELSO endorsed held in Kuwait from May 18th to 20th 2024.



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1st Mechanical Circulatory Support June 2024 - KSA

Highlights from the Mechanical Circulatory Support Conference held in Riyadh, KSA from June 27th to 29th 2024.





Masterclass on ECPR and Cardiogenic shock, India

Highlights from the Masterclass on ECPR and Cardiogenic shock by ECMO India on June 10th 2024, Mumbai India



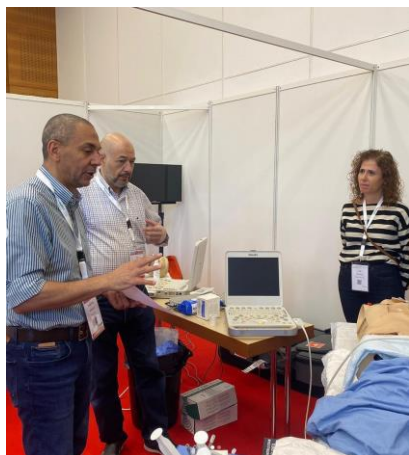
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Qatar Team in France

Highlights from Qatar’s Team Teaching in Paris, France ECOS-TCS (ExtraCorporeal Organ Support and Temporary Circulatory Support systems) held in June 24th to 25th 2024.





Najran ELSO Endorsed ECMO Course

Highlights from The Najran's ELSO Endorsed ECMO Course, KSA, Held on 7th to 10th August 2024



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Families and patients education section translation team

In this section, we highlight the SWAAC ELSO team who translated the ELSO Families and patients education section. Visit this link for the translated versions of the family and patient [What is ECMO?](#) Page. Click on the languages bellow for the dedicated translated pages.

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Awards of excellence

We congratulate the new centres that have been awarded with ELSO's award of Excellence in the past two years:



Platinum Award of Excellence:

- Riddhi Vinayak Critical Care and Cardiac Centre
Mumbai, India – 2024
- King Saud Medical City, member of Riyadh First Health Cluster
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – 2026

Gold Award of Excellence:

- Riyadh Second Health Cluster – Ministry of Health
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – 2025
- Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates – 2026
- King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – 2026
- Kuwait Extracorporeal Life Support Program
Kuwait city, Kuwait - 2026



Silver Award of Excellence:



- The Royal Hospital National Heart Centre,
Sultanate of Oman
Ghala Street, Al Ghubra, Muscat, Oman – 2024
- KING KHALID HOSPITAL
Najran, Saudi Arabia – 2025
- Sidra Medicine
Doha, Qatar - 2025

We look forward to more centers achieving the award in the near future.





ELSO Guidelines and publications:

The following are ELSO Guidelines and publications with contributions from SWAAC ELSO members:

- Extracorporeal Life Support Organization Guidelines for the Provision and Assessment of Nutritional Support in the Neonatal and Pediatric ECMO Patient:
 - https://journals.lww.com/asaiojournal/Fulltext/2022/07000/Extracorporeal_Life_Support_Organization.1.aspx (Contributed as an Author: Dr. Tala Al Dabbous)
- Extracorporeal Life Support Organization Guideline for Transport and Retrieval of Adult and Pediatric Patients with ECMO Support
 - https://journals.lww.com/asaiojournal/Fulltext/2022/04000/Extracorporeal_Life_Support_Organization_Guideline.1.aspx (Contributed as an Author: Dr. Ahmed Labib)
- Extracorporeal Life Support: The ELSO Red Book 6th Edition
 - <https://www.else.org/Publications.aspx> (SWAAC ELSO contributors: Dr. Ahmed Labib, Dr. Ibrahim Fawzi)
- 10th SWAAC Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (SWAACELSO) 2024 Conference Abstracts, Kuwait City, Kuwait, February 15th–17th, 2024
 - [10th SWAAC Extracorporeal Life Support Organization \(SWAACEL... : ASAIO Journal \(lww.com\)](#)
- Blood transfusion during extracorporeal membrane oxygenation: An ELSO Position Statement
 - <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39024410/> (Members from SWAAC ELSO region Contributed as an Authors)

You can view all ELSO guidelines on the following link: <https://www.else.org/ecmo-resources/else-ecmo-guidelines.aspx>

You can view ELSO publications on the following link: <https://www.else.org/Publications.aspx>

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