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# PROGRAM



## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

|               |  |                              |
|---------------|--|------------------------------|
| 13:30 - 14:00 | Registration   |                              |
| 14:00 - 14:15 | Opening Addresses Entering test of Knowledge Intermediate Level  | <b>Ahmed Abogamal, MD</b>    |
| 14:15 - 14:45 | Doppler Ultrasound Physics, Parameters   | <b>Ioannis Raftakis, MD</b>  |
| 14:45 - 15:05 | Doppler Artefacts and Machine Setup for MSK US   | <b>Radwa Alkhouly, MD</b>    |
| 15:05 - 15:25 | Synovitis in Different Joints  | <b>Emilio Filippucci, MD</b> |
| 15:25 - 15:45 | Synovitis US Grading and Scores  | <b>Basant Elnady, MD</b>     |
| 15:45 - 17:45 | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Workshop (All Faculty Members)</b><br>Doppler Settings of US Machine, Knobology, Artefacts & Pitfalls, Synovitis |                              |
| 17:45 - 18:00 | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |                              |

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

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|---------------|--|--|
| 08:30 - 09:00 | B-mode and Doppler Tendinosis & Tendon Tear. Definition, Detection Quantification and Pitfalls   | <b>Florentin Vreju, MD</b>                               |
| 09:00 - 09:30 | Tenosynovitis and Tendon Abnormalities Grading and Scores  | <b>Francesco Porta, MD</b>                               |
| 09:30 - 10:00 | Enthesitis and Dactylitis of Upper and Lower Limbs   | <b>Peter V. Balint, MD</b>                               |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Enthesitis US Grading and Scores   | <b>Ahmed Abogamal, MD</b>                                |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |  |
| 11:00 - 12:30 | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop (All Faculty members)</b><br>Supervised Ultrasound Scanning of Tenosynovitis, Tendon Abnormalities, Enthesis. |  |
| 12:30 - 14:00 | <b>Lunch and Prayer</b>  |  |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | US Diagnosis of Shoulder Pathology, with Live Demo   | <b>Giasna Giokits, MD</b><br><b>Faisal Elbadawi, MD</b>  |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | US Diagnosis of Elbow Pathology, with Live Demo  | <b>Ioannis Raftakis, MD</b><br><b>Nouran Abaza, MD</b>   |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | US Diagnosis of Wrist Pathology, with live Demo  | <b>Florentin Vreju, MD</b><br><b>Mohamed Mortada, MD</b> |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | US diagnosis of Hip Pathology, with Live Demo  | <b>Slavica Prodanovic, MD</b><br><b>Ahmed Negm, MD</b>   |
| 16:00 - 17:30 | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop (All Faculty members)</b><br>Supervised US Scanning of Inflammatory Wrist Joint Pathology                     |  |

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| 17:00 - 17:30 | <b>Coffee Break</b>                                      |   |
| 17:50 - 18:20 | US diagnosis of Knee Pathology, with Live Demo           | <b>Emilio Filippucci, MD</b><br><b>Zaki Abou Zahr, MD</b> |
| 18:20 - 18:50 | US diagnosis of Ankle and Foot Pathology, with Live Demo | <b>Francesco Porta, MD</b><br><b>Radwa Elkhoully, MD</b>  |

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

|               |   |                               |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 8:30 - 10:30  | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Workshop (All Faculty members)</b><br>Supervised US Scanning of Lower Limb Joints Pathology                               |                               |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |                               |
| 11:00 - 11:20 | Ultrasonography of Crystal Diseases   | <b>Mohamed Mortada, MD</b>    |
| 11:20 - 11:40 | US Grading and Scoring Gouty Abnormalities  | <b>Peter V. Balint, MD</b>    |
| 11:40 - 11:55 | Ultrasonography of Cartilage Damage-joints  | <b>Ahmed Abogamal, MD</b>     |
| 11:55 - 12:10 | Ultrasonography of Bone Damage-joints   | <b>Ghita Harifi, MD</b>       |
| 12:10 - 12:40 | Documentation of US Images and Report of US Findings  | <b>Shamma Al Nokhatha, MD</b> |
| 12:40 - 14:00 | <b>Lunch Break</b>  |                               |
| 14:00 - 16:00 | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Workshop (All faculty members)</b><br>Supervised US Scanning of Degenerative Joint Disease, Crystal, Other US Pathologies |                               |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | Interventional US- Upper Limb   | <b>Zaki Abou Zahr, MD</b>     |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | Interventional US- Lower Limb   | <b>Zaki Abou Zahr, MD</b>     |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |                               |
| 18:00 - 19:15 | <b>6<sup>th</sup> Workshop (All faculty members)</b><br>Supervised US Scanning of Interventions on Phantoms                                 |                               |
| 19:15 - 19:30 | <b>Exit Test and Closing Remarks</b>  |                               |




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