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QATAR HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION SUMMIT 2026

Held alongside Qatar International Medical Devices & Healthcare
Exhibition (QMED)



14–16 October 2026



Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC)

Theme Focus

A comprehensive exploration of Qatar's healthcare transformation journey—digital health, medical innovation, universal care, sustainability, and global partnerships.

Key Topics

- National health transformation models (Qatar, Egypt, GCC)
- Digital Health & AI in medical practice
- Universal Health Coverage implementation
- Quality & patient safety
- Future hospitals & smart healthcare infrastructure
- Regulatory reforms and medical technology standards

SUMMIT AGENDA

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, 14 October 2026

Theme: National Healthcare Transformation & Global Health Partnerships

Time	Session
08:30 - 09:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:30 - 09:45	Opening Ceremony – Qatar National Anthem
09:45 - 10:00	Opening Remarks – Representative, Ministry of Public Health – Qatar
10:00 - 10:20	Guest of Honor Keynote Address Title: Qatar's Vision for a World-Class Healthcare System Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● HE Mansoor-bin-Ebrahim-bin-Saad-Al-Mahmoud - Minister of Health
10:20 - 10:40	Global Keynote Address Title: Global Health Systems Resilience in a Rapidly Changing World Speaker: ● Dr. Hanan Balkhy - WHO Assistant Director-General
10:40 - 11:00	VIP Tour of QMED Exhibition Hall
11:00 - 12:15	Panel 1: Modernizing Healthcare Systems - Qatar's Roadmap to 2030 Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sir Liam Donaldson- Former Chief Medical Officer – United Kingdom Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Senior Official, Ministry of Public Health – Qatar● Dr. Hans Henri P. Kluge – WHO Regional Director for Europe● Representative, Supreme Council of Health – Egypt● GCC Health Authority Representative
12:15 - 13:30	Networking Lunch
13:30 - 14:30	Session 2: Primary Healthcare Transformation & Digital Readiness Keynote Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Andy Khoo Former Digital Health Transformation Lead, Ministry of Health – Singapore
14:30 - 15:30	Session 3: Medical Device Regulation & Global Compliance Standards Keynote Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Shuren Tang Former Director, FDA Center for Devices & Radiological Health (USA) Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Qatar Medical Device Regulatory Authority● European Regulatory Affairs Expert
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:00	High-Level Roundtable: Cross-Border Health Partnerships (Qatar – GCC – Egypt – Europe) Chair & Lead Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Hans Henri P. Kluge – WHO Europe Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ministry of Public Health – Qatar● GCC Health Ministers / Representatives● European Healthcare Investors● International Hospital Groups
17:00	End of Day 1

DAY 2 - THURSDAY, 15 October 2026

Theme: Digital Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence & Smart Hospitals

Time	Session
09:00 - 09:30	Coffee & Networking
09:30 - 10:00	Keynote Address Title: The Future of Smart Hospitals in Qatar Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Emmanouil Dermitzakis, president of the Qatar Precision Health Institute
10:00 - 11:00	Panel 2: Artificial Intelligence in Clinical Decision-Making Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Eric Topol Founder & Director, Scripps Research Translational Institute (USA) Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Zayna Khayat – Global Health Futurist• Senior Clinician, HMC• Health Data & AI Ethics Expert
11:00 - 12:00	Tech Showcase: Robotics, Telemedicine & Remote Monitoring Featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International HealthTech Companies• AI & Robotics Innovators• Qatari Digital Health Startups
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch & Innovation Tour – QMED Exhibition
13:00 - 14:00	Workshop: Implementing Digital Health Solutions in Large Hospitals Lead Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. David Bates Harvard Medical School – Digital Health & Patient Safety Expert
14:00 - 15:00	Session: Cybersecurity in Healthcare Keynote Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Health Cybersecurity Expert (EU / US – TBC) Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hospital CIOs• National Cybersecurity Authority – Qatar
15:00 - 16:00	Panel: Medical Startups & Innovation - Accelerating GCC HealthTech Keynote & Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Parag Khanna Global Strategy Advisor & Infrastructure Futurist Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCC HealthTech Founders• Venture Capital Firms• Government Innovation Leaders
16:00 - 17:00	B2B Meetings & International Delegation Networking
17:30:00	End of Day 2

DAY 3 – Friday, 16 October 2026

SYMPOSIUM DISCUSSION: WHERE MEDICINE MEETS TOURISM

09:00 – 09:30 Coffee & Networking

Session 1:

09:30 – 11:00

Speaker: Dr. Terrance Peabody, MD FAOA

- Alleviating the Burden of Musculoskeletal Disease
- The Growing Role of Orthopaedic Surgery in Improving the Quality of Life

Session 2:

11:00 - 12:00

Dr. Matt Smith

- Importance of classification in low back pain
- Evidenced-Based treatment approaches based on clinical Physical Therapy classification

Lunch break

12:00 - 13:00

Session 3:

13:00 - 14:00

Mrs. Susan Helfrich

- Executive Health and Patient Experience

14:00-14:30

Ceremony Closing

- MoU Announcement
- Certificate distribution

14:30

End of Summit

SPEAKERS



Keynote Speaker
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Minister of Health



Dr. Eric Topol



Dr. Shuren Tang



Dr. David Bates



Dr. Andy Khoo



Dr. Hanan Balkhy



Dr. Emmanouil Dermitzakis



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Terrance D. Peabody, MD

Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Dr. Peabody is the Edwin Warner Ryerson Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. He also provides care for patients at Lurie Children's Hospital, and is a member of the Robert H. Lurie Cancer Center. He provides oversight for the educational, research and clinical missions of the Department. The Northwestern Center for Comprehensive Orthopaedic and Spine Care, including specialists in Orthopaedic Surgery, Neurological Surgery, Physiatry, Sports Medicine and Radiology opened two years ago under his guidance.



Dr. Matthew Smith PT, DPT, OCS, CSCS

Physical Therapist
Center of Comprehensive Orthopaedic and Spine Care

Matt is a Physical Therapist at Northwestern Medicine, Center of Comprehensive Orthopaedic and Spine Care. Matt completed his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine. This included research on the validity of clinical prediction rules to determine the ability to clinically diagnose cervical radiculopathy. Matt went on to complete his Board Certification in Orthopedic Physical Therapy through the American Physical Therapy Association, for application with the patient population treated at the CCOSC. He is currently training as a fellow in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Therapists (AAOMPT) with a focus on integration of methods as well as classification of patients to improve treatment outcomes.



Susan Helfrich, MBA, RN, BSN

Program Director, International Health

Susan Helfrich serves as the Program Director for the International Patient Services Program at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago, IL. In this leadership position, Susan oversees the implementation of highly personalized and comprehensive patient services, coordinating specialized care designed to enhance each patient's comfort and experience. She has extensive leadership experience in healthcare planning, operations and administration and has worked on a number of projects including opening several outpatient centers.

