



NewsLetter

Message from the president



Dear Friends and Colleagues,
Welcome to the June 2025 edition of the SWAAC ELSO Newsletter.

Our chapter continues to grow and thrive. This was clearly demonstrated at our recent annual meeting held in Abu Dhabi this past February, which brought together over 1,000 attendees from around the world.

We are excited to announce the expansion of our chapter's activities with the addition of two new subcommittees: the Conference Subcommittee and the Membership Subcommittee. These additions aim to enhance the consistency of our annual meeting and increase engagement among our members.

In addition, several leadership vacancies within the chapter will be announced this month. If you're interested in getting involved, we encourage you to stay in touch with your center director for more information on how to apply.

Your participation is vital to strengthening our chapter and advancing its mission to serve the ECMO community.

Warm regards,
Huda Alfoudri
President, SWAAC ELSO



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Update on Committees/Subcommittees

The chapter bylaws have been updated aiming to ensure a greater representation and alignment with the needs of our community. 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. Also stay connected with your Centre directors as we will be announcing vacancies in the chapter Steering Committee this month.:

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

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News and Updates



SWAAC ELSO 2024
CROSSING BOUNDARIES



- 10th 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.

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11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025
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- 11th SWAAC ELSO 2025 scientific podcast playlist hosting global ECLS specialists. The collection of podcasts showcase important elements in the field within the chapter. Stay tuned and check the [playlist here](#)



- SWAAC ELSO chapter application was launched in February 2025 during the 11th SWAAC ELSO Conference. You will find useful information about the chapter in the app. Download it on  



- Members of the SWAAC ELSO Chapter continue to make significant contributions to the medical and scientific community, serving as a source of pride for us all. Their efforts drive advancements in patient care and reinforce our commitment to delivering cutting-edge treatments. Go to **page 15** for the chapter member publications.



- We are currently working on developing SWAACELSO subcommittees working groups so if you are interested in joining (education, innovation, research, policies and guidelines) stay tuned for the announcement of the official application form on SWAAC ELSO's socials.



- 12th SWAAC ELSO Conference is inviting you to participate in the annual meeting taking place in Chennai, India. Visit **page 6** for more information.



- SWAAC ELSO Chapter bylaws have been approved and published in the ELSO website. [Click here](#) to view them.



ELSO Endorsed Courses

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 - **Najran ECMO course**
6. Gurgaon, India - **Fortis Memorial Research Institute: Oncology Department ECMO Course**

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:

- ECMO Society **South Africa** ECLS Course:
 - ECMO & Short-term circulatory/respiratory support course from 25th – 26th July 2025
 - Adult ECMO Cannulation Course on 24th July 2025
 - For more info visit [ECMO SA](#)
- 10th ELSO Endorsed Comprehensive Adult ECLS Course 2025, **Gurugram, India** from 27th – 30th August 2025
 - For information email ecmoasia@gmail.com
- Advanced Pediatric ECMO Simulation Course, **Riyadh, Saudi Arabia** from 15th Sept – 17th Sept 2025
 - For information contact: cresent@kfmc.med.sa
 - For registration: <https://forms.gle/w2AzPmzUpxedyri8>
- 12th ELSO Endorsed comprehensive simulation – Simulation based ECMO course, at Riddhi Vinayak Riddhi Vinayak Vinayak Critical Care and Cardiac Centre, **Mumbai India**
 - 24th – 26th October 2025 – Virtual talk
 - 31st – 2nd November 2025 – Hands on Simulation[ECMO India 2025 Oct course.pdf](#)
- Aladan comprehensive ELSO endorsed Adult ECMO Simulation Course, Aladan hospital **Kuwait** on 18th – 20th October 2025
 - For information visit <https://ecmocenterkw.com/my>



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SWAAC ELSO conference 2026

We're excited to share the upcoming **12th SWAAC ELSO Annual Conference 2026** with you, which will be held in **Chennai India**, from the 5th – 8th of February 2026. Mark your calendars and enjoy the Beauty, culture, and colors of Chennai.

Make sure to have a look at the poster bellow for details

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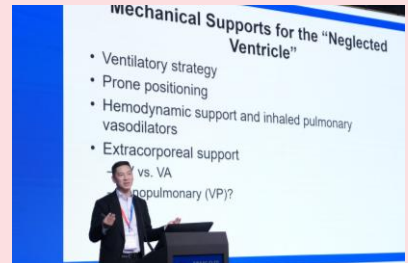


SWAAC ELSO 11th Conference Feb 2025

Highlights from The 11th SWAAC ELSO annual conference held in Abudhabi, UAE



Scientific Lectures presented during the conference





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Glimpses of the Centers Awards Ceremony





Qatar Comprehensive ECMO Course

Highlights from The Qatar Comprehensive ECMO Course by Itqan simulation and clinical innovation center held from the 13th – 17th April 2025





SWAAC ELSO Chapter members in Euro ELSO - Milan

Highlights from EURO ELSO – Milan and SWAAC ELSO chapter members contributions





Advanced ECMO Course, Riyadh

Highlights from the ECMO workshop organized by the Saudi team in the TCT Middle East conference conducted in Riyadh, KSA





ECMO Asia Annual Conference India

Highlights from ECMO ASIA Annual conference, in India 2025





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Advanced ECMO Course, Saudi ECLS Chapter, Dubai

Highlights from the Advanced ECMO Course conducted by the Saudi ECLS chapter in May in Dubai as part of the Emirates Critical Care Conference.





Al-Adan Comprehensive Adult ECMO Course

Highlights from Al-adan comprehensive Adult ECMO Course, in Aladan hospital, Kuwait held in May 2025





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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:

- 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
- Riddhi Vinayak Critical Care and Cardiac Centre
Mumbai, India – 2027
- Hamad Medical Corporation
Doha, Qatar – 2027
- Sheikh Khalifa Medical Center
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates - 2027



Silver Award of Excellence:

- 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.



SWAAC ELSO Chapter Publications

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

- Veno-venous ECMO support in the management of a Jehovah's witness with severe COVID-19: a case report and literature review. Qandil M, Tawel R, Alamami A, Jaouni H, Hassan IF, El-Menyar A, Shehatta AL. **EJCRIM** **2025;12:doi:10.12890/2025_005493**
- Pediatric Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation Practices and Challenges in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries Nada A. AlJassim*, Nooralhuda A. AlHadab, Nabeel Almashraqi, Mohamed Salim Kabbani, Yaser Kazaz [Click here to view](#)
- Infection as an indicator and additional factor for consideration of ECMO circuit change-out: A call for further research. Salman Pervaiz Butt (MBA, M.Sc), Stephanie Thomas (MBChB, FRCPath), and Salman Abdulaziz (MBBS, FRCP) <https://doi.org/10.1051/ject/2024034>
- Enhancing lung transplantation with ECMO: a comprehensive review of mechanisms, outcomes, and future considerations <https://doi.org/10.1051/ject/2024023>
- Mechanical Circulatory Support for Massive Pulmonary Embolism Salman Abdulaziz Alain Combes , MBBS, MD; Vivek Kakar , MD, PhD; Daniel Brodie MMed; Saleh Fares Al Ali , MD; Praveen G. Kumar, MD; Ibrahim Fawzy Hassan , MD; Nicholas A. Barrett , MD; , MBBS(Hons), PhD; Jack Tan , MD, MPH <https://doi.org/10.1161/JAHA.124.036101>



ELSO Guidelines and publications

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

- Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO): 2020 Pediatric Respiratory ELSO Guideline
 - [ASAIO Journal](#) (Contributed as an Author: Dr van Leeuwen, Grace)
- 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)
- 35th Annual ELSO Conference supplemental abstracts publications – Oct 2024
 - [September-October 2024 - Volume 70 - Issue Supplement 4 : ASAIO Journal](#)
- Extracorporeal Life Support Organization 2024 Guideline for Early Rehabilitation or Mobilization of Adult Patients on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation
 - [Extracorporeal Life Support Organization 2024 Guideline for Early Rehabilitation or Mobilization of Adult Patients on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation – PubMed](#) (SWAAC ELSO contributors: Dr. Ahmed Labib)

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

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

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