

INTERNATIONAL EXPERT SYMPOSIUM

THE EVOLUTION OF CURE

A NEW CHAPTER
IN GASTRIC CANCER



FEATURING

PROF. SALAH-EDDIN AL-BATRAN
Principal Investigator of FLOT4 and MATTERHORN



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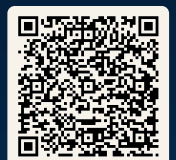
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“The Evolution of Cure, A New Chapter in Gastric Cancer”

Symposium Director Message

Dear Colleagues and Distinguished Guests,

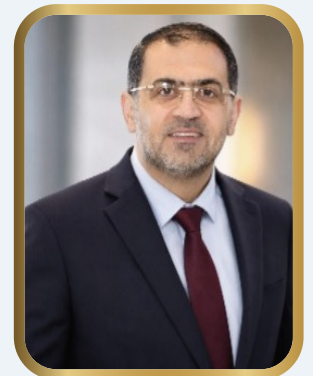
It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our symposium, **"The Evolution of Cure: A New Chapter in Gastric Cancer."**

The management of gastric cancer is undergoing a remarkable transformation. Advances in systemic therapies, precision oncology, minimally invasive surgery, and endoscopic techniques are reshaping our understanding of what is possible for patients. As multidisciplinary collaboration continues to strengthen, we are entering an era where treatment decisions are increasingly personalized, balancing oncologic efficacy with quality of life and organ preservation.

This symposium brings together leading experts to explore the latest developments across the continuum of gastric cancer care. Our program will highlight the evolution of perioperative therapy in gastroesophageal cancer and the rapidly changing landscape of global oncology drug development and academic research.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I extend my sincere appreciation to our distinguished faculty for sharing their expertise and to all participants for your commitment to advancing the care of patients with gastric cancer. I hope this symposium fosters meaningful discussion, encourages collaboration, and inspires continued innovation in clinical practice and research.

Thank you for joining us, and I wish you an informative and rewarding symposium.



Dr. Ali Dabous

Director, Gastric Cancer Symposium 2026

King Hussein Cancer Center – Amman

Scientific Committee Chair Message

On behalf of the Scientific Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our symposium, **"The Evolution of Cure: A New Chapter in Gastric Cancer."**

Developing this scientific program has been both an exciting and rewarding endeavor. Our objective was to create a symposium that reflects the rapidly evolving landscape of gastric cancer management while addressing the practical challenges faced by multidisciplinary teams in daily clinical practice.

Today's program has been carefully designed to provide a comprehensive journey through the modern management of gastric cancer. We begin with the evolution of perioperative therapy and the future of oncology drug development, followed by an overview of the current landscape of gastric cancer in Jordan. The program then explores how landmark advances, including FLOT and MATTERHORN, are redefining the role of surgery, before highlighting the transformative impact of advanced endoscopic techniques in early detection and organ preservation. Finally, our panel discussion will address some of the most important questions facing our field today: **Who benefits from treatment intensification, and who can safely undergo less extensive surgery?**

We are honored to host an outstanding faculty comprising internationally recognized experts and distinguished national leaders who have generously shared their knowledge and experience. Their diverse perspectives underscore the importance of multidisciplinary collaboration in advancing evidence-based, patient-centered care.

I sincerely thank our speakers, moderators, organizing committee, and all participants for contributing to this symposium. I hope today's discussions will inspire new ideas, strengthen collaborations, and ultimately improve outcomes for patients with gastric cancer.

Thank you for joining us, and I wish you an engaging, productive, and inspiring symposium.



Chair, Scientific Committee - Gastric Cancer Symposium
King Hussein Cancer Center – Amman



Prof. Dr. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran

International Guest Speaker



Prof. Dr. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran is an internationally renowned medical oncologist and one of the world's leading experts in gastrointestinal cancers, with a particular focus on gastric and gastroesophageal malignancies. He serves as the **Founder and Director of the Institute of Clinical Cancer Research (IKF)** at Krankenhaus Nordwest in Frankfurt, Germany, and is the **Head of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Center**. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the University Cancer Center Frankfurt (UCT) and an Adjunct Professor of Internal Medicine at Goethe University Frankfurt.

Prof. Al-Batran is internationally recognized for pioneering the **FLOT** perioperative chemotherapy regimen, which has transformed the standard of care for patients with resectable gastric and gastroesophageal junction cancers worldwide. His landmark **FLOT4** trial established FLOT as the global standard perioperative treatment, and he subsequently played a leading role in the **MATTERHORN** trial, which further advanced the field by integrating immunotherapy into curative-intent treatment strategies. His research has significantly influenced international clinical practice guidelines, including those of ESMO and NCCN.

A board-certified specialist in Medical Oncology, Hematology, Internal Medicine, Palliative Medicine, and Pain Management, Prof. Al-Batran has dedicated his career to advancing translational and clinical cancer research. His work spans precision oncology, multimodal treatment strategies, immuno-oncology, and investigator-initiated clinical trials aimed at improving outcomes for patients with gastrointestinal cancers.

Prof. Al-Batran has authored more than **400 peer-reviewed scientific publications** in leading international journals and has received numerous prestigious awards, including the **German Cancer Prize for Clinical Research**, recognizing his outstanding contributions to cancer research and patient care. His work continues to shape the future of gastrointestinal oncology through innovation, collaboration, and a commitment to translating scientific discoveries into improved clinical outcomes.



Scientific Committee

Dr. Anas Zayed (Chair)

Dr. Rim Turfa

Dr. Issa Mohamad

Dr. Motaz Al Makharmah

Dr. Ali Dabous

Organizing Committee

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Dr. Ahmad Issa



Session 1-Moderators: Dr. Rula Amareen, Dr. Motaz Makhamrah, Dr. Ahmad Hushki

16:30 – 17:00 **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

17:00 – 17:05 **Opening Remarks**
Dr. Ali Dabous, Dr. Anas Zayed

17:05 – 17:20 **Gastric Cancer in Jordan: Where Do We Stand Today?**
Dr. Kholoud Alqasem

17:20 - 17:35 **The Endoscopic Revolution in Gastric Cancer
From Early Detection to Organ Preservation**
Dr. Hazem Hamad

17:35 – 17:55 **The Evolution of Perioperative Therapy: Lessons from Gastroesophageal Cancer**
Prof. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran

17:55 – 18:05 **Q&A**

Session 2-Moderator: Dr. Issa Mohammad, Dr. Belal Baker

18:05 - 18:25 **Surgery in the Era of FLOT and MATTERHORN
Has the Role of the Gastric Cancer Surgeon Changed?**
Dr. Ali Dabous

18:25 - 18:45 **A Case-Based Journey Through Modern Curative Strategies**
Prof. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran

18:45 – 18:55 **Q&A**

18:55 - 19:10 **Coffee Break**

Expert Panel Discussion – Moderator: Dr. Ali Dabous

19:10 - 20:10 **Challenging the Dogma in Gastric Cancer
Who Needs More Treatment, Who Needs Less Surgery?**
Panelists: Prof. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran, Dr. Mahmoud Al-Masri, Dr. Faiez Daoud, Dr. Rim Turfa

20:10 – 20:15 **Closing Remarks and Acknowledgments**
Dr. Ali Dabous, Dr. Anas Zayed

20:15 **Dinner**



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