

NewsLetter



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Message from the president



In this time of the year with war waging all around us in west Asia, I as president of SWAACELSO, pen this opening remarks of the newsletter with the hope that war will soon end. In this context, SWAACELSO has with the help of its parent body ELSO, taken on a leadership role in extending ECMO services in the war hit region, to some extent. As per the latest ELSO report, compiled by ELSO Registry Chair, Joseph Tonna et al, over 100000 patients in the Registry have received ECMO and survived to hospital discharge. This ELSO newsletter recharges and encourages each one of us, to reach for higher thresholds on our work on ECMO. This registry is a big resource for all of us in the future, for research and more in depth learning. Continuing to serve the motto to bring educative and informative content for its delegates and researchers, SWAACELSO, too in 2023 like its parent body ELSO to which it remains affiliated. The ECMO intensivists from Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Cairo and different regions of India, organized competitive high quality

CMEs and webinars on different aspects of ECMO. We encourage all centres of ECMO under SWAACELSO to follow the same so that ECMO is seen as the next stethoscope in each ICU of every hospital, in the region for academic and educative goals.

SWAACELSO enjoyed a happening and academic 2023 last trimester in Oct-Dec 2023. Three big ECMO Simulation workshops were held at Cairo, Egypt AIIMS, New Delhi, India; Qatar, RVCC, Mumbai, India. More than 804 patients in the SWAACELSO region, received ECMO in 2023 from 25 different centres of India itself. AIIMS led the way for V-A paediatric ECMO and RVCC Mumbai and MGM Hospital, Chennai for VV ECMO.

Reflecting the increasing interest and importance of ECMO to clinicians and researchers, the SWAACELSO region saw a surge in the number of publications from the region. A textbook on cardiac Critical Care and ECMO, another on ECMO Practical Manual Volume 1 and volume 2 (ready for release) saw the chapters and articles on ECMO surge. More than 200 publications in indexed national and international journals saw the light of the day in 2023.

The new year begins with everyone's keen interest on SWAACELSO Annual conference in Kuwait, (15-17 February 2024), with Dr. Huda as Chairman of the 2024 annual SWAACELSO conference and at the main driving force, it is going to be the finest SWAACELSO conference so far. A great social media presence from ELSO and SWAACELSO leaders makes it one of the most promising upcoming events early this year to MUST ATTEND.

If the past is glorious, the upcoming events in the next 3 months are even more interesting. There are two SWAACELSO events in January 2024 and three in February - March 2024. Looking forward to more greener pastures and indications for ECMO with SWAACELSO intensivists in 2024.



Update on Committees/Subcommittees

The new chairman, Prof Poonam Malhotra Kapoor has started since May 2022. The chairman tenure has changed to two years to allow more time for the chairman to implement the many changes and chapter development. Dr Huda Alfoudri was elected as chairman elect starting from May 2024

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

Position	Name	Country	Email Address	Tenure
Chairman	Poonam Malhotra Kapoor	India	drpoonamaims@gmail.com	2022-2024
Past-Chairman	Akram Abdelbary	Egypt	akram_bary@yahoo.com	2022-2024
Chairman-Elect	Huda Al Foudri	Kuwait	h_alfoudri@hotmail.com	2022-2024
Chairman Steering Committee Edu/Simu/Comm	Huda Al Foudri	Kuwait	h_alfoudri@hotmail.com	2022-2023
Chairman Steering Committee Research	Vivek Gupta	India	dr_vivekg@yahoo.com	2022-2023
Chairman Steering Committee Registry /Protocols	Ibrahim Fawzy Hassan	Qatar	ihassan@hamad.qa	2022-2023
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Member at Large	Jana Assy	Lebanon	ja101@aub.edu.lb	2022-2024
Member at Large	Marlice van Dyk	South Africa	dr.marlice@icudoctor.co.za	2022-2024
Member at Large	Vivek Kakar	UAE	KakarV@clevelandclinicabudhabi.ae	2022-2024

Please feel free to contact any of the members above for any issues relating to SWAAC ELSO or if you are interested in joining any of the subcommittees. You can find a copy of the updated bylaws with details of the different committees and subcommittees of SWAAC ELSO on ELSO AND SWAAC ELSO website:

- <https://www.else.org/AboutUs/Chapters/SouthWestAsianAfrica.aspx>
- www.swaacelso.com



SWAAC ELSO 2024

We're excited to share the upcoming **10th SWAAC ELSO Conference 2024** with you, which will be held in **Kuwait**, from the 15th – 17th of February 2024. Mark your calendars and enjoy the hospitality, culture, and beautiful beginning of spring in Kuwait. Make sure to have a look at the poster below for details and contact information.

SOUTH WEST ASIA & AFRICA CHAPTER

S W A A C ELSO

10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

CROSSING BOUNDARIES

15TH - 17TH FEBRUARY 2024
ARRAYA BALLROOM, COURTYARD MARRIOTT, KUWAIT CITY

CME accredited

Conference sessions will cover all aspects of extracorporeal life support therapy (ECMO) for adults and paediatrics

TARGET AUDIENCE:

- INTENSIVISTS
- ANAESTHETIST
- CARDIAC SURGEONS
- PHYSIOTHERAPISTS
- PEDIATRICIANS
- NURSES
- PERFUSIONISTS
- CARDIOLOGISTS
- CLINICAL DIETITIANS
- EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
- OTHER MDT MEMBERS



[www.swaaacelso2024.com](https://swaaacelso2024.com)

Contact information in the website, <https://swaaacelso2024.com/>



Endorsed Workshops highlights

ECMO Made Easy comprehensive course Critical care Center – Egypt, Cairo university, June 2023





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Highlights of the endorsed extensive ECMO workshop – that took place in Kuwait October 2023.





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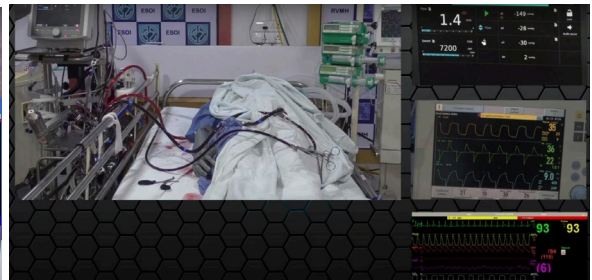
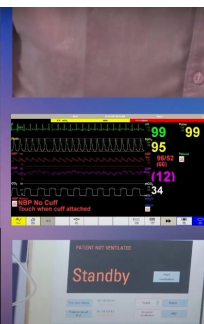
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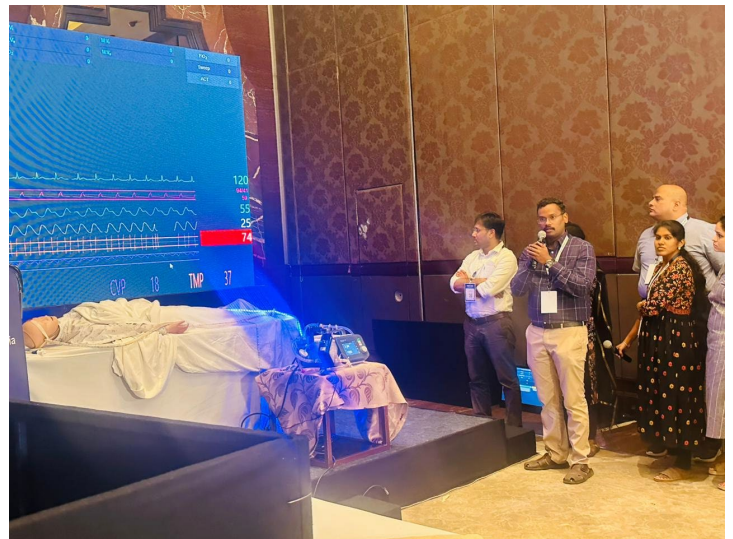
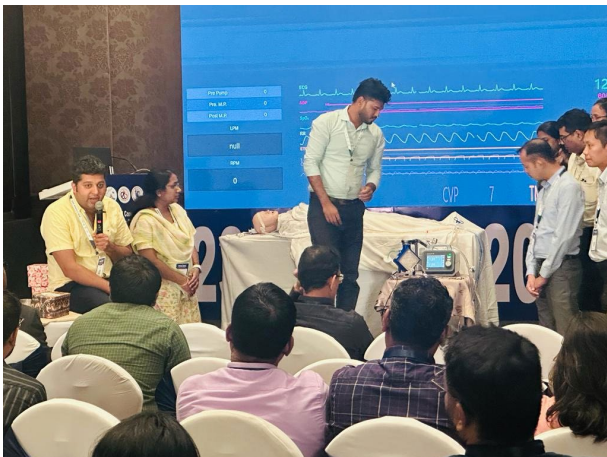
Highlights of the ELSO endorsed Simulation based comprehensive training course held in Oct 2023 in Riddhi Vinayak Multispeciality Hospital, India, Mumbai





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Highlights of the endorsed One-day workshop on ECMO in Paediatric cardiology society meeting held in Chennai, India, in November 2023





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

Gold Award of Excellence:

- Riyadh Second Health Cluster – Ministry of Health
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – 2026
- 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

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)

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

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