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Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's Heart Failure Academy delivers a high-quality, cost-effective professional development program and networking opportunities. We believe that the best way for pharmacists and other healthcare professionals to understand and implement current best practices in heart failure, is to be immersed in a setting that provides access to a comprehensive curriculum in a real-life setting with hands-on practice mentored by faculty who are subject matter experts.

## Goals of the Heart Failure Academy for Pharmacists

- To provide the foundational knowledge needed to optimize medications for heart failure patients
- To provide the necessary knowledge and skills needed to implement transition of care services in heart failure
- To expose trainees to state-of-the-art strategies and technology used in heart failure
- To demonstrate how to evaluate the effectiveness of initiatives and interventions in heart failure through measurement of outcomes



## Overview

The Heart Failure Academy for Pharmacists exposes trainees to current best practices through didactic lectures delivered by experts in the field, as well as hand-on training utilizing state-of-the-art technology. The program curriculum is spread over a 2-week, 10 days period. The first week is dedicated to foundations of implementation of management of heart failure (HF), and the second builds on the first week and provides more advanced knowledge. Throughout the 2-week period, trainees will get the chance to participate in multidisciplinary HF rounds and interface with various healthcare providers to optimize medications prescribed under the preceptorship of experts in the field.

### Topics covered include, but are not limited to:

- Heart failure patient assessment
- Heart Failure Medications pharmacology
- Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of HF meds and their clinical application
- Heart failure medications titration to target doses
- Management of acute decompensated heart failure
- Advanced heart failure management
- Management of patients with left ventricular assist device
- Measuring and reporting outcomes of heart failure transition of care (TOC) initiatives
- Implementing heart failure TOC strategies

# Heart Failure Academy for Pharmacists Program Format

The program includes a didactic component which provides the foundational knowledge needed in the care of patients with heart failure. The program also has a hands-on training component which allows for implementation of the foundational knowledge during the training period. Trainees will be attending daily multidisciplinary team rounds and provided the chance to work on state-of-the-art clinical decision support system.

## Application Requirements

Applications are open to pharmacists looking to practice in heart failure management in their home institution. All applicants will be required to submit an program online application in addition to the necessary supplemental documents. Vital to their application submission, applicants must provide health clearance evidence from their home institution. The health clearance should include up to date vaccination records, negative TB results, as well as Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi occupational health requirements.

### Overall, applicants must provide the following:

- Heart Failure Academy online application form
- Letter of intent (cover letter)
- CV
- 1 Letter of recommendation (from their current or previous supervisor)
- Health clearance agreement
- Police clearance letter
- Proof of health insurance (copy of health insurance / coverage in UAE)

## Activity Facilitators

The following facilitators contribute to the program:



**Bassam Atallah, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS-AQ Cardiology, FHFS**  
Clinical Associate Professor, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of  
Medicine.

Senior Pharmacotherapy Specialist, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi



**Ziad Sadik, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP**

Senior Pharmacotherapy Specialist, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi



**Feras Bader, MD, MS, FACC, FHFS**

Clinical Professor of Medicine | Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of  
Medicine of Case Western Reserve University  
Chairman, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine.

Director, Section of Heart Failure and Transplant

Chairman, Heart Failure Working Group of Emirates Cardiac Society

## Activity Facilitators

The following facilitators contribute to the program:



**Hussam Ghalib, MD**

Staff Physician, Cardiology, Heart & Vascular Institute



**Fahad Alsindi MD**

Staff Physician, Cardiology, Heart & Vascular Institute



**Iman Mukhtar Hamour, MBBS**

Associate Staff Physician, Cardiology, Heart & Vascular Institute

## Activity Facilitators

The following facilitators contribute to the program:



**Medhat Soliman, MD**

Associate Staff Physician, Cardiology, Heart & Vascular Institute



**Guirgis Gabra, MD**

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**Shahrukh Hashmani, MBBS , FCPS, FHFA, FAPSC**

European Board Certified Heart Failure Specialist  
Fellow of Heart Failure Society of HFA (ESC)  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic  
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Heart & Vascular Institute.

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The following facilitators contribute to the program:



**Richard C. Ferrer, BSN RN CHFNP**

Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Nurse Coordinator,  
Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi



## Dates Available

Onsite training occurs over a period of 10 consecutive days. For future dates and additional information please contact: [PharmacyTrainingPrograms@ClevelandClinicAbuDhabi.ae](mailto:PharmacyTrainingPrograms@ClevelandClinicAbuDhabi.ae).

## Tuition Information

The tuition for the Heart Failure Academy for Pharmacists is AED8,000.

Full payment must be received before trainees go onsite for experiential training in order to guarantee participation. The tuition fee does not include travel accommodation for experiential training, which is the responsibility of the trainee.

To apply to the Heart Failure Academy please submit an online application through this link:  
<https://fs10.formsite.com/CCADclinicaltraining/ba7vy0k2ma/index.html>

## Accreditation Statement and Continuing Education Credit

Practice Activity Number 0590007--19-0000-L01-P

Initial Date of Release: October 13, 2019

Date of Expiration: October 13, 2022



Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education and complies with the Accreditation Standards for continuing education activities. The Universal Activity Number for this activity is 0590007--19-0000-L01-P. This certificate program is developed for pharmacists for a total of 30.0 contact hour (3 CEU). The activity will be released October 13, 2019 and expires October 13, 2022. Statements of completion will be issued online as the full program is completed with a post-test score of 80% or higher. Completion of an online evaluation tool is required to receive the Statement of Credit. This information will be automatically reported to CPE Monitor for US pharmacists. Evaluations must be completed at the end of the program. Failure to complete the evaluation by the end of the program will result in a loss of continuing pharmacy education credit.

For additional information, contact [PharmacyTrainingPrograms@ClevelandClinicAbuDhabi.ae](mailto:PharmacyTrainingPrograms@ClevelandClinicAbuDhabi.ae)

## Heart Failure Academy for Pharmacists Certificate of Completion

Upon successful completion of the post-course assessment, the online evaluation of the program and full attendance of the program, a Certificate of Achievement will be issued to the participant.



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