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## Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy in Middle East

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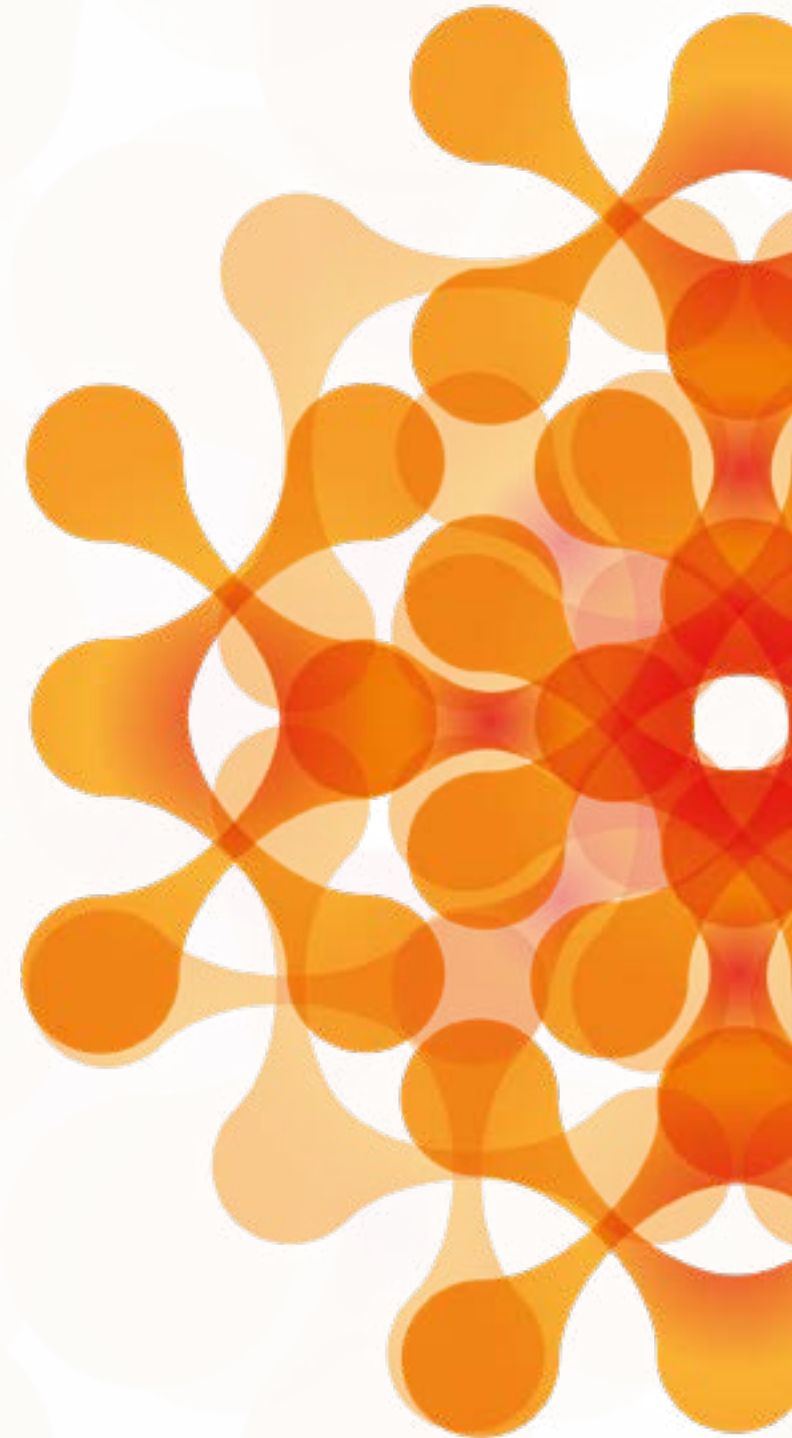
## AIM of the project

Rare diseases affect a small number of people compared to the general population, but there are six to seven thousand rare diseases that have been discovered, and new diseases are regularly described in medical literature.

Not all rare diseases are genetic, but often are serious, chronic, and progressive. For many rare diseases, signs may be observed at birth or in childhood. However, over 50% of rare diseases appear during adulthood.

The field of rare diseases suffers from a deficit of medical and scientific knowledge. For a long time, doctors, researchers, and policy makers were unaware of rare diseases and until very recently there was no real research or public health policy concerning issues related to the field.

The aim of this course is to focus attention and increase knowledge on: **Leber hereditary optic neuropathy (LHON)**. Due to the lack of sufficient scientific and medical knowledge, many patients are not diagnosed, and their disease remains unidentified. The course will help doctors in disease diagnosis, in addressing the best therapies today available and in the management of affected patients



# Scientific Program

Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

## Pathogenesis, clinical characteristics and management of LHON

Time: Abu Dhabi: 9pm

Rome: 6pm

### Moderator

Dr. Franco Antonio Folino

### Topics:

- Leber hereditary optic neuropathy: genetics and pathogenesis  
Prof. Marko Hawlina
- How to recognize the disease-clinical presentations  
Dr. Ashref AlMoosa
- Atypical presentations and differential diagnosis  
Prof. Marko Hawlina
- Management of LHON patient: Established and emerging therapies  
Prof. Marko Hawlina

## Faculty

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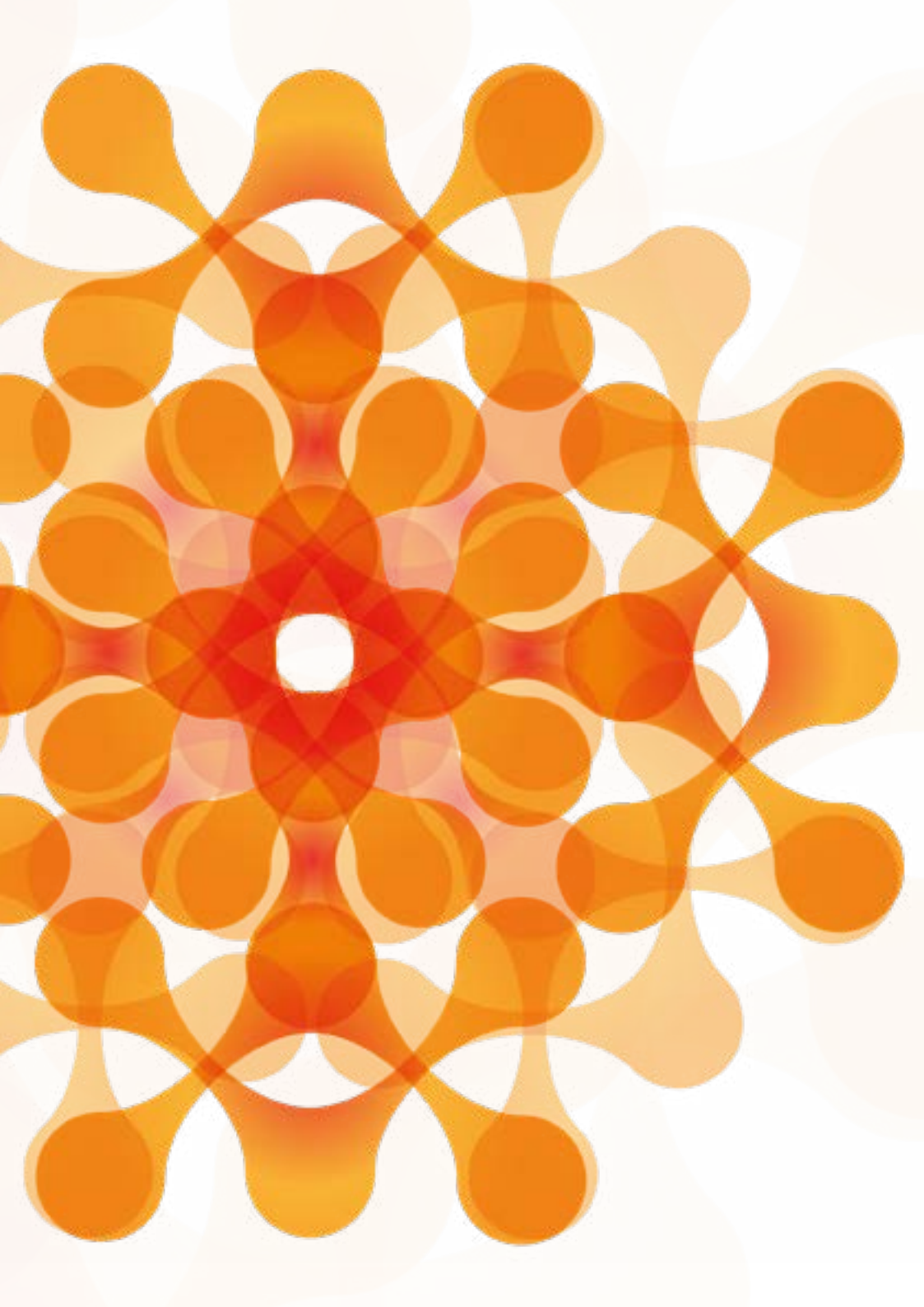
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