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5th Edition

Drug Safety Symposium - Middle East Chapter



In today's dynamic healthcare landscape, the burgeoning trend of prioritizing patient-centric safety reflects a fundamental shift towards a more holistic approach to healthcare delivery and patient safety.

We proudly present Drug Safety Symposium - India Chapter, with a focus on patient safety and fostering innovation in pharmaceuticals.



Elevating *patient* safety

Empowering
the future of PV



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Meets Compliance



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Masterclass on ADR & ICSR
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UAE's Pharmacovigilance Pulse - *Stronger Than Ever*

The **5th Edition Drug Safety Symposium 2026 – Middle East Chapter** marked a defining milestone in the evolution of pharmacovigilance dialogue in the region. What began as a platform for discussion has grown into a trusted space for **honest, regulator-led, and practice-driven conversations** around patient safety.

Hosted by **Eminence Group Ventures FZCO**, the event brought together **over 60 senior and mid-level professionals** from regulatory authorities, pharmaceutical and biotech companies, CROs, academia, and safety service providers across the **Middle East**.

The theme, “**Pharmacovigilance 360°: From Clinical to Post-Market,**” reflected the shared understanding that safety today must be embedded across the entire product lifecycle — from protocol design to real-world evidence, inspections, and crisis preparedness.

We are a strong network of people in India and Middle East

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Successful Editions

15,000+

Professional Connections

20+

Global Regulatory Leaders

2000+

Pharma Manufacturing Leaders & SME's

75+

Industry Experts & Panel Speakers

150+

Pharma Companies

Drug Safety Symposium - *Journey*

1st Edition



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2nd Edition



India
2024

3rd Edition



UAE
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4th Edition



India
2025

5th Edition



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India
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Thought Leaders - *Speakers*

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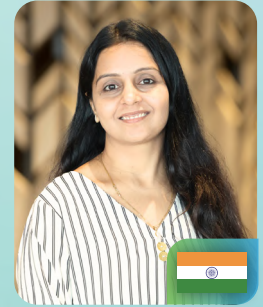
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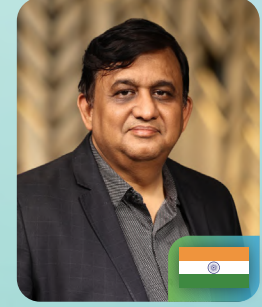
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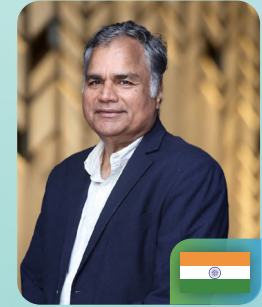
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#EminenceHealthAwareness

#EminenceHealthAwareness reflects Eminence Group's commitment to safety beyond systems and regulations. Rooted in the belief that healthcare professionals must be prepared not only in pharmacovigilance and quality, but also in real-life emergencies, this initiative promotes health awareness, preventive care, and life-saving skills—reminding us of that patient safety ultimately begins with human readiness and responsibility.

1. Life-saving action is as critical as life-saving systems
2. Call for help immediately — activate emergency services and get an AED.
3. Push hard, push fast — center of the chest, 100–120 compressions per minute.
4. Don't stop until help arrives — consistency saves lives.



Presence *- Around the Globe*

450+
Attendees

14+
Countries

Maximum participation from

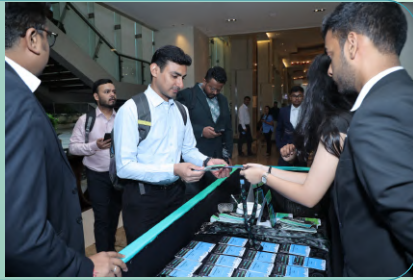
- UAE
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- Algeria
- Jordan
- USA
- England
- KSA
- India
- Kuwait
- Madrid
- Oman
- Bangladesh

- Total No of Attendees: **457**
- No. of Companies: **167**
- No. of Speakers: **62**
- No. of Media / Influencers: **68**
- No. of Partners & Exhibitors: **17**
- Total Digital Media Impressions: **112k+**
- Total Digital Media Followers across the platforms: **27k+**

2026 Event - Feedback

Registration Process

96% satisfaction:
Seamless, well-coordinated, and smooth from sign-up to on-site check-in.



Networking Sessions

94% satisfaction:
Highly valued interactions with regulators, peers, and industry leaders in an open, approachable setting.



DRUG SAFETY SYMPOSIUM 2025



Set-up & Organizing

97% satisfaction:
Professional execution, clear flow, and excellent time management across both days



Learning Opportunities

98% satisfaction:
Strongly appreciated for practical, inspection-ready insights and hands-on sessions.

Overall Event Experience

97% satisfaction:
Rated as impactful, relevant, and one of the most valuable PV forums in the region.



Looking to do business in the next year

89% of the participants said that they were looking for different solutions and planned to onboard vendors.



Why Attend



Meet and Learn from the Regulatory Leaders from Across the Globe



Speed Networking



Hands-on Workshops



One-on-One Meetings with the Influencers



Brand yourself as Voice of the Industry

What's in it for you?

By attending Drug Safety Symposium, you will gain access to the industry experts and leaders from around the globe. Reinforce existing bonds and make new connection through an unparalleled experiences that will leave you with lasting memories.

Testimonials

We're on the second day of the Eminence Conference, and it's been excellent so far. I'm thoroughly enjoying it. As always, Eminence has maintained its hallmark of perfect organization. They're doing a fantastic job, and I'm sure the event will conclude just as smoothly.

Dr. Gopal Muralidharan

Head – Global Pharmacovigilance and Clinical Operations, Arcolab



It was an honour to participate in the 4th Edition of the Drug Safety Symposium 2025 – India Edition, held in Mumbai. I had the privilege of lighting the inaugural lamp alongside Dr. Jai Prakash, Chief Scientific Officer at the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, and other esteemed leaders like Dr. Rahul Somani from Alkem. The event featured a highly insightful panel discussion on the new pharmacovigilance guidelines in India, where I spoke on key regulatory changes, implementation challenges, resource requirements, and the need for harmonization with global PV standards.

Dr. Jamal Baig

Multi-Country Safety Head for South Asia & Indo-China, Sanofi India



My visit to India, specifically to attend the Drug Safety Symposium in Mumbai, has been quite unique. Although this is my third time attending, the experience remains nothing short of amazing. The symposium is truly transforming the pharmacovigilance landscape. It featured outstanding presentations by expert speakers and dynamic engagement from an eager audience. The sessions highlighted critical updates in technology, digitalization, artificial intelligence, and the evolving PV framework. It's a must-attend event. I'm already looking forward to the upcoming edition in Dubai.

Ahmed Hegazy

Managing Director, PVigilant Health



I participated as a speaker at the Drug Safety Symposium organized by EBM, and I must commend the flawless logistics and well-structured planning of the event. From registration to speaker announcements and overall scheduling, everything was timely and efficient. The agenda was thoughtfully curated, and the panel discussions were rich with valuable insights. There were also great opportunities for networking. Overall, it was a wonderful experience. Also, I want to thank Guneet, who is behind everything and the way she had an eye on each and every detail is really commendable.

Dr. Chitra Bargaje

Global Head PV, Lupin



We had a fantastic time attending the Eminence Conference in Mumbai. The organization was top-notch, and the content of the talks was excellent. We had the opportunity to learn from many experts, and everything was handled with professionalism. We'll definitely be returnin

Dr. Graeme Ladds
CEO, PharSafer



This was my first time attending the 3rd Edition Drug Safety Symposium 2025 – Dubai Chapter, and it has been an incredible opportunity, not only to attend but also to present. It was a great experience participating in discussions, engaging in workshops, and networking with professionals from the industry. I had the chance to discuss key challenges related to drug safety with experts from various backgrounds. I truly hope to attend the conference again next year.

Dr. Manal Younus
Global Head PV, Alkem Laboratories



Thank you very much for organizing such a fantastic event. I found it incredibly engaging and informative. It provided a great platform for collaboration between regulators, industry professionals, vendors, and third-party stakeholders. A wide range of important topics were discussed, including AI, risk management, new regulations, compliance requirements, and PV reporting. The presence of key stakeholders, including regulators, added significant value to the discussions. I sincerely appreciate all the effort behind making this event a success. We look forward to seeing it continue as a recurring event in the future.

Miriam Zalzala
Clinical Development and Operations
Vendor management Lead, Boehringer
Ingelheim



It was a privilege to attend the Drug Safety Symposium 2025 – India Chapter. The event was excellently organized with top-notch speakers and sessions. It provided a great opportunity to engage with industry colleagues on current challenges and potential solutions, especially in the areas of technology and AI. With over 25 speakers, each having more than 20 years of experience, we gained insights distilled from over 500 collective years of PV expertise. It was an excellent experience, thank you team Eminence for bring us all together.

Dr. Rahul Somani
Global Head PV, Alkem Laboratories



I'm delighted to be here at the 3rd Edition Drug Safety Symposium 2025 – Dubai Chapter for the second time since last year. This symposium continues to deliver timely and insightful topics, making it an invaluable experience. A big thank you to the organizers for having me, not just as an attendee but also as the Scientific Committee Chair. It was an honor to invite outstanding speakers and facilitate engaging discussions with industry professionals. The knowledge shared and the learnings gained here in the region have been truly enriching. Looking forward to more such impactful events.

Omar Aimer

President of the North America Chapter,
ISO-P



I had the pleasure of speaking at the Eminence Symposium, and it was a great experience. The symposium covered a range of important topics, including PSMF, regulations, CSV, and artificial intelligence. It was a truly valuable session. Thank you, Eminence, for organizing it so well.

Souvik Chatterjee

Global Senior GCP/PV Auditor, Novartis



The Eminence Group is truly pioneering the space of patient safety. There was a noticeable void in the industry, no dedicated platform where thought leaders could gather and discuss how to improve patient safety in India and globally. With its fourth edition, this symposium has successfully brought together leading companies and professionals from various organizations and service providers. I participated in a panel discussion and look forward to more meaningful conversations over the two days.

Varun Dua

Founder & CEO, PV Analytica



This is my second time attending this conference, and what truly sets it apart is the care and thoughtfulness behind its planning. The team invests significant effort in research and in identifying the industry's pain points, which results in a well-curated agenda with highly relevant topics. The quality of the presentations was outstanding, making the sessions insightful and engaging across both days. I highly recommend attending future conferences organized by this team.

Dr. Rajendra Kumar Kasi

Vice President & Global Head -
Pharmacovigilance, Glenmark
Pharmaceuticals



It was a pleasure to be part of this symposium. The discussions thoroughly covered challenges in day-to-day pharmacovigilance operations and explored new methodologies, including the integration of artificial intelligence. Workshops on audits and inspections were particularly practical and insightful. Stakeholders from various pharmaceutical companies shared real-world challenges and experiences, making it a highly enriching event. I sincerely thank the organizers for inviting me to speak.

Dr. Sridhar Yeshamania

Vice President, Global Patient Safety and Clinical Affairs, Amneal Pharmaceuticals



This event has grown significantly over the years, and it's great to witness its evolution. The sessions were highly interactive, featuring powerful presentations and diverse panel discussions. The topics were relevant and thoughtfully chosen. I wish the Eminence team continued success with future events.

Dr. Shiv Kumar Buddha

PV Leader & Consultant



I would like to sincerely thank Eminence Group for this wonderful opportunity. I've known them for almost eight years now and have been actively engaged with their events, which always bring refreshing content and an incredible energy. Attending feels like being part of a big family celebration, where you stay connected throughout. Despite coming from a different background, I found myself fully engaged with every topic, the content, and the speakers. The overall organization and time management were impeccable—everything started and ended on time, including the sessions and meals. As always, I'm very happy to be here.

Dr. Laila Fatima

Associate Director - Non Drug Program, Novartis



I attended the Drug Safety Symposium 2024, India chapter and it has been an overwhelming experience, especially with the caliber of the audience present, from industry experts to top-level PV heads. The sessions have been highly interactive, and I've enjoyed expanding my knowledge while engaging with others. As a service provider, I see it as my responsibility to address their queries, provide valuable advice, and ensure they are fully informed about regulations. The opportunity to contribute to their understanding and satisfaction is immensely rewarding.

Dr. Abhay Chimankar

Founder Director, Rhyme Life Sciences & Cadence Life Sciences



Over the past two days, I had the privilege of speaking at the 3rd Edition Drug Safety Symposium 2025 – Dubai Chapter, organized by Eminence Group. This event has been a fantastic opportunity for everyone to share knowledge, gain new insights, and stay updated on the latest developments in the industry. I would like to sincerely thank the organizers for this opportunity, and I look forward to seeing everyone again at future editions.

Dr. Katya Nabeel

PV Officer - National PV Center, EDE



I want to give huge credit to Eminence Group for organizing this fantastic event. I truly enjoyed being here with such a diverse group of experts from regulatory bodies, academia, and the industry. It was a pleasure to participate, engage in discussions, and interact with so many professionals. A wealth of experience has been shared, and we have come up with valuable recommendations. Once again, I sincerely thank Eminence Group for this outstanding event.

Samah Ragab

Regulatory Affairs and Pharmacovigilance Director, Middle East, North and West Africa, Organon



I had the privilege of attending the seminar organized by the Eminence Group, where I was invited to speak on the current landscape of Pharmacovigilance in India. The audience comprised highly knowledgeable and attentive professionals from various sectors of the pharmaceutical industry, making the experience incredibly engaging and insightful. Over the course of the two-day event, we participated in excellent sessions that fostered meaningful discussions and knowledge exchange. Thank you to the Eminence Group for hosting such a valuable and enriching seminar.

Dr. Somnath Basu

Scientist-e in QMS & REGULATORY,
Drug Controller of India



We attended the 3rd Edition Drug Safety Symposium 2025 – Dubai Chapter, where we had the privilege of hearing from speakers with diverse backgrounds across the pharmaceutical industry. They shared valuable insights on the importance of pharmacovigilance, patient-centric approaches, and the latest advancements in the PV industry. It has been an enriching experience, and we look forward to seeing you all at the next edition in 2026.

Jafar Al -Shadidi

Regional Regulatory Coordinator,
Excelltis Middle East.



It was an absolute pleasure to participate in what proved to be an insightful and genuinely practical conference. Having delivered at many congresses globally, I can confidently say the format of this 5th edition was truly fit for purpose and should be retained. Congratulations to you and your team for creating a powerful blend of sessions that left delegates both empowered and educated, mission accomplished. I look forward to reconnecting for the 6th edition and would be delighted to continue supporting, including through another health authority panel and keynote.

Pav Rishiraj

Director, Pharmacovigilance & UK QPPV
| ABPI Board SG Member & PV Expert
Chair, Ipsen Ltd



Many thanks for the time and effort invested in delivering such a successful event. Engagements like this are invaluable for pharmacovigilance teams, helping raise PV awareness across communities, gain guidance from local regulators, and share best practices that strengthen patient safety.

Dr. Abdelhamid Shalaby

Global Patient Safety Director – MENA,
AstraZeneca



I wanted to extend my sincere thanks for your incredible efforts in making the 5th Edition of the Drug Safety Symposium 2026 – Middle East Chapter such a resounding success.

Your team's meticulous planning and seamless execution were evident throughout the symposium. The honesty, depth, and practicality of the sessions truly stood out, and the strong engagement from participants is a clear testament to the relevance and impact of the topics addressed.

Dr. Mohamed Abdel Hady

Director, Affiliate Head of Patient Safety,
UAE and Russia Gilead Lifesciences



I truly enjoyed the event. It was exceptionally well organised, and the level of audience engagement throughout was impressive. I particularly appreciated the quality of the questions and the exchanges during the sessions — it was clear that participants were actively thinking about how to apply the discussions to their day-to-day work.

It was also a pleasure connecting with fellow speakers and participants and exchanging experiences. Thank you to you and your team for taking such great care of every detail. Wishing you continued success, and I look forward to opportunities to collaborate again.

Alina Panourgia

PV and Regulatory Affairs Advisor &
Co-Founder, Composite Pharma



Thank you to the Eminence team for organizing a meaningful and well-executed event. The sessions offered valuable insights and encouraged strong knowledge sharing, making the symposium a truly enriching experience.

Sunil Pandita

Chief Executive Officer, Thrana Tech



It was truly a pleasure to be part of the 5th Edition of the Drug Safety Symposium. The level of audience engagement was outstanding, and the event provided a valuable opportunity to exchange practical insights with peers and regulators across the industry.

It was inspiring to see such honest, practice-driven discussions translate into meaningful takeaways for participants. The care and effort your team invested in planning and execution were evident throughout, and I sincerely appreciate the hard work behind delivering such a successful and impactful event.

Dr. Mina Gergis

Pharmacovigilance Manager & QPPV,
Vieco Pharma



Key - Take Aways

Regulatory readiness is now operational, not optional —
with UAE GVP inspections commencing from Q2 2026, daily discipline matters.

QPPV accountability must be real and local — clear roles,
availability, and decision authority are under sharper scrutiny.

Quality beats volume in ADR & ICSR management —
judgment, clarity, and defensible rationale drive inspection outcomes.

CAPAs must fix root causes, not symptoms —
sustainable frameworks outperform reactive close-outs.

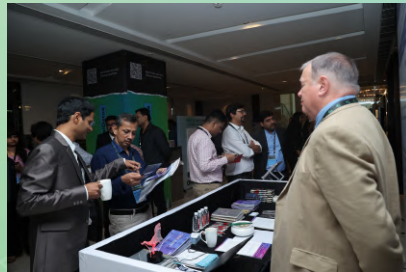
RWE is a strategic pillar of modern PV —
data provenance, quality, and context determine regulatory value.

Partnership governance is critical —
CROs and license partners require robust oversight and clear ownership.

Safety goes beyond systems —
preparedness, people, and purpose remain central to patient protection.

Hands-on learning accelerates readiness —
mock inspections, case work, and workshops translate guidance into action.

DSS - Experience



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India Chapter

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We at Eminence, aspire to pool our research and deliver it with the assistance of industry stalwarts. We believe that business growth is a 4-step process starting with Knowledge followed by Excellence and the result is Economic Development; the step fourth is Networking, "It is not what you know but WHO you know."

We conduct and host conferences, trainings, masterclasses, award ceremonies, and programs for pharmaceuticals, health-care, and allied industries.

Here are some of other conferences by us:



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