Keynote speaker:
Rola Mahmoud, MD
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Associate Professor of Neurology
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Objectives: Discuss Background, science, benefits of bilingualism and future directions

Dr. Rola Mahmoud is a board-certified neurologist with a subspecialty in multiple sclerosis and neuro-immunology. She brings many years of extensive training, knowledge, and experience in Neurology to Kansas City. She works at Kansas City physician Partners and is the former director of the Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Center at Saint Luke's Marion Bloch Neuroscience Institute.

Dr Mahmoud has a diverse multicultural background where she grew up in a bilingual/trilingual home. She was born in Egypt and raised in the United Arab Emirates. She completed the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), a globally recognized qualification from the University of Cambridge in an international school with people from different cultural and religious backgrounds.

Her mother, who was a lawyer, spoke 4 languages but was most passionate about education and teaching French. Dr Mahmoud grew up to be a doctor like her father and inherited the passion for teaching and learning languages from her mother. Her training in medicine includes a fellowship in multiple sclerosis and neuro-immunology at Baylor College of Medicine in Texas, neurology residency at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in New York and a combined neurology and psychiatry residency at Ain Shams University School of Medicine in Cairo, Egypt where she earned her medical degree.

She is an Associate Professor of Neurology and Associate program director at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) Neurology Residency Program. Dr Mahmoud continues to learn French with her daughter and is a member of the Alliance Française de Kansas City. She enjoys travel and outdoor activities with her family and friends. She is a grateful and proud wife and mother of 3 children who are working their way into the world by being Bilingual too!