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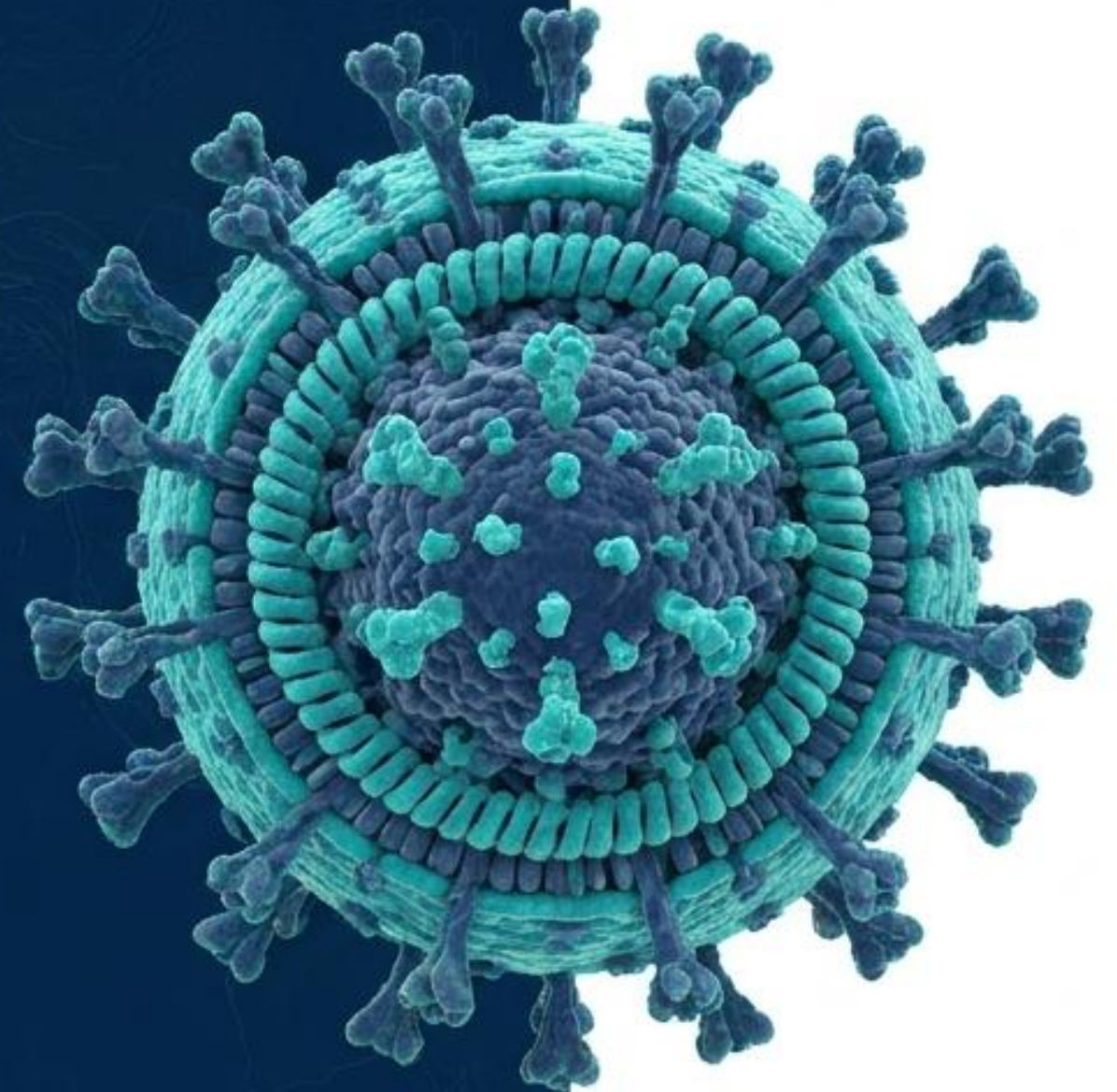
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**In collaboration with:** Global Health Institute & Department of Family and Community  
Medicine, An-Najah National University (NNU)

# Hantavirus: What Healthcare Professionals and Communities Need to Know

 Sunday 24/05/2026

 6:00 PM

 Venue: Zoom



# Strategic Objectives: A Dual-Impact Approach

## The Microscope (Healthcare Readiness)



Understand viral structure, transmission modes, and clinical syndromes.

Master infection prevention and control (IPC) protocols for healthcare facilities.

Leverage epidemiological modeling for early warning and outbreak prediction.

### Webinar Objectives

## The Shield (Community Resilience)



Demystify emerging zoonotic diseases for the general public.

Implement environmental cleaning and isolation precautions.

Understand the WHO risk communication and global preparedness strategies.



**Dr. Mohammad  
Abu-Awad**

The Institutional Anchor

### Session Role

Welcoming the Audience

### Credentials

**Current Role:**

Dean of Faculty of Medicine &  
Allied Sciences, An-Najah  
National University (NNU)

**Academic Pedigree:**

PhD in Neurobiology,  
Université Paris Diderot

### Core Expertise

Epidemiology & Neuroscience

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Public Health Research & International Publication



# Professor Dr. Zaher Nazzal

The Community Health Authority

## Session Role

Moderator, Opening Remarks & Closing Recommendations

## Credentials

### Current Role:

Professor of Community Medicine & Head of the Family and Community Medicine Division, NNU

### Academic Pedigree:

Leading authority driving community health research initiatives in Palestine

## Core Expertise

Epidemiology & Public Health

Medical Education

Health Systems Research



**Dr. Randa Abu Rabe**  
The Global Strategist

### Session Role

**Hantavirus as a Public Health Concern: The WHO Perspective**

### Credentials

**Current Role:** Epidemic Diseases Officer & WHO Representative for Health Regulations, Palestine

**Academic Pedigree:** MBBS; Master's in Community Sciences (McGill University); Diplomas in Radiology & Energy Sciences

### Core Expertise

Public Health Emergency Centers

International Health Regulations & Surveillance

Risk Communication & Outbreak Preparedness



**Dr. Walid Basha**  
The Virology Expert

## Session Role

Understanding Hantavirus: Virology and Transmission

## Credentials

### Current Role:

Associate Professor of Medical Microbiology and Clinical Immunology, NNU

### Academic Pedigree:

PhD in Molecular Microbiology, Kanazawa University.

20+ years research leading WHO and AUF funded projects.

## Core Expertise

Viral Immunology & Cytokine Profiling

Vaccine Effectiveness

Laboratory Diagnosis & Biosafety



**Dr. Souad Belkebir**  
The Infection Control Lead

# Clinical Precision and Global Preparedness

## Session Role

Epidemiology and Infection Prevention Response

## Credentials

**Current Role:** Preventive Medicine & Public Health Specialist / Hospital Epidemiologist / Head of MEU, NNU

**Academic Pedigree:** Instrumental in establishing Palestine's first Master's Program in Infection Prevention and Control

## Core Expertise

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

Healthcare Quality & Accreditation

Transmission Dynamics & Isolation Precautions



**Dr. Abdulsalam  
Khayyat**  
The Predictive Modeler

## Session Role

Epidemiological Modeling in Outbreak Prediction

## Credentials

### Current Role:

Vice President for Academic Affairs & Acting Manager of the Global Health Institute, NNU

### Academic Pedigree:

Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health with extensive international research collaboration

## Core Expertise

Epidemiological Modeling & Early Warning Systems

Global Health Systems

Pandemic Preparedness Data Analytics

# The Webinar Flight Path

## Phase 1: Context & Global Strategy

**15 min** | The WHO Perspective: Surveillance & Reporting (Dr. Abu Rabe)



**05 min** | Welcome & Introduction (Dr. Abu-Awad & Pr. Dr. Nazzal)

## Phase 2: Clinical & Epidemiological Reality

**15 min** | IPC: Infection Prevention & Exposure Risks (Dr. Belkebir)



**15 min** | Virology: Structure, Transmission & Diagnosis (Dr. Basha)

## Phase 3: Future Readiness & Integration



**15 min** | Modeling: Outbreak Prediction & Data (Dr. Khayyat)

**15 min** | Integrated Response Panel: Open Q&A (Moderator & All Speakers)

**05 min** | Key Messages & Closing Recommendations (Pr. Dr. Nazzal)

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Join the multidisciplinary response to the Hantavirus outbreak.

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