



**EMBRACING LIFE  
PROGRAM**

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## Schedule of Conference

### **Improving Speech Outcomes in Patients with Clefts: The Essentials of Team Care**

**Date: 22/4/2017**

**Venue: Faculty of Pharmacy and Nursing, Birzeit University**

**Room#: 104**

- 9:00am      **Introductions**  
Hanna Rabah, Dr. John van Aalst
- 9:15am      **Feeding Baby with Cleft Palate**  
Melanie Jongewaard
- 9:35am      **Normal Velopharyngeal Function and Velopharyngeal Dysfunction**  
Sarah Stephenson
- 9:55am      **Normal Resonance and Airflow**  
Melanie Jongewaard
- 10:15am     **Hypernasality and Nasal Emission due to Cleft Palate and  
Velopharyngeal Insufficiency**  
Sarah Stephenson
- Break*
- 10:45am     **Otological and Hearing Problems Associated with Cleft Palate**  
Amal Abu Kteish
- 11:00am     **Optimal Timing for Cleft Palate Repair**  
Dr. John van Aalst
- 11:15am     **Spincterpharyngoplasty to Correct Velopharyngeal Dysfunction**  
Dr. Nasr Jafar
- 11:30am     **Pharyngeal Flap Treatment for Velopharyngeal Dysfunction**  
Dr. Jafar Ayesheh
- 11:45am     **Furlow for Palate Lengthening**  
Dr. John van Aalst
- 12:00pm     **Management of Submucous Clefts**  
Dr. John van Aalst



- 12:15pm      **Evaluation and Treatment of Speech, Resonance and Velopharyngeal Function**  
Melanie Jongewaard/Sarah Stephenson
- 12:30pm      **Speech Outcomes following Orthognathic Surgery**  
Dr. Wa'el Halaby
- 12:45pm      **Developing a Speech Fellowship**  
Group Discussion
- 1:30pm        **Lunch**  
Pharmacy and Nursing Cafeteria

**Speakers:**

**Hanna Rabah**, Director of Programs, United Palestinian Appeal.

**Dr. John van Aalst**, Embracing Life Program Director, Professor, Chief of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery, Surgical Director, Craniofacial Anomalies Team, The Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, USA.  
Director of Research, Shriner Hospital of Cincinnati, USA.

**Dr. Nasr Jafar**, Embracing Life Program Master Surgeon, Otolaryngologist, Jenin Government Hospital, Palestinian Board.

**Dr. Jafar Ayesh**, Embracing Life Program Master Surgeon, Doctor of Dental Medicine, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Masters Degree in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Al Ahli Hospital, Palestinian Board.

**Dr. Wa'el Halaby**, Embracing Life Program Master Surgeon, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department, Palestine Medical Complex, Palestinian and Ukrainian Boards.

**Melanie Jongewaard**, Speech-Language Pathologist, The Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, USA.

**Sarah Stephenson**, Inpatient Speech-Language Pathologist, The Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, USA.

**Amal Abu Kteish**, Instructor, Faculty Member, Department of Audiology and Speech Therapy, Birzeit University.