

“Keeping Patients Connected to Life Through Multidisciplinary Care”

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

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(Ankara Hall)

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(Esenboğa-1 Hall)

HALL 3
(Emek Hall)

Friday, 20 November 2026

08:00	08:45	REGISTRATION	
08:45	10:20	SESSION I – Home Care Services	Güzin Zeren Öztürk, Fatih Göksel
08:45	09:05	Regulation on Home Healthcare and Palliative Care: What Has Changed?	Meryem Aşkın
09:05	09:25	Nutritional Monitoring at Home: What Should We Pay Attention To?	Umut Gök
09:25	09:45	Hypertension Management in Older and Frail Patients	Cüneyt Ardiç
09:45	10:05	Pain Management in Home Care: When Should We Refer?	Nalan Çelebi
10:05	10:20	DISCUSSION	
10:20	10:50	Coffee Break	
10:50	12:25	SESSION II – Palliative Care Management in Patients with Special Needs	Asu Özgültekin, Cenk Kıraklı
10:50	11:10	Critical Palliative Care in Light of the New Regulation: For Whom and When?	Nazlıhan Boyacı DüNDAR
11:10	11:30	Patients Transferred from Intensive Care to Critical Palliative Care: Challenges and Expectations	Fethi Gül
11:30	11:50	When Can Patients with Dementia Present Challenges?	İsmet Melek
11:50	12:10	Pain Management in Patients Unable to Communicate	Gözde Çelik
12:10	12:25	DISCUSSION	
12:25	13:30	Lunch	
13:30	14:00	OPENING REMARKS	
14:00	15:30	JOINT SESSION (HALL 1) – Roundtable Discussion with Ministry of Health Authorities Understanding the Palliative Care Regulation	Oturum Başkanı: Jülide Ergil, Bahar Aydınlu, Orhan Koç
14:00	14:15	Implementation in Public Hospitals Under the Regulation	Pınar Koçatakan, Head of the Department of Home Healthcare and Palliative Care Services
14:15	14:30	Regulation on Home Healthcare and Palliative Care Services	Nurullah İshak Işık, Head of the Department of Health Services Planning
14:30	14:45	Field Practices of the Home Healthcare Coordination Center	Cihan Döğler, Deputy Head of the Public Hospitals Services Directorate, Bilkent, Ankara Provincial Health Directorate
14:45	15:00	Quality Standards in Palliative Care Facilities	Hurişah Aksakal, Health Facility Standards Development and Training Unit
15:00	15:30	DISCUSSION	
15:30	16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00	17:15	SESSION III – KEPAN Panel: Nutrition in Palliative Care Patients	Seher Demirer, Melda Türkoğlu
16:00	16:20	Immobilization, Inflammation, and Malnutrition	Seda Banu Akıncı
16:20	16:40	Nutritional Screening, Anthropometric Measurements, and Assessment	Birgül Dağ
16:40	17:00	Clinical Outcomes of Nutritional Therapy in Oncology Patients	Müge Akmansu
17:00	17:15	DISCUSSION	
17:15	17:25	Break	
17:25	18:35	SESSION IV – Palliative Care and the Near Future	Ender Sir, Suna Akın Takmaz
17:25	17:45	The Role of the Microbiome in Symptom Management in Palliative Care	Meltem Yalınay
17:45	18:05	Artificial Intelligence in Palliative Care	Mert İnan, Computer Scientist, Northeastern University, Artificial Intelligence, PhD, USA, Online Session
18:05	18:25	Cannabinoids	Moris Aner, Pain Specialist, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Cancer Pain, USA, Online Session
18:25	18:35	DISCUSSION	

COURSE-1
Wound Management in Palliative Care and Home Care Patients

ORAL PRESENTATIONS SESSION I
Session Chairs:
Suna Akın Takmaz,
Rabia Genç Perdecioğlu

ORAL PRESENTATIONS SESSION II
Session Chairs:
Kadriye Kahveci,
Oktay Tertemiz

ORAL PRESENTATIONS SESSION III
Session Chairs:
Cenk Aypak,
Ayşen Eren

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08:30	09:40	SESSION V – From Childhood to Adulthood: New Horizons in Pediatric Palliative Care		Gül Köknel Talu, Evren Eker		COURSE-2 Patient Management in Critical Palliative Care		
08:30	08:50	Transition from Pediatric to Adult Palliative Care		Ganime Ayar				
08:50	09:10	Age-Specific Pain Assessment and Medical Treatments in Pediatric Palliative Care		Didem Tuba Akçalı				
09:10	09:30	Children’s Rights and Autonomy: Child Participation in Decision-Making		Fatma Zehra Öztekin Çelebi				
09:30	09:40	DISCUSSION						
09:40	10:00	Coffee Break						
10:00	11:10	SESSION VI – What We Overlook in the Palliative Care Process		Meltem Uyar, Ayşegül Bilen				
10:00	10:20	Taboos in Palliative Care: Communication Barriers and Difficult Topics Left Unspoken		İrem Ekmekçi Ertek				
10:20	10:40	Physiotherapy Modalities in Palliative Care Patients		İlke Keser				
10:40	11:00	Burnout Syndrome: How Can We Manage It?		Çiğdem Soykan				
11:00	11:10	DISCUSSION						
11:10	11:20	Break						
11:20	12:30	SESSION VII – Difficult Topics, Difficult Decisions		Berrin Işık, Nükhet Örnek Büken				
11:20	11:40	Ethical Principles in Palliative Care		Nükhet Örnek Büken				
11:40	12:00	End-of-Life Decisions and Legislation		Hilal Özkaya				
12:00	12:20	Terminal Sedation		Ayça Sultan Şahin				
12:20	12:30	DISCUSSION						
12:30	13:45	Lunch						
13:45	14:45	JOINT SESSION (HALL 1) SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM Medical Nutrition Therapy: The Role of Malnutrition and Diabetes in Muscle Wasting Session Chair: Nurten İnan Speaker: Çetin Kaymak						
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14:45	16:20	SESSION VIII – What Is Different in Special Populations?		Meltem Gülhan Halil, Bilge Karslı		SESSION IX – Symptom Management and the Multidisciplinary Team		Kadriye Kahveci, Ayşe Özcan
14:45	15:05	Management of Sarcopenia and Cognitive Function in Frail Patients Receiving Palliative Care		Hacer Doğan Varan		Managing Complex Patients in Palliative Care: The Importance of a Multidisciplinary Team		Güzin Çakmak
15:05	15:25	Polypharmacy and Inappropriate Medication Use in Geriatric Patients		Zekeriya Ülger		Nursing Approaches to Symptom Management		Arzu Aytekin
15:25	15:45	Chronic Pain Management in Geriatric Patients		Bilge Karslı		Community- and Family-Based Palliative Care: The Role of NGOs		Ayla Kabalak
15:45	16:05	Sarcopenia and Pain		Emel Güler		Nursing Home Experiences in the Context of Home Healthcare		Hakan Çime
16:05	16:20	DISCUSSION				DISCUSSION		
16:20	16:40	Coffee Break						
16:40	18:00	ZOOM CONFERENCE I - Medical and Interventional Approaches to Cancer Pain		Süleyman Özyalçın, Gül Köknel Talu		SESSION X – The Voice of Palliative Care Physicians Roundtable Discussion		Gökmen Özceylan, Uğur Uzun
16:40	17:00	Management of Chronic Pain in Pediatric Cancer Patients		Irfan Suleman, Pediatric Pain Specialist, Multidisciplinary Pain Center, Pediatric Pain, USA		Undergraduate Palliative Care Education in Medical and Nursing Faculties in Türkiye: Current Status and International Examples		Canan Küçük

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17:00	17:15	Challenges in Cancer Pain Management at the End of Life	David Hao, Pain Specialist, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Cancer Pain, USA	Perspectives on Palliative Care Among Healthcare Professionals Working Outside Palliative Care Units	Özgül Turgut
17:15	17:30	Kyphoplasty in Cancer Patient	Jatinder Gill, Pain Specialist, Harvard Medical School, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC), Pain Clinic, USA	Management of Young Patients Referred from Intensive Care to Palliative Care	Fatma Utkan Duran Uğur
17:30	17:45	Approaches to Pain in Patients with Pelvic Malignancies	Jyotsna Nagda, Pain Specialist, Harvard Medical School, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC), Pain Clinic, USA	Discharge from Palliative Care Units	Gülten Ütebey
17:45	18:00	DISCUSSION		DISCUSSION	
18:00	18:10	Break			
18:10	19:05	ZOOM CONFERENCE II - Hospice and Palliative Care Experiences at Harvard University BIDMC	Levent Ertuğrul İnan, Didem Tuba Akçalı	SESSION XI – Palliative Care Management in Neurology and Oncology	Taylan Akkaya, Ömer Karadaş
18:10	18:25	Clinical Cases and Their Management	Natsu Matsuya, Palliative Care Specialist, Harvard Medical School, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) Palliative Care Department, USA	From Stem Cells to Neuroregeneration: Cellular Therapies in Neurological Diseases	Ece Rümeysa Özen
18:25	18:40	Clinical Cases and Their Management	Sarah Fleming, Palliative Care Chaplain, Harvard Medical School, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) Palliative Care Department, USA	Pain Management in Neurological Diseases	Hanzade Aybüke Ünal
18:40	18:55	Clinical Cases and Their Management	Samantha Kumarasena, Palliative Care Specialist, Harvard Medical School, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) Palliative Care Department, USA	When Should Interventional Pain Treatments Be Considered in Oncology Patients?	Ülkü Sabuncu
18:55	19:05	DISCUSSION		DISCUSSION	
19:05	19:30	CLOSING CEREMONY			