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TATA MEDICAL CENTER



West Bengal IAPCON, 2025

23rd November 2025

Hall A - 08.30 AM - 06.00 PM

Hall B - 10.00 AM - 04.30 PM



Venue - Tata Medical Center, Kolkata

Scientific Programme Hall A and Hall B

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Time	Topic	Speaker	Chairperson
08:30 AM 08:55 AM	Registration & Breakfast		
08:55 AM 09:00 AM	Welcome address		
09:00 AM 09:15 AM	Refractory nausea and vomiting/ GI symptoms	Dr. Anurag Sarkar	Dr. Soumitra Shankar Datta Dr. Geeta Joshi Dr. Shymal Sarkar
09:15 AM 09:30 AM	The Psychology of Advanced Cancer: Patterns, Predictors, and Interventions	Dr. Arnab Mukherjee	
09:30 AM 10:00 AM	Keynote Lecture 1: Starting Palliative Care Services Dr. Geeta Joshi, President, IAPC		
10:00 AM 10:45 AM	Panel Discussion: Integrating Palliative Medicine into Oncology Practice: Challenges and Strategic Solutions	Moderator: Dr. Rakesh Roy Panelists: Dr. Joydeep Ghosh Dr. Soumen Das Dr. Gaurav Kumar Dr. Jyotirup Goswami Dr. Tapes Bhattacharya Dr. Avinash Tiwari	Dr. Sudeep Banerjee Dr. Sourav Dutta Dr. Arnab Gupta
10:45 AM 11:05 AM	Complex end of life scenarios.	Dr. Anuja Damani	
11:05 AM 11:20 AM	Corporate models for home based care.	Dr. Prarthana Jayaseelan	
11:20 AM 11:50 AM	Keynote Lecture 2: Walking the Walk vs Talking the Walk Dr. Abhijit Dam, Past Hon. Secretary, IAPC		
11:50 AM 12:35 PM	Panel Discussion: Awareness, access and capacity building - the road ahead in WB	Moderator: Dr. Shrikant Atreya Panelists: Mr. Santanu Chakraborty Dr. Subhransu Datta Dr. Debashis Bhattacharya Dr. Pankaj Chowdhury Dr. Brajesh Kumar Ratre Dr. Suman Mallik	Dr. Sanjay Kapoor Dr. Sushma Bhatnagar Dr. Jyotsna Goswami

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12:35 PM 01:00 PM	Scaling up palliative medicine education in India: challenges and opportunities	Dr. Seema Mishra	
01:00 PM 01:15 PM	Inauguration		
01:15 PM 02:00 PM	Lunch		
02:00 PM 02:30 PM	Keynote Address 3: The Journey of Palliative Care in India: Reflections and the Road Ahead. Dr. Sushma Bhatnagar, Past President, IAPC		
02:30 PM 02:50 PM	Patient reported outcomes in palliative care	Dr. Praneeth Suvvari	Dr. Sanghamitra Ghosh Dr. Goutam Bhattacharya Dr. Soma Bhattacharya
02:50 PM 03:15 PM	How POCUS transforms palliative care: insights from clinical cases.	Dr. Raghu Thota	
03:15 PM 03:35 PM	Malignant bowel obstruction	Dr. Prashant Sirohiya	
03:35 PM 03:50 PM	Community Palliative Care in Resource Limited Settings - From Practice to Evidence	Dr. Gaurav Kumar	
03:50 PM 04:05 PM	Altered sensorium in advanced cancer - evaluation and management	Dr. Indranil Ghosh	Dr. Shikhar More Dr. Rakesh Roy Dr. Arghya Mukherjee
04:05 PM 04:20 PM	Metastatic Spinal Cord Compression: Prevention	Dr. Swagata Biswas	
04:20 PM 04:35 PM	Methadone in cancer pain: Old drugs new perspectives.	Dr. Suparna Mitra	
04:35 PM 04:50 PM	Precision in palliation: Modern interventions for cancer pain.	Dr. Gargi Nandi	
04:50 PM 05:00 PM	Vote of thanks and valedictory ceremony		
05:00 PM 06:00 PM	General Body Meeting of West Bengal IAPC		

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Hall B

Time	Topic	Speaker	Chairperson
10:00 AM 10:15 AM	Maintaining function: Role of rehabilitation in life limiting illnesses.	Dr. Sucheta Saha (INK)	Dr. Indranil Ghosh Dr. Surajit Ghosh Dr. Dibakar Haldar
10:15 AM 10:30 AM	Bridges of Compassion: uniting palliative care, public health, and community action.	Dr. Shatabdi Mitra	
10:30 AM 10:55 AM	Palliative care in north east region areas-role of government agencies	Dr. HK Das	Dr. Brajesh Ratre Dr. Raghu Thota
10:55 AM 11:20 AM	Palliative care in north east region- role of non government organisations	Dr. Obang Jungla	
11:20 AM 11:50 AM	Keynote lecture: Hall A		
11:50 AM 12:15 PM	From Suffering to Serenity: The Transformative Power of Mindful Awareness	Dr. Anirban Pal	Ms. Gilly Burns Dr. Abhijit Dam
12:15 PM 12:30 PM	Non pharmacological ways in palliative care	Ms. Meheli Chakraborty	
12:30 PM 01:00 PM	Autonomy in nurse decision making - a backbone for seamless palliative care delivery.	Ms. Gilly Burns	Ms. Meheli Chakraborty Ms. Sunipa Gupta
01:00 PM 02:30 PM	Inauguration, Lunch, Key Note Lecture		
02:30 PM 03:00 PM	Paper/ Poster	Judges: Dr. Prashant Sirohiya Dr. Swagata Biswas	
03:00 PM 03:30 PM	Ethics in palliative care	Dr. Debasish Jatua	Dr. Manisha Jaiswal Dr. Sucheta Saha
03:30 PM 03:45 PM	Management of fatigue	Mr. Sayantan Chattopadhyay	
03:45 PM 04:30 PM	Palliative care in districts- sharing experiences	Moderator: Dr. Debasish Jatua Dr. Koushik Ray Dr. Koushik Pal Dr. Soma Ghosh Dr. Sanjoy Das	Dr. Sripurna Mandal Dr. Subhajit Guha

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