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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

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COURSE HALL I

12:00 – 17:00 Laparoscopic suturing and intracorporeal knot-tying workshop

Managers: Gökalp OKUT, Mehmet TORUN, Murat GÜNER

12:00 – 12:15 Introduction & key principles

12:00 – 12:05 Ergonomics and instrument handling

12:05 – 12:10 Needle positioning

12:10 – 12:15 Common technical errors

Gökalp OKUT

Mehmet TORUN

Murat GÜNER

12:15 – 12:30 Faculty live demonstration

12:15 – 12:18 Needle loading

12:18 – 12:21 Needle driving

12:21 – 12:25 Intracorporeal knot tying

12:25 – 12:30 Running suture

Gökalp OKUT

Mehmet TORUN

Murat GÜNER

Gökalp OKUT

12:30 – 13:15 Module 1 | Needle handling and precision suturing

12:30 – 12:45 Needle loading

12:45 – 13:00 Needle transfer

13:00 – 13:15 Target penetration exercises

Mehmet TORUN

Murat GÜNER

Gökalp OKUT

13:15 – 14:00 Module 2 | Intracorporeal knot-tying

13:15 – 13:30 C-loop technique

13:30 – 13:45 Reverse C-loop technique

13:45 – 14:00 Secure knot formation

Mehmet TORUN

Murat GÜNER

Gökalp OKUT

14:00 – 14:15 Break

14:15 – 15:00 Module 3 | Interrupted and continuous suturing

14:15 – 14:30 Interrupted sutures

14:30 – 14:45 Running sutures

14:45 – 15:00 Defect closure exercises

Mehmet TORUN

Murat GÜNER

Gökalp OKUT

15:00 – 16:15 Module 4 | Simulated gastrointestinal anastomosis

15:00 – 15:25 Enterotomy closure

15:25 – 15:50 Gastrotomy closure

15:50 – 16:15 Anastomotic corner sutures

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16:15 – 16:50 Module 5 | Advanced challenges & error correction

16:15 – 16:22	Difficult angles
16:22 – 16:30	Restricted working space
16:30 – 16:40	Suture management
16:40 – 16:50	Faculty tips and tricks

Mehmet TORUN
Murat GÜNER
Gökalp OKUT
Mehmet TORUN

16:50 – 17:00 Wrap-up & closing remarks

16:50 – 16:55	Faculty feedback
16:55 – 17:00	Course evaluation

Murat GÜNER
Mehmet TORUN, Gökalp OKUT

COURSE HALL II

13:00 – 17:05 Robotic surgery for gastric cancer: Current evidence, standardization and advanced techniques Manager: Erman AYTAÇ

13:00 – 13:05 Welcome & course introduction Chairs: Enver İLHAN, Erman AYTAÇ

13:05 – 14:05 Session I | Current evidence, patient selection and operative preparation Chairs: Ali KOCATAŞ, Hüseyin ÇİYLTEPE, Mehmet TORUN

13:05 – 13:20	Current evidence in robotic gastric cancer surgery	Mihai EFTIME
13:20 – 13:35	Patient selection throughout the learning curve and establishing a robotic gastric cancer program	Octavian POPESCU
13:35 – 13:50	Operating room organization, equipment and patient setup	Mehmet Celal KIZILKAYA
13:50 – 14:05	Surgical anatomy and anatomical landmarks for robotic gastric cancer surgery	Yılmaz ÖZDEMİR

14:05 – 14:20 Break

14:20 – 15:30 Session II | Standardized robotic resections, advanced techniques and interactive case discussions Chairs: Vasile BINTINTAN, Fatih ALTINTOPRAK, Orhan ARAS

14:20 – 14:30	Step-by-step standardized robotic gastric resection	Erman AYTAÇ
14:30 – 14:45	D2 lymphadenectomy: technical pearls for safe and reproducible dissection	Fatih ALTINTOPRAK
14:45 – 15:00	Esophagojejunostomy and gastrojejunostomy: technical options and decision making	Süleyman DEMİRYAS
15:00 – 15:15	Double-tract, roux-en-y, braun and omega reconstruction	Sercan YÜKSEL
15:15 – 15:30	Managing challenging situations in robotic gastric cancer surgery	Erman AYTAÇ

15:30 – 17:00 Interactive course | Expert-led hands-on dry lab: robotic suturing and reconstruction techniques Chairs: Turgut DÖNMEZ, Ahmet SÜREK, Mert TANAL

17:00 – 17:05 Wrap-up, take-home messages & closing remarks

Erman AYTAÇ

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Hall C

07:30 – 08:30 Session 1 | Simultaneous round table panels 1

Round Table Panel 1: T4a Gastric cancer – Where should we draw the line?

Chair: **Maria BENCIVENGA**

Panelists: Mehmet Onur GÜL, Yiğit DÜZKÖYLÜ, Deniz TİKİCİ, Serhan DERİCİ, Halil YILDIZ, M. Kaan DEMİRCİOĞLU

Round Table Panel 2: Response to neoadjuvant therapy – Surgery or surveillance?

Chair: **Stefan MÖNIG**

Panelists: Orhan ÜREYEN, Ömer ÖZDUMAN, Girayhan ÇELİK, Ömer ÇAĞLIYAN

Round Table Panel 3: Elderly and frail patients – How aggressive should surgery be?

Chair: **Paulo KASSAB**

Panelists: Mehmet Akif ÜSTÜNER, Tolga ÖLMEZ, Ahmet Orhan SUNAR, Hüseyin ESİN, Tuba GÖÇMEN

Round Table Panel 4: MDT Decisions vs intraoperative reality

Chair: **Antonio C. WESTON**

Panelists: İskan ÇALLI, Güray DUMAN, Mert GEDİK

Round Table Panel 6: Unexpected T4b invasion – Salvage strategies

Chair: **Paolo MORGAGNI**

Panelists: Serkan ADEMOĞLU, Melih Can GÜL, Abidin Gazi ALAGÖZ, Emrah DADALI, Emrehan İNCİ

Round Table Panel 7: Imaging–Pathology discordance – Who is right?

Chairs: **Ulysses RIBEIRO JR**, Hilal ŞAHİN, Dudu SOLAKOĞLU KAHRAMAN

Panelists: Cem OFLUOĞLU, Sercan YÜKSEL, Mert ERCAN

Round Table Panel 8: Lymph node retrieval – Is the pathologist sufficient, or is surgical support needed?

Chair: **Paulo Matos DA COSTA**

Panelists: M. Taha DEMİRPOLAT, Arif ATAY, Sami AÇAR, Merve YUMAK, Ata Mert ATEŞÇİ

Round Table Panel 9: CY1 disease – Induction therapy or upfront surgery?

Chair: **Paul SCHNEIDER**

Panelists: Hüseyin ÇİYİLTEPE, Bahar CANBAY, Metin BOZKAYA, Atakan KILINÇ,

Round Table Panel 10: Borderline resectable gastric cancer – Who truly benefits?

Chair: **Masanori TERASHIMA**

Panelists: Orhan ARAS, Azmi LALE, Erman YEKENKURUL, Emrah CENGİZ, Enes CEBECİ

Round Table Panel 22(Addition): CY1 disease – Induction therapy or upfront surgery?

Chair: **Filippo PIETRANTONIO (Online)**

Panelists: Özlem KUTLU, Seval AKAY, Damla GÜNENÇ EŞİM

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08:40 – 09:40 Session 2 | Preoperative assessment – Gray zones

Chairs: Osman YÜKSEL, Erman AYTAÇ, Turgut DÖNMEZ

- 08:40 – 08:55 CT / PET / DWI-MRI: When is imaging insufficient?
08:55 – 09:10 Staging laparoscopy: Who really needs it?
09:10 – 09:25 Peritoneal cytology: Prognostic marker or therapeutic decision-maker?
09:25 – 09:40 Discussion

Hilal ŞAHİN
Antonio C. WESTON
Masanori TERASHIMA

09:40 – 10:40 Session 3 | Early-Stage gastric cancer – Management and decision-making

Chairs: Koray ATİLA, Ali GÜNER, Elçin AYDIN

- 09:40 – 09:55 Diagnosis and staging: endoscopic findings, biopsy, and radiologic assessment
09:55 – 10:10 Surgical treatment options: Minimally invasive surgery vs endoscopic resection – where is the limit?
(ESD indications and management after non-curative resection)
10:10 – 10:25 Risk of lymph node metastasis: Implications for diagnosis and treatment strategy
10:25 – 10:40 Discussion

Gözde DERViŞ HAKİM

Takeshi SANO

Paulo Matos DA COSTA

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Session 4 | Gastrectomy and D2 lymphadenectomy – Technical challenges

Chairs: Mehmet MİHMANLI, Fikret EZBERCİ, Akın Fırat KOCAAY

- 11:00 – 11:15 Surgery of "Difficult Stations": 8p, 13, 16a1/b2, 14v, 10, 110–112
(Which approach is safer? When is each technique advantageous?)
11:15 – 11:30 Subtotal, total, and proximal gastrectomy: Technical challenges in surgical decision - making (Patient selection and proximal/distal margin issues)
11:30 – 11:45 PIPAC: Experimental or evolving standard?
11:45 – 12:00 Discussion

Takeshi SANO

Yiğit DÜZKÖYLÜ
Orhan SUNAR

12:00 – 12:30 Satellite session: CPS ≥ 5 in 1L Gastric cancer:

Driving outcomes with OPDIVO® + Chemo

Timuçin ÇİL

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Session 5 | Anastomosis and reconstruction – The most challenging decisions

Chairs: Salim DEMİRCİ, Recep ÇETİN, Erman AYTAÇ

- 13:30 – 13:45 Esophagojejunostomy (EJ): Circular vs linear stapling vs hand-sewn techniques
(Online)
13:45 – 14:00 Leak prevention strategies
14:00 – 14:15 Double-tract reconstruction (DTR) vs Roux-en-Y vs interposition
14:15 – 14:30 Discussion

Carlos A. Garcia CARRASCO

Felix BERLTH
Bruno ZILBERSTEIN

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14:30 – 15:30 Session 6 | Minimally invasive and robotic surgery – Is it truly superior?

Chairs: Cüneyt KAYAALP, Osman YÜKSEL, Ahmet SÜREK

- 14:30 – 14:45 Laparoscopic vs robotic surgery: Patient selection
- 14:45 – 15:00 Robotic D2 Lymphadenectomy: Real advantage or illusion?
- 15:00 – 15:15 ICG-Guided surgery: Standard or overestimated?
- 15:15 – 15:30 Discussion

Danielle MARRELLI
Paulo KASSAB
Maria BENCIVENGA

15:30 – 15:50 Coffee break

15:50 – 16:50 Session 7 | T4b Tumors and complex surgery – Where are the limits?

Chairs: Ahmet Serdar KARACA, Fatih Mehmet AVŞAR

- 15:50 – 16:05 Multivisceral Resection: How aggressive should we be?
- 16:05 – 16:20 Initially cT4b gastric cancer: Should surgery be based on initial extent or post-treatment findings?
- 16:20 – 16:35 Major vascular and retroperitoneal invasion: Is surgery still an option?
- 16:35 – 16:50 Discussion

Paulo KASSAB

Çetin KOTAN
Vasile BINTINTAN

16:50 – 17:50 Session 8 | Precision perioperative treatment strategies in resectable gastric cancer

Chairs: Şuayib YALÇIN, Mahmut İLHAN, Giovanni DE MANZONI

- 16:50 – 17:05 Perioperative systemic treatment intensification and total neoadjuvant strategies in resectable gastric cancer
- 17:05 – 17:20 MSI, CPS and ctDNA guided perioperative treatment selection in resectable gastric cancer
- 17:20 – 17:35 HER2- and CLDN18.2-directed perioperative strategies: patient selection and ongoing clinical trials
- 17:35 – 17:50 Discussion

Özgür TANRIVERDİ

Ömer DİZDAR

Filippo PIETRANTONIO (Online)

17:50 – 18:35 Session 9 | Recent studies session

Chairs: Maria BENCIVENGA, Özlem ÖZDEMİR, Hüseyin ÇİVİLİTEPE

- 17:50 – 18:05 IGCA International registry for metastatic gastric cancer.
- 18:05 – 18:30 Turkish national consensus study (CONTRA-GAST Study)
- 18:30 – 18:35 National Gastric Cancer Academia

Erica SECCHETTIN
Leyla ÖZER, Gökalp OKUT
Mehmet TORUN

19:00 – 19:30 OPENING CEREMONY

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07:40 – 08:40 **Session 10 | Oral presentation session**
Chairs: Halil TAŞKAYNATAN, Cengiz AYDIN, Ali Kemal KAYAPINAR

08:40 – 09:40 **Session 11 | Debate session 1**
Chairs: Mehmet YILDIRIM, Abdullah BÖYÜK, Serhan DERİCİ

08:40 – 09:10 **Proximal margin in EGJ tumors: 3 cm vs 5 cm**

08:40 – 08:50 3 cm

08:50 – 09:00 5 cm

09:00 – 09:10 Discussion

09:10 – 09:40 **PCI Threshold for CRS/HIPEC candidates: ≤6 vs 7–12**

Chairs: Yavuz ERYAVUZ, M. Reşit SÖNMEZ, Arif ATAY

09:10 – 09:20 PCI Score 7–12

09:20 – 09:30 PCI Score ≤ 6

09:30 – 09:40 Discussion

09:40 – 10:00 **Coffee break**

10:00 – 11:00 **Session 12 | Worst-case scenario panels 1**
Chairs: Aziz SÜMER, Mustafa Taner BOSTANCI, Adil KOYUNCU

10:00 – 10:30 **High-risk patient: 82 years old, cT4a, N+, sarcopenic, frail, unable to tolerate FLOT**

10:00 – 10:10 Proceed with surgery – potential for cure

10:10 – 10:20 Do not operate – Harm outweighs benefit

10:20 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 **R0 Gastrectomy with D2 lymphadenectomy, followed by peritoneal recurrence at postoperative month 3**

Chairs: Musa AKOĞLU, Orhan ARAS

10:30 – 10:40 The surgery was appropriate – The biology was aggressive

10:40 – 10:50 The wrong patient was selected from the outset

10:50 – 11:00 Discussion

Ulaş ADAY
Sercan YÜKSEL

Abdullah ŞENLİKÇİ
Mehmet TORUN

Serkan ADEMOĞLU
Tolga ÖLMEZ

Melih Can GÜL
Yılmaz ÖZDEMİR

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11:00 - 12:00

Session 13 | Worst-case scenario panels 2

11:00 - 11:30

MSI-H Resectable gastric cancer: surgery first or immunotherapy first?

Chairs: **Metin ERCAN, Mutlu DOĞAN, Turgut ANUK**

11:00 - 11:10

Upfront surgery remains standard,

11:10 - 11:20

Neoadjuvant immunotherapy should be preferred in MSI-H disease

11:20 - 11:30

Discussion

Cem OFLUOĞLU

Deniz Can GÜVEN

11:30 - 12:00

Post-ESD case: SM2 invasion with LVI (+), patient fit

Chairs: **Ali UZUNKÖY, Tahsin DALGIÇ, Fevzi CENGİZ**

11:30 - 11:40

Completion gastrectomy is mandatory

11:40 - 11:50

Close Surveillance May Be Considered

11:50 - 12:00

Discussion

Azmi LALE

Salim İlksen BAŞÇEKEN

12:00 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 14:00

Session 14 | Debate Session 2

Clinical stage II gastric cancer – Upfront D2 surgery for selected patients or perioperative therapy for all?

Chairs: **Fatih ALTINTOPRAK, Orhan ÜREYEN, Ebubekir GÜNDEŞ**

13:30 - 13:40

Upfront D2 surgery for selected patients

13:40 - 13:50

Perioperative therapy for all

13:50 - 14:00

Discussion

İşkan ÇALLI

Arda Şakir YILMAZ

14:00 - 15:00

Session 15 | Nutritional management in challenging clinical scenarios in gastric cancer

Chairs: **Savaş YAKAN, Kemal Erdiñ KAMER, Bülent ÇALIK**

14:00 - 14:15

Nutrition during neoadjuvant therapy in obstructive gastric cancer: what is the optimal approach?

14:15 - 14:30

Nutrition after upper GI anastomotic leak: How should the strategy be determined?

14:30 - 14:45

Post-gastrectomy nutrition: Early rehabilitation or controlled approach?

14:45 - 15:00

Discussion

Abidin Gazi ALAGÖZ

Örgün GÜNEŞ

Ozan B. NAMDAROĞLU

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Session 16 | Debate Session 3

16:50 – 17:20

Management of CY1 Disease: Upfront systemic therapy vs conversion surgery after cytology conversion

Chairs: **Masanori TERASHIMA**, Ali KOCATAŞ, Sami AÇAR

16:50 – 17:00

Upfront Systemic Therapy

Erman AKKUŞ

17:00 – 17:10

Conversion surgery if cytology turns negative

Paolo MORGAGNI

17:10 – 17:20

Discussion

17:20 – 17:50

Re-Staging laparoscopy – Who should undergo it? Only patients with initial CY1/P1 disease vs all patients receiving neoadjuvant therapy (cT4 / Diffuse Type / Bulky N+)

Chairs: **Yasuhiro KODERA**, Nuri OKKABAZ, Enver REYHAN

17:20 – 17:30

Only patients with initial CY1/P1 disease,

Mert TANAL

17:30 – 17:40

All patients receiving neoadjuvant therapy (cT4 / Diffuse Type / Bulky N+),

Murat GÜNER

17:40 – 17:50

Discussion

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07:00 – 08:00

Session 17 | Simultaneous round table panels 2

Round Table Panel 11: Anastomotic leakage – Prevention or damage control?

Chair: **Felix BERLTH**

Panelists: **Yiğit DÜZKÖYLÜ**, İkbâl OVALI ERDOĞDU, Mehmet Şah BENK, M. Kaan DEMİRCİOĞLU

Round Table Panel 12: Oligometastatic disease – True biology or stage migration artifact?

Chair: **Giovanni DE MANZONI**

Panelists: **Özlem ÖZDEMİR**, Nidal İFLAZOĞLU, Gökalp OKUT, Mehmet Can AYDIN, Mehmet Fatih ERMAN

Round Table Panel 13: Conversion surgery – True success or selection bias?

Chair: **Yasuhiro KODERA**

Panelists: **Murat GÜNER**, Mehmet Alperen UĞUR, Halil TÜRKAN, Demet ALAY

Round Table Panel 14: Obesity and gastric cancer?

Chair: **Antonio C. WESTON**

Panelists: **Aziz SÜMER**, Orhan ÜREYEN, Melih Can GÜL, Ferhat ÇAY, Arda Şakir YILMAZ, Halil TAKICI, Şebnem ÇİMEN

Round Table Panel 15: Standardization in gastric cancer surgery – Is it achievable?

Chair: **Danielle MARRELLI**

Panelists: **Zeynep TAŞKIN**, Mehmet Alperen AVCI, Furkan TAŞ, Yiğit Kaan ŞEN

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Round Table Panel 16: High-risk patients – When should we avoid surgery?

Chair: **Octavian POPESCU**

Panelists: **Ayşe Gizem ÜNAL, Örgün GÜNEŞ, Necati Osman OKUMUŞ, Fadime KUTLUK**

Round Table Panel 17: Complication-related mortality – Can it be predicted?

Chair: **Takeshi SANO**

Panelists: **Murat KARATAŞ, Ulaş ADAY, Deniz TİKİCİ, Ozan B. NAMDAROĞLU, Cemre DİNÇSOY**

Round Table Panel 18: National Gastric Cancer Registry – Mandatory or voluntary?

Chair: **Paolo MORGAGNI**

Panelists: **Mehmet Onur GÜL, Yılmaz ÖZDEMİR, Mehmet TORUN, Gözde ERTUNÇ, Hasan Çağrı YILDIRIM, Riyad EZDEŞİR**

Round Table Panel 19: CY1 disease – Induction therapy or upfront surgery?

Chair: **Filippo PIETRANTONIO (ONLINE)**

Panelists: **Özlem Zeliha SERT, Özlem KUTLU, Merve YUMAK, Kübra CANASLAN,**

Round Table Panel 20: Early recurrence after curative surgery – What went wrong?

Chair: **Enver İLHAN**

Panelists: **Hilmi BOZKURT, Abdullah ŞENLİKÇİ, Kadir ÇORBACI, Mücahit ÜNAL, Mehmet Emin GÖNÜLLÜ, Gürkan GÜNERİ**

Round Table Panel 21: Obesity and gastric cancer-2

Chair: **Vasile BINTINTAN**

Panelists: **Çağrı BÜYÜKKASAP, Muzaffer Önder ÖNER, İbrahim SAYAR, Mert GEDİK, Mert Yiğit AKDOĞAN, Eyüp GEMİCİ, Vural ARGİN**

Round Table Panel 5: R0 at all costs? Ethical and oncologic limits

Chair: **Suzanne S. GISBERTZ**

Panelists: **Salim İlksen BAŞÇEKEN, Mert TANAL, Ömer KUBAT, Anıl ORHAN, Emrehan İNCİ**

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08:00 – 09:00 Session 18 | Complications – “Hard sessions”

Chairs: **Paulo KASSAB**, Erdal Birol BOSTANCI

- 08:00 – 08:15 Surgery for recurrence: When is it justified?
- 08:15 – 08:30 Duodenal stump leak: Who is at risk? Management strategies
- 08:30 – 08:45 Esophagojejunostomy (EJ) Leak: Stent vs VAC vs surgical intervention
- 08:45 – 09:00 Discussion

Octavian POPESCU
Mehmet Akif ÜSTÜNER
Paul SCHNEIDER

09:00 – 09:30 Session 19 | Debate Session 4

Chairs: **Hasan KAPLAN**, Evren DİLEKTAŞLI, Süleyman DEMİRYAS
Siewert II EGI Adenocarcinoma – Transthoracic esophagectomy or Transhiatal/Abdominal gastrectomy?

- 09:00 – 09:10 Transthoracic esophagectomy,
- 09:10 – 09:20 Transhiatal/Abdominal gastrectomy?
- 09:20 – 09:30 Discussion

Stefan MÖNIG
Vasile BINTINTAN

09:40 – 10:40 Session 20 | Risk stratification and recurrence prediction after curative treatment in gastric cancer

Chairs: **Tuğba YAVUZŞEN**, **Suzanne S. GISBERTZ**

- 09:40 – 09:55 Pathological response after neoadjuvant therapy: prognostic biomarker or guide for postoperative treatment adaptation?
- 09:55 – 10:10 Positive peritoneal cytology and occult peritoneal disease biology after curative treatment
- 10:10 – 10:25 Circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) and minimal residual disease after curative treatment: toward biomarker-driven adjuvant strategies
- 10:25 – 10:40 Discussion

Faysal DANE

Mehmet Ali ŞENDUR

Oktay Halit AKTEPE

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Session 21 | Oligometastatic disease – Who should undergo surgery?

Chairs: **Stefan MÖNIG**, **Paolo MORGAGNI**, **Enver İLHAN**

- 11:00 – 11:15 Defining “True” oligometastatic disease: Diagnosis and management
- 11:15 – 11:30 Conversion surgery: Who and when?
- 11:30 – 11:45 Lymph node-only metastasis (Para-aortic disease)
- 11:45 – 12:00 Discussion

Giovanni DE MANZONI
Yasuhiro KODERA
Daniele MARRELLI

12:00 – 12:30 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

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13:30 – 14:30

Session 22 | Peritoneal disease – The most controversial field

Chairs: **Mustafa DUMAN, Lütfi DOĞAN, Yavuz ALBAYRAK, Burhan Hakan KANAT**

13:30 – 13:45

Omentectomy debate: Total or partial – when is it necessary?

(Current oncologic evidence and the pathophysiology of omental metastasis)

Suzanne S. GISBERTZ

13:45 – 14:00

HIPEC: Evidence vs hype

Özlem Zeliha SERT

14:00 – 14:15

Systemic + Intraperitoneal therapy: combination strategies

Mehmet TORUN

14:15 – 14:30

Discussion

14:30 – 15:30

Session 23 | Recurrence – Where are the failures?

Chairs: **Abdulkadir BEDİRLİ, Adam USLU, Alper SÖZÜTEK**

14:30 – 14:45

Local vs systemic recurrence

M. Taha DEMİRPOLAT

14:45 – 15:00

Chylous leak: Current management approaches,

Ali ALEMDAR

15:00 – 15:15

Modern systemic therapies in recurrent disease

Hasan Çağrı YILDIRIM

15:15 – 15:30

Discussion

15:30 – 15:50

Coffee break

15:50 – 16:50

Session 24 | Biomarker-driven systemic treatment strategies in metastatic gastric cancer

Chairs: **Ömer Faruk ÖZKAN, Berk ÖZYILMAZ, Mehtat ÜNLÜ**

15:50 – 16:05

First-Line immunotherapy strategies in metastatic gastric cancer: CPS-guided treatment selection and emerging predictive biomarkers

İlkay Tuğba ÜNEK

16:05 – 16:20

HER2-Positive metastatic gastric cancer: Treatment sequencing in the Trastuzumab-Deruxtecan era

Tarkan YETİŞİĞİT

16:20 – 16:35

CLDN18.2, FGFR2b and next-generation antibody–drug conjugates in metastatic gastric cancer

(VIDEO- ONLINE)

16:35 – 16:50

Discussion

Sezer SAĞLAM

16:50 – 17:30

Session 25 | Oral presentation awards and closing session

Chair: **Enver İLHAN**

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07:40 – 08:40

Session 26 | Oral presentation session

Chairs: **Erkan OYMACI, Seval AKAY**

08:40 – 09:45

Session 27 | The future – Where is surgery heading?

Chairs: **Ertuğrul Gazi ALKURT, Mustafa Taner BOSTANCI, İsmail ZİHNİ**

08:40 – 08:55

Artificial intelligence and decision support systems: will the role of the surgeon diminish?

Emir Gökhan KAHRAMAN

08:55 – 09:10

Video-based surgical quality assessment

Gözde ERTUNÇ

09:10 – 09:25

ERAS: Does it truly make a difference?

Ayşe Gizem ÜNAL

09:25 – 09:35

The use of AI in the academic studies

Mert ERCAN

09:35 – 09:45

Discussion

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09:45 – 10:40 **Session 33 (Additional session) | Oral presentation session**

Chairs: Gökalp OKUT, Çağrı BÜYÜKKASAP, Eyüp GEMİCİ

10:40 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:00 **Session 28 | Selected oral presentations**

Chairs: Kutay SAĞLAM, Özlem Zeliha SERT

11:00 – 11:15 Selected oral presentations 1

11:15 – 11:30 Selected oral presentations 2

11:30 – 11:45 Selected oral presentations 3

11:45 – 12:00 Discussion

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 14:00 **Session 29 | Gastric precancerous lesions – Surgical boundaries and decision-making**

Chairs: Ümit Haluk İLİKLERDEN, Bahar CANBAY

13:00 – 13:10 Helicobacter pylori eradication & cancer prevention: Too late or still effective?

Anıl ORHAN

13:10 – 13:20 Gastric polyps: When does endoscopic management become insufficient?

Kadir ÇORBACI

13:20 – 13:30 Gastric Dysplasia: Is ESD enough, or when should we proceed to surgery?

İkbal OVALI ERDOĞDU

13:30 – 13:40 Intestinal metaplasia: Surveillance or surgical intervention?

M. Kaan DEMİRCİOĞLU

13:40 – 13:50 Atrophic gastritis: Who needs surveillance? Who are we missing?

Muzaffer Önder ÖNER

13:50 – 14:00 Discussion

14:00 – 15:00 **Session 30 | Early complications of gastric cancer surgery**

Chairs: Mert TANAL, Girayhan ÇELİK

14:00 – 14:10 Intraoperative and early postoperative bleeding

Canberk TOY

14:10 – 14:20 Perioperative organ injuries in gastrectomy

Ömer ÖZDUMAN

14:20 – 14:30 Leak testing during gastrectomy: Which method works, if any?

Merve YUMAK

14:30 – 14:40 Internal herniation after laparoscopic gastrectomy: Prevention, early diagnosis, or surgical failure?

Mehmet Şah BENK

14:40 – 14:50 Intestinal obstruction due to peritonitis carcinomatosa

Halil TÜRKAN

14:50 – 15:00 Discussion

15:00 – 15:50 **Session 31 | Non-Adenocarcinoma gastric tumors – Surgical strategy and limits**

Chairs: Hilmi BOZKURT, Mehmet Alperen AVCI

15:00 – 15:10 GIST: When does surgery become too aggressive?

Erman YEKENKURUL

15:10 – 15:20 Gastric lymphoma: Is there still a role for surgery in the modern era?

Deniz TİKİCİ

15:20 – 15:30 Gastric NETs: Local resection, formal gastrectomy, or observation?

Ömer KUBAT

15:30 – 15:40 Rare gastric tumors (e.g., leiomyosarcoma, schwannoma):

Do we treat them like GIST?

Emrah DADALI

15:40 – 15:50 Discussion

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15:50 – 16:00 **Session 32 | Rational use of drugs**

Chair: **Mehmet YILDIRIM**

15:50 – 16:00 Rational use of drugs

Berk ÖZYILMAZ

15:00 – 15:50 **Session 34 (Additional Session) | Oral presentation session**

Chairs: **Mehmet YILDIRIM, Orhan ÜREYEN, Murat GÜNER**