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Hall A | Day: 1, 13th Feb 2026 | Friday

Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
08:00-11:00	Track 1: Nursing	3 Hours	
	Coordinator: Dr Mamta Parihar		
	Chairpersons: Dr Asha Shetty, Ms. Gilly Burns, Narendrapal Singh Chaudhary		
08:00-08:35	Panel Discussion: From Surviving to Thriving: Building Sustainable Nursing Careers in Palliative Care 	35 Min.	Dr. A Latha
	Panellists : Mr Sudip Rudra Paul, Dr Arun, Lt Alice Stella Verginia, Ms. Sangeeta. N, Ms. Maya Nair		
08:35-09:25	Practical Talks: How I Do It? 	40+10 Min.	
	scientif		Ms. Rekha
	Stoma Care		Ms. Anna Daniel Rao
	Care of Bedridden Patients		Ms. Anusha Cheekati
	Oral Care		Ms. Sheeba R S
09:25-10:25	Reflective Writing Workshop – A Day in the Life – Diary Entries from Palliative Nurses 	60 mins	Dr Smriti Khanna
	Mr Jagdish & Ms Sita		
10:25- 11:00	Panel Discussion: Physical Well-being for Nurses: Sleep, Nutrition, and Movement 	35 mins	Mr. Terryimize
	Panellists: Mr Aravind Kumar Sharma, Ms Neelima Sharad Shingade, Dr Mamta Parihar, Sr Hanife McGamwell		
	Chairpersons: Dr Rashi Sankla, Dr Swagata Biswas, Dr Rabia Razak		
11:00-11:15	Tea Break 		
11:15-11:45	Plenary 1: 360° Approach to Care Continuum and holistic patient management – Provider Perspective 	30 min.	Dr Nandini Vallath
	Chairpersons: Dr. Dhanashree, Dr Bimla Sharma		
11:45-12:25	Plenary 2: Making Education Stick”: Techniques that lead to change 	40 Min	Dr Frank Ferris
	Chairpersons: Dr Basanth Kumar Rayani, Dr Bharti Devnani		
12:25- 13:30	INAUGURATION CEREMONY		60 Min
13:30-14:30	Lunch		

Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
15:00-18:00	Track 2: Clinical Conundrums – Pulmo and Cardio	 3 Hours	
	Pulmonary Palliative Care		
	Pulmo Palliative Track Leads Dr Rajani Bhat, Dr Pratyasa Padhi		
	Chairpersons: Dr Sunana Gupta, Dr. Rajesh Mahajan {PULMO}		
15:00-15:15	Session 1: Palliative Pulmonology: Past, Present, Future - Developments in WLST guidelines - Reports on training programs for pulmonologists in essentials of Palliative Medicine	12+3 Min	Dr Rajam Iyer
15:20- 15:35	Session 2: Walk a day in my shoes, from a Phighter’s heart – unmet needs in Palliative Pulmonology	12+3 Min	Ms Shalaka Parab
15:40- 16:30	Case Based Panel Discussion + Expanding access to breathlessness support services + Audience interaction	 30+10 Min	Dr Rajani Bhat
	Panellists: Dr Pratyasa Padhi, Dr Vijai Kumar, Dr Rajam Iyer, Dr Sai Praveen Haranath, Ms Vandana Mahajan		
	Cardiac Palliative Care 		
	Cardiac Palliative Track Leads: Dr. Seema Mishra		
	Chairpersons: Dr. Himanshu Prince Yadav, Dr. Shikhar More		
16:30-16:45	Session : Integration of Palliative Care in Heart Failure: Rationale and Referral Criteria	15 Min	Dr Sachidanand Jee Bharati
16:45-17:00	Session: Syndrome of Advanced Heart Failure and Symptomatic Management	15 Min	Dr Aman Salwan
17:00-17:15	Session: Prognostication and Care of Dying from Heart Failure	15 Min	Dr Gopala Krishna Gokhale
17:15-17:20	Discussion	5 Min	
17:20-18:00	Panel Discussion: Multidisciplinary approach in Managing Advanced Heart Failure	 40 Min	Dr Seema Mishra
	Panellists: Dr Gopala krishna Gokhale, Dr Aman Salwan, Dr Santosh Chaturvedi, Sr Hanife, Dr Deepa Kerketta Khurana, Dr Megha Pruthi		
Hall A Coordinators: TBA			
Poster Presentations in the Hallway As scheduled			

Hall B | Day: 1, 13th Feb 2026 | Friday

Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
08:00-11:00	Track 3: Clinical Conundrums – Nephro and Neuro 	3 Hours	
	Nephro-Palliative 		
	Nephro Palliative Care Track leads: Dr Anuja Damani		
	Chairpersons: Dr Nandini Vallath, Dr Dinesh Kumar		
08:00-08:20	Session 1: Why does kidney supportive care matter?	20 Min	Dr Manisha Sahay
08:20-08:40	Session 2: Beyond Dialysis: Conservative Management and End-of-Life Care in CKD	20 Min	Dr. Frank Brennan
08:40-09:00	KSC Quiz: Results from the Survey of Indian Nephrologists and Palliative Care Physicians about KSC needs 	20 Min	KSC Quiz Master: Dr. Anju PV
09:00-09:30	Panel Discussion: Kidney Supportive Care in Practice: Case Based Conversations Across ICU, Ward and Home 	30 Min	Dr. Anuja Damani
	Panellists: Dr Manisha Sahay, Dr Frank Brennan, Dr Avinash Tiwari, Ms. Arfat Shahnaz (Nurse), Mr Kamal (patient advocate) and Dr Vishnu Reddy (Hospital Administrator)		
	Neuro Palliative 		
	Neuro Palliative Track Leads: Dr. Roop Gursahani		
	Chairpersons: Dr. Priya Theresa Thomas, Dr. Shruti Gupta		
09:30- 10:30	Case presentations by INPCCC Alumni	60 Min.	Dr Divya MR Dr Sridevi Seetharam Dr Indrani Ghosh Dr Mohd Nidhal (15 Min. Each)
10:30-11:00	Panel Discussion: ACP in Neurology – Should it be Standard of Care? 	30 Min.	Dr Roop Gursahani
	Panellists: Dr Prafulla Shembalkar, Dr Parth Sharma, Dr Rajinder Dhamija, Dr IP Yadev		
12:25- 13:30	INAUGURATION CEREMONY		60 Min
13:30-14:30	Lunch 		
14:00-15:00	Oral Presentations 1- (Doctors Others/ Practising Physicians) 		
15:00-18:00	Track 4: ASCO Joint Session – Integrating Therapies to Cure & Palliate in Cancer Care 	3 Hours	
	Track Leads: Dr Frank Ferris & Dr Shoba Nair		
	Chairperson: Dr Ashwin Mathur, Dr Jyotsna Kuriakose, Dr Mohammad Imaduddin		

15:00-15:10	Introduction: The new concept of integration of palliative care	10 mins	Dr Frank Ferris & Dr Shoba Nair
15:10-16:10	Panel 1: How to Integrate Oncology & Palliative Care: Improving Patient & Family Prognosis & Outcomes	60 mins	Dr Frank Ferris Dr Shoba Nair
	Panellists: Dr Senthil Rajappa, Dr Ishwaria Subbiah, Ms Bhargavi Sameer, Dr. Praneeth Suvvari		
16:10-16:40	Session 1: The Role of Radiation in Palliation	30 mins	Dr Monica Malik
16:40-17:40	Panel 2: How to Communicate with Patients and families about Palliation	60 mins	Dr Frank Ferris Dr Shoba Nair
	Panellists: Dr MVT Krishna Mohan, Dr Ishwaria Subbiah, Dr Anuja Damani, Ms Shakunthala		
17:40- 17:50	Summary- Call to Action	10 mins	Dr Frank Ferris
Hall B Coordinators: TBA			
<i>Poster Presentations in the Hallway As scheduled</i>			
Hall C Day: 1, 13th Feb 2026 Friday			
Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
08:00-11:00	Track 5: Arts and Humanities	3 Hours	
	Track Coordinators: Dr Karamvir Singh Matharoo		
	Track Leads: Dr. Vidya Vishwanath, Dr. Savita Butola		
	Chairpersons: Dr Lata Patil, Dr Nusrat Jehan, Dr Mubasher Ahmad Bhat		
08:00-09:00	Lecture Series: How I do it: Therapeutic Applications of Arts and Humanities in Palliative Care	50+10 Min.	
	Art Therapy	20 Min.	Ms. Nincy Mariam Mondly
	Play Therapy	10 Min.	Dr. Savita Goswami
	Yoga (limited) & Chanting	10 Min.	Ms. Shakuntala
	Occupational therapy	10 Min.	Ms. Subhasmitha
	Discussion	10 Min.	
09:00-09:30	Panel Discussion: Arts in Education and Research?	25+5 Min.	Dr Vidya Viswanath
	Visual-Based Arts Research, Psychodrama, Dance, Storytelling, and Use of Literature and Cinema in teaching		
	Panellists: Betty Ferrell, Mhoira Leng, Smriti Rana, Dr Seema Rao		

09:30-10:00	Lecture Session: Art & Teaching	20 Min.	Dr Fiona Rawlinson
10:00-10:30	Lecture session: Narrative Medicine	20 Min.	Dr Frank Brennan
10:30-11:00	Interactive session: Demonstrating through storytelling	20 Min.	Dr Vidya Viswanath Dr Savita Butola
12:25- 13:30	INAUGURATION CEREMONY		60 Min
13:30-14:30	Lunch		
14:00 - 15:00	Oral Presentations 1 (Doctors Students / PG's)		
Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
15:00-18:00	Track 6: Paediatric Palliative Care 	3 Hours	
	Track Leads: Dr Gayatri Palat, Dr Megan Doherty		
	Coordinator: Dr. Anuradha G		
	Chairpersons: Dr Rima Saad, Dr Smriti Khanna, Dr Hari Prasad PG, Dr Amelia Sahana		
15:00-15:35	Panel Discussion 1: Building Bridges – Unpacking the 5 Ws of Shared Care Planning across Pediatric Palliative Care 	35 Min.	Dr Gayatri Palat
	Panellists: Dr Md Ishaq Tayoob, Dr Julia Downing, Dr Priti R. Sanghavi, Dr. Jagdishwar Reddy, Dr Megan Doherty		
15:35-15:50	Session 1: Strengthening systems through Science - Roadmap for Research on Pediatric Palliative Care in India and LMICs	12+3 Min.	Dr Kritika Rao
15:50- 16:05	Session 2: Sleep to Heal – Shedding light on Sleep Disruptions in children requiring Palliative Care	12+3 Min.	Dr Spandana Rayala
16:05-16:40	Panel Discussion 2: Together we can – Exploring barriers and facilitators to inter-disciplinary collaboration in perinatal palliative care 	35 Min.	Dr Manasi Patil
	Panellists: Mrs Camara VanBreeman, Dr Veronique Dinand, Dr Navya Suvvari		
16:40-16:55	Session 3: The Enigma of Neuro-irritability - sorting out the confusion	12+3 Min.	Dr Megan Doherty
16:55-17:10	Session 4: Role of Palliative Care in Children with in-born errors of metabolism - from preconception to adulthood	12+3 Min.	Dr Archana Iyengar
17:10-17:50	Panel Discussion 3: It's Okay Not to Be Okay - Caregivers' reflections on Supporting Children with serious health conditions 	45 Min.	Dr Spandana Rayala
	Panellists: Parents, Dr. Joan Marston, Mrs. Vineela Rapelli		

17:50-18:00	Summary of the track and call for action	10 Min	Dr Gayatri Palat
Hall C Coordinators: TBA			
Poster Presentations in the Hallway As scheduled			
Hall D Day: 1, 13th Feb 2026 Friday			
Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
08:00-11:00	Track 7: PG Session 	3 Hours	
	Coordinators: Dr Divya sai vanumu, Dr Devina Juneja		
	Track Lead: Dr. Anjum Joad		
	Chairpersons: Dr Neha Singh, Dr Pallavi singh		
08:00-08:05	Welcome & Warm- Up	5 Min.	Dr Devina Juneja Dr Divya sai vanumu
	Residency Real Talk: Things I wish I knew:		
08:05-08:15	1. Reflection sharing year-wise learning/experience	10 Min.	Dr Mayur Goghari
08:15-08:25	2. Top 3 mistakes we all made - real alumni sharing	10 Min.	Dr Isha J Shah
	Coping with personal doubts and professional fatigue		
	Moderators: Dr. Devina Juneja & Dr. Divya Sai Vanamy		
08:25-08:45	PG Clinical rounds/ Clinical Conandrum	20 Min.	Dr Divya sai vanumu Dr Devina Juneja
	OSCE Discussion Topics (Clinical & Communication)		
08:45-08:55	Delirium in End of Life	10 Min.	Team leader: Dr. Rahi
08:55-09:05	Palliative Emergency: SCC	10 Min.	Leader: Dr. Karishma Jain
09:05-09:15	Google has said something else	10 Min.	Team Leader: Dr. Anushka
	Feedback	10 Min.	
	Assessors: Dr Kritika, Dr Puneet Rathore		
	Moderator: Dr Isha J Shah, Dr Shruti Kamble, Dr. Anushka, Dr. Pallavi Singh		
09:25-09:55	A.I in Thesis Writing		
	1. Why AI in a thesis? 2. Specific Use Cases – The "How": 3. Brainstorming & Topic Refinement 4. Literature Search Assistance 5. Drafting Support 6. Language Refinement & Editing 7. Limitations & Risks – The "Caution" 8. Ethical Consideration Participants are advised to bring their own laptops if possible	30 Min.	Dr Dashrathraj K. Shetty

	Exam Excellence: MD & DNB		
09:55-10:05	DNB Theory	10 Min.	Dr Meenakshi
10:05-10:15	MD Theory	10 Min.	Dr Jayita Deodhar
10:15-10:30	Practicals Exams	15 Min.	Dr Raghavendra Ramanujulu
10:30-10:55	Panel discussion: From Tenure to Thesis: What Examiners Truly Demand from PGs	 25 Min.	Dr. Devina Juneja Dr. Divya Sai Vanamu
	Panellist: Dr. Anjum Khan Joad, Dr. Raghu Thota, Dr. Gaurav Chanana, Dr. Iqbal Bahar		
10:55-11:00	Summary and call for action	5 Min.	Dr Anjum Khan Joad
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch		
14:00- 15:00	Oral Presentations 2 (Doctors Others/ Practising Physicians)		
15:00-18:00	Track 8: Debate & Quiz	 70 Min.	
15:00-15:15	Screening for Quiz	15 Min	
	Debate Judges: Colonel Yashvant Joshi, Dr Yogendra Singhal, Dr Yadhuraj Gowda M K, Dr Sanghamitra Bora		
15:15-15:35	Topic 1: “Default DNR in Advanced Cancer Patients in the ICU: Compassion or Controversy?” Debate Moderator: Dr Prashant Sirohiya	20 Min.	
15:35-15:55	Topic 2: “Diagnosis vs Discretion : Should palliative care be integrated automatically at day one or remain at the oncologist’s call ?” Debate Moderator: Dr Ravi Kiran Pothamsetty	20 Min.	
15:55-16:15	Topic 3: “High Tech or High Touch? Is Community Participation More Crucial Than Technology in Palliative Care?” Debate Moderator: Dr. Pratyasa Padhi	20 Min.	
16:30-18:00	QUIZ Competition	 90 Min.	
	Quiz Masters: Dr Kunal Ranjan, Dr. Nandan Chaudary, Dr. Suhana Sulfikar, Dr. C.M Ravi kumar		
Poster Presentations in the Hallway As scheduled			

Hall E | Day: 1, 13th Feb 2026 | Friday

Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
14:00-15:00	Oral Presentations 3 (Doctors Others/ Practising Physicians)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
15:00-16:00	Oral Presentation 1 (Nurses)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
16:00-17:00	Oral Presentation 2 (Nurses)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
17:00-18:00	Oral Presentation 4 (Non Doctors / Non Nurses)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		

Hall F | Day: 1, 13th Feb 2026 | Friday

Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
14:00-15:00	Oral Presentations 2 (Doctors Students / PG's)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
15:00-16:00	Oral Presentation 1 (Non Doctors / Non Nurses)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
16:00-17:00	Oral Presentation 2 (Non Doctors / Non Nurses)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
17:00-18:00	Oral Presentation 3 (Non Doctors / Non Nurses)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		

Hall A | Day: 2, 14th Feb 2026 | Saturday

Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
07:00-08:00	REGISTRATIONS		
08:00-10:30	Track 9: Hospice Care	 2.5 Hours	
	Track Leads: Dr. Subrahmanyam Maddirala, Dr. NS Raju		
	Coordinator: Mr. Ramesh Talari, Ms. Lakshmi		
	Chairpersons: Dr Manjula V Bhagavathula, Dr Ishita Gandhi, Dr. Mami Parija		
08:00-08:40	Panel Discussion: Sustenance and Quality—What does it take to maintain balance in hospice?	 40 Min	Dr NS Raju
	Panellists: Dr Priyadarshini Kulakarni, Dr Taranjit Singh, Dr Karthik Narayan R, Dr Babita Varkey		

08:40-08:55	Session 1: Beyond walls—where architecture meets compassion (architectural foundation of a hospice)	15 Min	Dr. Subrahmanyam Maddirala
08:55-09:10	Session 2: Foundations of RCT Design for Music-Based Intervention in Hospice Care	15 Min	Dr Tara Rajendran
09:10-09:25	Session 3: Funding and Resource allocation in Hospice: The Indian Scenario	15 Min	Dr Natasha Verma
09:25-10:25	Hospice Shark Tank:	60 mins	Dr Praneeth Suvvari
	Shark 1: Dr. Subramanyam Maddirala,		
	Shark 2: Dr. Nagesh Simha,		
	Shark 3: Dr. Harmala Gupta.		
	Compassion Capitalist: Dr. Prakash Fernandez		
10:30-10:45	Tea Break 		
Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
10:45-11:15	Plenary 3: Demoralization and Existential Distress in Palliative Care 	30 Min	Dr David Kissane
	Chairpersons: Dr Seema Rao, Dr KV Ganapathy		
11:15-11:45	Plenary 4: Tools for Psychosocial assessment : Screening and referral across the continuum 	30 Min.	Dr. Santosh Chaturvedi
	Chairpersons: Dr. Savita Butola Dr. Punita Lal		
11:45-12:45	IAPC Oration Lecture: “Three decades of healing through Palliative Care in India: Learning, Lessons, Leadership and Legacy” - Listening, Leading and Leaving a mark!!	45 Min	Dr Sukhdev Nayak
	Chairpersons: Dr Geeta Joshi, Dr Raghu Thota		
12:30-12:45	"Moment That Matter" - A Caregiver Education Animation Video Series- Launch by Team Karunashraya	5 Min	
	Launch of ‘The Healing Conversations - A Manual for Palliative care service providers’: A collaboration between IAPC & JASCAP	5 Min	
	Awarding “ The Shukla Basu Award ”	5 Min	
12:40-13:30	Lunch 		
13:30-16:00	Track 10: Policy Making 	2.5 Hours	
	Coordinators: Dr. Bhanu Pratap Maurya		

	Track leads: Dr Brajesh Ratre, Dr. Parth Sharma		
	Chairpersons: Dr Pankaj Singhai, Ms Smriti Rana		
13:30-14:10	Panel Discussion 1: Sustaining and Financing Palliative Care Models 	30+ 10 Min	Dr. Parth Sharma
	Panellists: Dr RS Dhaliwal, Ms Harmala Gupta, Mr. Gurmeet Randhawa, Dr Ira Almeida		
14:10-14:50	Panel Discussion 2: Using Implementation Science in End-of-Life Care Delivery 	30+ 10 Min	Dr. Brajesh Ratre
	Panellists: Dr Piyusha Majumdar, Dr Roop Gursahani, Dr Anuja Damani, Dr. Frank Ferris		
14:50-15:10	Session 1: Antibiotic Stewardship at End of Life	15+5 Min	Dr. PBN Gopal
15:10-15:30	Session 2: “Leveraging Blockchain to Ensure Safe and Equitable Access to Opioids in India.”	15+5 Min	Mr. Srinivas Penmitsa
15:30-15:50	Session 3: How to initiate AETCOM training for medical college teachers?	15+5 Min	Dr. Raghavendra Ramanujulu
15:50-16:00	Summary and take home points	8+2 Min	Dr. Brajesh Ratre
16:00-17:30	IAPC's Annual General Body Meeting 		
19:00 Onwards	Gala Dinner (Taramati Baradari) 		
Hall A Coordinator: TBA			
Hall B Day: 2, 14th Feb 2026 Saturday			
Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
07:00-08:00	REGISTRATIONS		
08:00-10:30	Track 11: Research and Education 	2.5 Hours	
	Track Leads: Dr Raghu Thota, Dr Shobha Nair		
	Coordinators: Dr. Varun TM, Dr. Dhanashri Kudal		
	Chairpersons: Dr Seema Parthani, Dr Kusum Kumari, Dr Samarjit Dey		
08:00-08:30	Keynote Address: Shaping the Future—Artificial Intelligence and Evidence-Based Research in Palliative Care	30 mins	Dr Raghu S Thota
08:30-08:50	Lecture Talk: Core Competencies in Palliative Care Education	20 min	Dr Shoba Nair
08:50-09:10	Session 1: Beyond RCTs—Innovative and Qualitative Research Methods	20 min	Dr Jayita Deodhar

09:10-09:30	Session 2: Identifying and Addressing Research Priorities in Palliative Care	20 min	Dr Anjum Khan Joad
09:30-09:50	Session 3: Top 5 Benchmark Papers in the last decade	20 min	Dr Raghavendra Ramanujulu
	Chairpersons: Dr. Gaurav Chanana, Dr. Naine Bhadrara, Dr. Shaleen Kumar		
09:50-10:20	Panel Discussion: Bridging the Evidence Gap—Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Future Directions 	30 min	Dr Raghu S Thota
	Panellists: Dr Gaytri Palat, Dr Meenakshi VV, Ms. Anu Savio Thelly, Ms. Meheli Chakraborty, Dr Savita Goswami		
10:20-10:30	Summary of the track and call for action	10 Min	Dr Raghu Thota
12:30-13:30	LUNCH 		
13:30-16:00	Track 12: Psychosocial issues 	2.5 Hours	
	Track Leads: Dr Jayita Deodhar, Dr KV Ganapathy, Dr Seema Rao		
	Coordinator: Ms. Shubha Pai, Mr. Dean George		
	Chairpersons: Dr. Bharat Paliwal, Dr Sushmita Ghoshal, Dr Umesh Kumar Bhadani		
13:30-13:55	Panel Discussion 1: Moral distress, Resilience and coping among Palliative Care physicians 	25 mins	Ms Shubha Pai
	Panellists: Dr Seema Rao, Dr Isha J. Shah, Ms Michelle Norman		
13:55-14:10	Session 2: Psychosocial support across the continuum in the digital era	15 mins	Dr Jayita Deodhar
14:10-14:25	Session 3: Managing Suicidality	15 mins	Dr Savita Goswami
14:25-14:40	Session 4: Psycho-pharmacology in Palliative care (overprescribed or under-prescribed?)	15 mins	Dr David Kissane
14:40-15:05	Panel Discussion 2: Grief and Bereavement in Indian Scenario – A practical approach 	25 mins	Mr Dean George (Moderator)
	Panellists: Dr Ganapathy K V, Ms Keshav Sharma, Dr Gaurav Kumar		
15:05-15:50	Role-play session: Managing a family conflict over DNAR orders 	45 mins	Dr Seema Rao
			Dr Savita Goswami
			Dr. Sravanthi Maya
			Ms. Shubha Pai

15:50-16:00	Summary of the track and call for action		Dr. Jayita Deodhar
16:00-17:30	IAPC's Annual General Body Meeting 		
19:00 Onwards	Cultural Night (Taramati Baradari) 		
Hall B Coordinator:			
Hall C Day: 2, 14th Feb 2026 Saturday			
Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
07:00-08:00	REGISTRATIONS		
08:00-10:30	Track 13: JOINT MASSC and IAPC TRACK 	2.5 Hrs	
	Coordinators: Dr Manisha Pandey, Dr Anurag Sarkar,		
	Track Leads: Dr Akhila Reddy, Dr Jaya Amaram Davila		
	Chairpersons: Dr. Rohit Lahori, Dr Somnath Dey		
08:00-08:30	Session 1: Beyond Transplant: Addressing Palliative Care Needs in Hematological Malignancies	25+5 Min	Dr Jaya Amaram Davila
08:30-09:00	Session 2: Overview of cancer pain management and the MASC-ASCO-AAHPM-HPNA-NISCO Guideline on opioid conversions	25+5 Min	Dr Akhila Reddy
09:00-09:20	Session 3: Cachexia in Advanced Cancer: Balancing Quality of Life, Nutrition, and Goals of Care	15+5 Min	Dr Megha Pruthi
09:20-09:40	Session 4: From treatment to survivorship: Minimizing Neurological Side effects - focus on CIPN prevention	15+5 Min	Dr Aishwarya Bandla
09:40-10:20	Panel Discussion: Beyond the Transplant : Managing Pain and Supportive care challenges in Post -Bone Marrow Transplant Patients 	30+10 Min	Dr Jaya Amaram Davila
	Panellists: Dr Rakesh Roy, Dr Praveen Kumar Kodisharapu, Dr Nishkarsh Gupta, Dr. Basanth K Rayani		
10:20-10:30	Summary of the track.and take home	10 Min	Dr Akhila Reddy Dr Jaya Amaram Davilla
12:30-13:30	Lunch		
13:30-16:00	Track 14: Home Care Track 	2.5 Hours	
	Coordinators: Dr Nandan Choudary, Dr Karanvir Singh Matharoo		
	Track Leads: Dr. Akhileshwaran, Dr Meenakshi VV		
	Chairpersons: Dr. Sanghamitra Bora, Dr Arjun M Pillai, Dr Arjun Devarajan		
13:30-13:50	Session 1: Reported Outcomes in Home Care : Evidence & Learnings	20 Min	Dr Jenifer Jeba.S

13:50-14:30	Panel Discussion 1: Practical Challenges & Smart Fixes (Emergency visits, traffic management etc.)	 40 Min	Dr Daniel Raj
	Panelists: Ms. Sheeba R S, Anamika Pandey, Dr Abhijith Dam, Dr Gowthami Palanati		
14:30-14:50	Session 2: Technology Utilisation: Remote Monitoring and Prognostication Tools.	20 Min	Dr Athul Joseph
	Chairpersons: Dr. Mohan Raja Subbaraman, Dr Srikanth Srinivasan, Dr.Nengneivah Haokip		
14:50-15:30	Panel Discussion 2: From Hospital to Community—Embedding Home-Based Palliative Care into Community-Based Care	 40 Min	Dr Meenakshi VV
	Panellists: Dr Stanley C. Macaden, Dr Akhileswaran, Dr Sunil M M, Dr Babita Varkey		
15:30-15:50	Session 3: Role of Medical Social Workers in Home-Care	20 Min	Dr Priya Thomas
15:50-16:00	Summar of the track and call for action	10 Min	Dr Meenakshi Dr Daniel
16:00-17:30	IAPC's Annual General Body Meeting 		
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Hall C Coordinator:			

Hall E | Day: 2, 14th Feb 2026 | Saturday

Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
08:30-09:30	Oral Presentation 5 (Non Doctors / Non Nurses) 		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
09:30-10:30	Backup slot 		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
10:45-13:30	Plenary followed by Lunch		
13:30-14:30	Oral Presentations 3 (Doctors Students / PG's) 		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
14:30-15:30	Oral Presentations 4 (Doctors Students / PG's) 		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		

Hall F | Day: 2, 14th Feb 2026 | Saturday

Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
07:00-08:00	REGISTRATIONS		
08:30-09:30	Oral Presentations 4 (Doctors Others/ Practising Physicians)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
09:30-10:30	Backup slot		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
10:45-13:30	Plenary followed by Lunch		
13:30-14:30	Oral Presentations 5 (Doctors Others/ Practising Physicians)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		
14:30-15:30	Oral Presentations 6 (Doctors Others/ Practising Physicians)		
	Coordinators:		
	Judges:		

Hall A | Day: 3, 15th Feb 2026 | Sunday

Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
08:00-09:00	Breakfast with Experts	 60 Min	
	Coordinators:		
	Chairperson:		
09:00-11:00	Track 15: Palliative Care in Remote Areas	 2 Hours	
	Chairpersons: Dr Ravi Kannan, Dr. Manjusha Bhume, Dr Bhawesh Pangaria		
	Co-ordinator: Ms Shalini Arora		
	Keynote lecture: IAPC Initiatives to Improve Palliative Care in Remote Areas	30 Min	Dr Geeta Joshi
	Session 1: Integrating Palliative care into Primary Healthcare: A model from rural Chattisgarh	15 Min	Dr Shilpa Khanna
	Session 2: The art and science of palliation in rural india	15 Min	Dr Abhijit Dam
	Panel Discussion: Challenges and opportunities working in resource-poor settings	 40+20 Min	Ms Shalini Arora
	Panellists: Dr Ashita Singh, Dr HK Das, Dr Obangjungla, Dr Nandan Chowdhary, Dr Geetika Gangola, Dr Tashi chotton, Dr Gowthami Palnati, Dr Avtar Singh Cheema		
11:15-11:45	Plenary 5: From Compassion to Metrics: Embedding Quality Improvement in Cancer and Palliative Care	 30 Min	Dr. Ravi Kannan
	Chairpersons: Dr. Vidya Vishwanath. Dr. Rajdeep Kaur		

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11:45-12:00	Plenary 6: The Continuum of Nursing Education: Building Bridges Across Learning Stages 	12+3 Min	Dr. Asha Shetty
	Chairpersons: Dr Mamta Parihar, Ms. Sangeetha Murugan, Lt. Alice Stella Verginia		
12:00-12:15	Plenary 7: Sustaining the Continuum: Integrating Care Across Settings and Stages 	12+3 Min	Sr. Hanife
	Chairpersons: Dr Mamta Parihar, Ms. Sangeetha Murugan, Lt. Alice Stella Verginia		
12:15-13:00	Valedictory		
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Hall B Day: 3, 15th Feb 2026 Sunday			
Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
09:00-11:00	Track 16: Social Media Skills and Recent advances in palliative care 	2 Hours	
	Coordinator: Dr. Surekha		
	Chairpersons: Dr Devina Juneja, Dr Arun Deka		
09:00-09:15	Lecture 1: “Clicking with Compassion: Social Media Skills for the Modern Palliative Physician”	12+3 Min	Dr Mahesh Menon
09:15-09:27	Lecture 2: “Right Care, Right Place, Right Time: The Era of Precision Palliative Care”	10+2 Min	Dr Gaurav Kumar
09:27-09:39	Lecture 3: “Breaking Barriers Below the Belt: Interventions for Integrated Pelvic Cancer Pain Management”	10+2 Min	Dr Saipriya Tewari
09:39-09:41	Lecture 4: “Smarter Drugs, Softer Landings: Innovations in Pain Drug Delivery from Hospital Beds to Home Care”	10+2 Min	Dr Ashwin Mathur
09:41-09:53	Lecture 5: “Nausea, Nutrition & New Solutions: Reimagining GI Symptom Control Across Care Settings”	10+2 Min	Dr Manisha singh
10:00-10:05	Lecture 6: “From Operating Room to Living Room: Redefining Post-Operative Pain Control Across the Care Continuum”	10+2 Min	Dr Raghav Gupta
10:05-10:17	Lecture 7: “When Medicines Fail: Cingulotomy and DBS at the Frontiers of Pain Relief”	10+2 Min	Dr Sarita Singh
10:17-10:37	Lecture 8: “Continuum of Care: Hospital, Hospice, Home — or the ICU?...Gupshup and LISTEN!!”	20 Min	Gilly Burns and Henry Wood
10:37-10:45	Summary and call for action		Dr Arun Deka & Dr Devina Juneja
11:00-11:15	Tea Break 		
12:15-13:00	Valedictory		

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Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
09:00-11:00	Track 17: Community-Based Care and Volunteering 	2 Hours	
	Chairpersons: Dr PS Vijayendar, Dr Dimple Pande, Dr Dharma Ram Poonia		
09:00-09:25	Session 1: Social Worker's Role in Interdisciplinary Serious Illness Care	20+5 Min	Dr. Karen Bullock
09:25-10:05	Panel Discussion: Learning through Compassion: Volunteer Engagement in Indian Palliative Care Settings 	40 Min	Smriti Rana
	Panellists: Ms Vandana Mahajan, Mr Pranab Kumar Basu, Mr Eshwaranna K, Archana		
10:05-10:30	Session 2: Death Economics in Indian Scenario	20+5 Min	Dr Pavan Mammadi
10:30-11:00	Session 3: Community-Based Palliative Care: The Role of Volunteers	20+5 Min	Dr. Jerine Liankimi
11:00-11:05	Summary and Call for Action		Dr. Jerine Liankimi
12:15-13:00	Valedictory		
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Time	Session/ Topic	Duration	Speaker/ Moderator
09:00-11:00	Track 18: Effective and Engaging Teaching Skills for Palliative Care 	2 Hours	
09:00-10:30	Effective and Engaging Teaching Skills for Palliative Care – CARDiph Game by the Cardiff team	90 Min	Dr Fiona Rawlinson and Dr Sian Gallard
10:30-11:00	"No Bowel, No Peace: Case-based management of constipation in palliative care"	30 Min	Dr Brajesh Ratre
			Dr Neha Singh
			Dr Avinash Tiwari
12:15-13:00	Valedictory		
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