

Acibadem Mehmet Ali Aydınlar University
Acibadem Atakent Hospital
Gastrointestinal Oncology Unit

Spring Symposium:

Advances in Gastrointestinal Cancer Care

A monothematic hybrid and interactive
educational meeting on

**Adenocarcinoma of the Gastroesophageal Junction:
Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Navigating Complexities and Cure**

Symposium Chairs:

Ibrahim Yildiz, Rumeysa Atabey

Location:

Acibadem University Kerem Aydınlar Campus, Conference Hall,
Icerenkoy, Kayisdagi st. N:32 Atasehir/Istanbul, Turkiye, 34752

Date:

28th of February – 1st of March, 2025

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Welcome message from the chairs,

It is our pleasure and privilege to welcome you to "the 2nd Spring Symposium on Advances in Gastrointestinal Cancer Care", hosted by "the Acibadem Mehmet Ali Aydınlar University Atakent Hospital Gastrointestinal Oncology Unit" on 28th of February & 1st of March 2025. We look forward to welcoming all the caregivers, scientists, and industry representatives, who are interested in gastrointestinal cancer, to our academic event including a monothematic, hybrid and interactive educational meeting entitled "Adenocarcinoma of the Gastroesophageal Junction Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Navigating Complexities and Cure". The advances and challenges in the treatment of adenocarcinoma of the gastroesophageal junction will be discussed in a multidisciplinary setting by international and national experts. The conference will be held at the Acibadem University Kerem Aydınlar Campus, Atasehir/Istanbul, Türkiye.

The aim of this international meeting is to bring together leading experts, researchers, and health-care professionals who are interested in adenocarcinoma of the gastroesophageal junction to share insights, advancements, and to create collaborative project opportunities. On the first day the conference will focus on early cancers of the gastroesophageal junction, immunotherapy, perioperative chemotherapy & chemo/radiotherapy for gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma and role of surgery in this setting, as well.

On the second day we will explore the intricate relationships between cancer, microbiota, and stress. We will discuss topics ranging from the oncobioime and epigenetics to the role of the mind-gut axis in cancer pathogenesis. The event will also feature sessions on innovative therapies, including artificial intelligence applications, nursing perspectives, and pelvic floor physiotherapy for gastrointestinal cancer patients.

Join us as we uncover the actors behind the scenes of cancer progression and management, bridging the gap between research and clinical care. This will be an excellent opportunity for professional and academic networking at national and international level, providing a unique platform for learning, discussion and collaboration.

Should you require more information about the conference, you may contact us at +90 212 404 44 46 or gioncolunit@gmail.com (Miss Burcu Ozcelik)

We look forward welcoming you at this enlightening and inspiring meeting.

Sincerely,



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February 28, 2025, Day I

Chairs: Rumeysa Atabey, Ibrahim Yildiz

08.00-08.50 - Registration

08.50-09.00 - Welcome and Introduction

09.00-10.00 - MODULE 1: Early Stage Gastroesophageal Junction (GEJ) Tumors: Endoscopic versus Surgical resection - The Ultimate Cross-roads!

Moderator: Nurdan Tozun, Simay Kara

09.00-09.20 - Speaker: Suleyman Gunay

09.20-10.00 - Case Discussion

Case Presenter: Can Boynukara

Panelists: Fevzi Cengiz, Tahsin Dalgic, Hakan Yildiz, Ozdal Ersoy, Gokce Askan, Aylin Altan Kus, Erkin Oztas, Igor Maxim, Deniz Can Guven, Yasemin Bolukbasi

10.00-10.20 - Coffee Break

10.20-13.00 - MODULE 2: FLOT versus Chemo-Radiation: Is there a Clear Winner?

Moderators: Sezer Saglam, Fulya Agaoglu

10.20-11.00 Speakers:

To radiate: Ugur Selek

Or not to radiate: Jens Hoepfner

11.00-11.10 - Q/A

11.10-11.30 - Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 - Case Discussion

Moderators: Enver Ilhan, Suayib Yalcin

Case Presenter: Almir Miftari

Panelists: Enis Ozyar, Esra Kaytan Saglam, Bedriye Koyuncu Sokmen, Tamer Aksoy, Sahin Lacin, Sibel Erdamar Cetin, Viorel Scripcariu, Mustafa Bozkurt, Ozlem Er, Nidal Iflazoğlu, Mahir Ozmen

13.00-14.00 - LUNCH BREAK

14.00-17.00 MODULE 3: Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy: Game Changer or Overhyped ?

Moderators: Teoman Yanmaz, Vasile Bintintan

14.00-14.30 - Speakers:

Medical oncology perspective: Sara De Dosso

Surgery perspective: Erman Aytac

14.30-14.40 - Q/A

14.40-15.00 - Coffee Break

15.00-17.00 - Case Discussion

Moderators: Bulent Karabulut, Faysal Dane

Case Presenters: Ahmet Anil Sahar, Mert Gungor

Panelists: Sibel Erdamar Cetin, Fatih Oguz Onder, Leyla Ozer, Banu Atalar, Zeynep Gural, Bengi Gurses, Osman Kostek, Serdar Culcu, Ozgen Isik, Suleyman Demiryas, Fatma Sen

March 1, 2025, Day II

From Backstage to the Spotlight: Actors Behind the Scenes

09.30-10.00 – Registration

10.00-10.10 – Opening Remarks: Ibrahim Yildiz, Rumeysa Atabey, Ozdal Ersoy

Moderators: Naziye Ak, Fatih Selcukbiricik

10.10-10.25 – Nurdan Tozun: The Role of Microbiota in Cancer Pathogenesis

10.25-10.40 – Ozge Celik: Epigenetic Shadows: How Microbiota Shapes Genetic Landscape of Cancer

10.40-10.55- Mert Erkan: Microenvironment and cancer: Why tumors metastasize?

10.55-11.10 Q/A

11.10-11.25 Coffee Break

Moderators: Ali Arican, Ozkan Ozdemir

11.25-11.40 - Meltem Yalinay: Oncobiome and Personalized Cancer Medicine: Myth or Reality?

11.40-11.55 – Erdem Akbal: Artificial Intelligence in deciphering Gut Microbiome

11.55-12.10- Ramon Salazar: Challenges, noise and bias in clinical and omics science

12.10-12.25 Q/A

12.25-13.25 – LUNCH BREAK

Moderators: Aysin Kayis, Ahmet Rencuzogullari

13.25-13.40 – Ozdal Ersoy: Mind- Gut Connections: The role of the brain in the microbial story of cancer

13.40-13.55 – Ulku Yilmaz: Nursing in Colorectal Cancer and Microbiota: Prevention, Education and Counseling

13.55-14.10 – Michelle Lyons: Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy and Microbiota Health: Managing Symptoms in Gastrointestinal Cancer Patients

14.10-14.25 – Mervenur Akcay: Pelvic Floor Exercises and Vagal Stimulation in Stress Management

14.25-14.45 Q/A

14.45-14.55 –Panel Discussions and Closing Remarks