

# WOMEN IN PALLIATIVE CARE



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PROGRAM

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3.30 p.m. Registration

3.45 p.m. Opening ceremony  
Introduction

## I SESSION

4.00 p.m. ESAS & me - Cerimony of "Mercadante & friends award"  
**Eduardo Bruera** | Houston, USA

4.50 p.m. Neuropathic and nociplastic pains in cancer  
**Nadine Attal** | Paris, France

5.30 p.m. The golden ring of palliative care  
**Sebastiano Mercadante** | Palermo, Italy

6.10 p.m. **Oral Presentations**

Palliating our colleagues: Strategies to enhance wellbeing, fulfillment and resilience in our burned-out health care systems  
**Amy A. Case & Amy Gallagher** | Buffalo, USA

Psychological factors influencing attitudes towards euthanasia, assisted suicide and palliative care among medical students and intern physicians  
**Wojciech Leppert** | Poznan, Poland

Nondisclosure and the impact of symptom burden in Muslims with advanced cancer: A review of five symptom assessment tools  
**Mona Tareen** | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

7.00 p.m. End of scientific session

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## II SESSION

- 9.00 a.m. Maternalism  
**Claudia Gamondi** | Losanne, Switzerland
- 9.40 a.m. One (wo)man band  
**Yasmine Grassi** | Palermo, Italy
- 10.20 a.m. Social pain, social care  
**Tania Piccione** | Palermo, Italy
- 11.00 a.m. Break
- 11.30 a.m. Opioids & opioids  
**Akhila Reddy** | Houston, USA
- 12.20 p.m. Artificial intelligence  
**Elena Giovanna Bignami** | Parma, Italy
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch

## III SESSION

- 3.00 p.m. New treatments for cachexia: ponesegromab study  
**Marie Fallon** | Edinburgh, UK
- 3.40 p.m. Oral Cavity  
**Valeria Mercadante** | London, UK
- 4.20 p.m. Immunotherapy and analgesic therapy  
**Angela Santoni** | Rome, Italy
- 5.00 p.m. Break

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Neurotoxicity induced by opioids after opioid rotation to methadone in cancer patients: a multicenter retrospective study

**Agnès Calsina Berna**, Barcelona, Spain

The Administrative Burden on Palliative Academic Palliative Care Physicians

**Rida Khan** | Houston, USA

Cannabidiol for Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy:  
Can Translational Observations Inform Clinical Practice?

**Maria Luisa Viganò** | Montreal, Canada

Emergency Admissions of Patients with Advanced Gastrointestinal Malignancy  
in an Acute Palliative Care Unit: A Single-Center Observational Study

**Manisha Singh** | Muscat, United Arab Emirates

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## IV SESSION

- 9.00 a.m. Questions and answers  
**Eduardo Bruera** | Houston, USA & **Sebastiano Mercadante** | Palermo, Italy
- 10.00 a.m. Spirituality in different cultures  
**Asma El Azhari** | Casablanca, Morocco
- 11.30 a.m. Discussion
- 12.00 p.m. **Oral presentations**
- Role of Integrative Oncology in Cancer Symptom Management  
**Narayanan Santhosshi** | Houston, USA
- Advance care planning (ACP) and predictive ability for mortality of the Frail Index based on the Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (Frail-VIG) in older nursing home residents  
**Cristina Jiménez-Domínguez** | Madrid, Spain
- Falling “into the Network”: A General Practitioner’s Reflections on Palliative Care  
**Carola Orsi** | Parma, Italy
- Pain catastrophism and spirituality  
**Alessio Lo Cascio** | Palermo, Italy
- 12.50 p.m. Thm | **Sebastiano Mercadante** | Palermo, Italy
- 1.00 p.m. End of the meeting

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FACULTY

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## Congress Venue

Marina Convention Center (Molo Trapeizoidale) | Via Filippo Patti, 30 - Palermo

**Scientific Director:** Sebastiano Mercadante

ID CME 443022 | Credits **9,8**

The Event will be accredited for CME credits for the following categories:

- **Physicians** (Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, Internal Medicine, General Medicine, Geriatrics, Haematology, Oncology, General Surgery, Palliative Care, Radiodiagnostics, Radiotherapy, Psychotherapy)
- **Nurses** • **Psychologist** • **Physiotherapist**

TO OBTAIN CREDITS will be necessary:

- Participate in all educational days • Complete the Customer Satisfaction
- Complete and pass the ECM questionnaire

## Registration

- Physicians registration fee € 512,00 (vat included)
- Nurses registration fee € 250,00 (vat included)
- Physical Therapists registration fee € 250,00 (vat included)
- Specializing doctor € 183,00 (vat included)

The registration fee includes: admission to the scientific sessions, CME credits and certificate of attendance, lunch on 11<sup>th</sup> april.

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