

# MIDDLE EAST CANCER CONSORTIUM



## Workshop on Communication Issues in Pediatric Oncology

Lordos Beach Hotel

Larnaca, Cyprus, June 23-25, 2006

### DAY 1- June 23rd, 2006

- 09:00-09:05 **Welcome remarks** – Dr. Charitini Komodiki, Ministry of Health, Nicosia  
Prof. Michael Silbermann, Executive Director, MECC
- 09:05-09:15 MECC Introduction
- 09:15-09:25 **Philosophical thoughts behind the organization of this meeting-** Mrs. Sarah Ben Ami, Israel
- SESSION I :** **Overview on Palliative Care in the Middle East**  
**Chair :** Prof. Murat Tuncer, Director Dept. Cancer Prevention ,Ministry of Health  
Ankara, Turkey
- 09:25-09:50 Update on the current status of palliative care in the Middle East:**
- 09:25-09:35 **Egypt** - Dr. Nagwa Elkateb
- 09:35-09:45 **Jordan** - Dr. Mohammed Bushnaq
- 09:45-09:55 **Israel** - Prof. Myriam Ben Arush
- 09:55-10:05 **Palestinian Authority** - Mrs. Amal Dewib-Khleif
- 10:05-10:15 **Cyprus** - Mrs. Barbara Pitsillides
- 10:15-10:25 **Turkey** - Prof. Murat Tuncer
- 10:25-10:35 **Communication issues facing the Pediatric Oncology team-**Prof. Aziza Shad, USA
- 10:35-11:00 Coffee Break**
- SESSION II :** **Delivery of the diagnosis**  
**Chair :** Prof. Myriam Ben Arush, Director Pediatric Oncology, Meier Children Hospital,  
Rambam Medical Center, Haifa, Israel
- 11:00-11:20 **Delivering bad message at the time of diagnosis** - Prof. Myriam Ben Arush, Israel
- 11:20-11:25 Simulation - **Delivering the diagnosis to both parents**  
Cast: **Doctor-** Dr. Amal Mousa Abu-Ghosh  
**Social worker-** Ms. Debbi Wolf  
**Parents-** Mrs.R. Lazarovitch  
Dr. Amitai Oberman
- 11:25-11:35 The cast conveys its experience to the group.
- 11:35-11:50 Case Study: **Delivering the diagnosis to the family as it is currently practiced in Jordan** -  
Dr. Mohammad Bushnaq, KHCC, Jordan



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## DAY 2- June 24th, 2006

### **SESSION IV: Problems in communications in unique situations**

**Chair :** Prof. Pesach Schwartzman, Director Pain and Palliative Care Unit, Division of Community health , Clalit Health Services, Beer Sheva, Israel

- 09:00-09:10 **Movie :** Greetings from Calvary Hospital in New York
- 09:10-09:20 **An introduction to the American Cancer Society** – Dr. Omar Shafey, USA
- 09:20-09:40 **Pediatric Palliative Care Education** - Prof. Pesach Schwartzman, Israel
- 09:40-10:00 **The effect of the developmental age of the child on communicating with him**  
- Sr. Patricia Parachini, USA
- 10:00-10:10 **Confronting disagreements between parents due to cultural differences**  
- Mrs. Ilana Buchval, Israel
- 10:10-10:30 Open discussion
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**
- 11:00-11:05 Simulation - **Disagreements between the parents**  
Cast: **Nurse-** Mrs. Barbara Pitsillides  
**Parents-** Mrs.R. Lazarovitch  
Dr. Amitai Oberman
- 11:05-11:15 The cast conveys its experience to the group.
- 11:15-11:20 Simulation - **Disagreements between the parents as to the type of information related to the child**  
Cast: **Parents-** Mrs. Amal Dewib-Khleif  
Mr. Mohamad Husein Khleif
- 11:20-11:30 The cast conveys its experience to the group.
- 11:30-12:00 Open discussion on session IV
- 12:00-12:20 **Coping with communication barriers in palliative care-** Mrs. Ronit Wajntraub, Israel
- 12:20-14:00 Lunch**

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## **SESSION V: On interactions at home**

**Chair :** *Dr. Mohammad Bushnaq, King Hussain Cancer Center, Amman, Jordan*

- 14:00-14:10 **Aspects of communication at the patient's home-** Mrs. Barbara Pitsillides, Cyprus
- 14:10-14:15 Simulation – **A conflict between the child & his/her parents regarding returning to school**  
Cast: **Parent** - Maria Artemiou  
**Adolescent Child** - Georgia Roussou  
**Nurse-** Mrs. Barbara Pitsillides
- 14:15-14:20 The cast conveys its experience to the group.
- 14:20-14:25 Simulation - **Conflict between the parents as to where should the child stay at end of life**  
Cast: **Parents** - Mrs. Barbara Pitsillides  
Ms. Maria Artemiou  
**Nurse-** Mrs. Rachel Christou
- 14:25-14:30 The cast conveys its experience to the group.
- 14:30-15:00 Open discussion on session V
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee Break**
- 15:30-16:00 **Movie :** No Fears No Tears – part 2 (Directed: Dr. Leora Kuttner, Canada)
- 16:00-16:30 **Movie :** No Fears No Tears – part 3 (Directed: Dr. Leora Kuttner, Canada)
- 16:30-16:50 Open discussion on the above movies
- 20:00- Social Dinner**

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## DAY 3- June 25th, 2006

### **SESSION VI: Reverse communication**

(Questions addressed by the patient, either to the treating physician/nurse in the hospital or to the parents, friends and relatives at home)

**Chair :** - Prof. Aziza Shad, Director, Dept. Pediatric Oncology, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Washington DC, USA

- 09:00-09:20 **Moral & cultural aspects in palliative care in childhood cancer** - Dr. Amal Abu-Ghosh, USA
- 09:20-09:25 Simulation - **The child comes to the hospital for a follow-up and finds out that his friend has died**  
Cast: **Nurse-** Miss Rana Obeidat  
**Patient-** Mrs.R. Lazarovitch
- 09:25-09:35 The cast conveys its experience to the group.
- 09:35-09:55 **"The best death"** - Mrs. Lynne Dale Halamish, Israel

### **09:55- 10:25 Coffee Break**

- 10:25-10:40 **The attitude of mothers towards palliative care of their children** - Dr. Nagwa Elkateb, Egypt
- 10:40-11:00 **Communication issues within a closed community-** Mrs. Lynne Dale Halamish, Israel
- 11:00-12:00 Open Discussion on session VI

### **12:00-13:45 Lunch**

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## **SESSION VII: End of Life**

**Chair :** *Sr. Patricia Parachini , Spiritual councilor, Lombardi Cancer Center , Georgetown Univ.Hospital, Washington D.C., USA*

13:45-14:20    **Interaction between the dying child and his environment: parents & family at home; the Medical Staff in the hospital-** Sr. Pat Parachini, USA

14:20-14:25    Simulation- **The terminal stage –the child`s inquiries (in the hospital)**

Cast: **Doctor-** Prof. Nurdan Tacyildiz

**Nurse-** Miss Nisreen Al Alfi

**Patient-** Dr. Amitai Oberman

14:25-14:30    The cast conveys its experience to the group.

14:30-14:40    **Break**

14:40-14:45    Simulation- **The terminal stage –the child`s inquiries (at home)**

Cast: **Parents –** Mr. Ahamed Al-Khateib

Mrs. Raziye Kocaismail

**Patient-** Mrs.R. Lazarovitch

14:45-14:50    The cast conveys its experience to the group.

14:50-15:30    Open Discussion on session VI

**15:30-16:00    Coffee Break**

16:00-16:10    **Concluding remarks**

16:10-16:30    **Delivery of certificates**

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