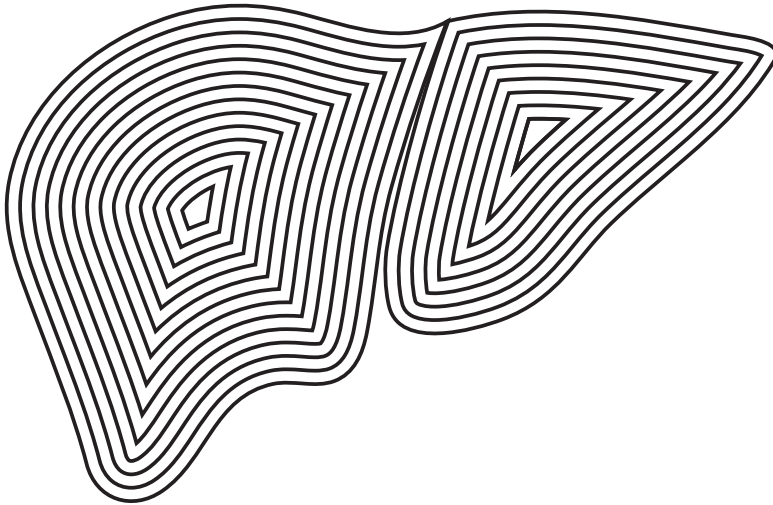


OVERVIEW
OF THE LAST
20 YEARS

TO CREATE
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20 YEARS OF HEPATO-PANCREATIC
SURGERY AND TRANSPLANTOLOGY CLINIC
IN MILITARY MEDICAL ACADEMY SOFIA



HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

16 - 18 November 2023
Military Medical Academy Sofia



Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to welcome you on the occasion of the international postgraduate course on “Hepatocellular carcinoma - a multidisciplinary approach.”

After a short interruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Military Medical Academy will once again host one of the most prestigious scientific events and provide an opportunity to share experiences from specialists recognized worldwide. Fortunately, this global challenge has not limited developments in science, on the contrary, it has provided an opportunity for new knowledge and skills, and in a highly dynamic environment.



The rich scientific program of the course includes lectures and discussions that will give participants the opportunity to experience the latest developments in the field.

Our school of surgery also coincides with the 20th anniversary of the Clinic of Hepatopancreatic Surgery and Transplantology, which has established itself as a specialized center in this field for South East Europe. For these two decades, MMA has developed a school whose results are commensurate with some of the most prestigious European clinics.

I believe that the forum will be a place for exchanging ideas, establishing new partnerships and an opportunity for professional development.

Major General Prof. Dr. Ventsislav Mutafchiyskiy, MD, FACS
Chief of MMA

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Dear colleagues,

It is my honor and pleasure to invite you to the upcoming International Postgraduate Course, organized by the Clinic of Hepato-Pancreatic Surgery and Transplantology in Military Medical Academy – Sofia. The focus this year will be “Hepatocellular carcinoma – multidisciplinary approach”. The event will host some of the most renowned international experts in the field, from Europe and Asia.

The contemporary treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma employs a wide range of specialists – surgeons, gastroenterologists, oncologists, radiologists, anesthesiologists, pathologists, transplantologists. Military Medical Academy has significant experience in providing complex treatment of the hepatocellular carcinoma and the multidisciplinary team is capable of ensuring extensive care for the patients at every step, including diagnostics, interventional treatments, surgical resection, oncologic therapy and liver transplantation. What better occasion to exchange experience and enrich our knowledge on a topic, encompassing such a broad spectrum of medical fields.

Whit this course we will mark an important anniversary – 20 years from the establishment of the Clinic of Hepato-Pancreatic Surgery and Transplantology in Military Medical Academy. Through the years the clinic asserted itself as the leader in its field in Bulgaria. With great pleasure, I invite all colleagues, alumni, and friends, with whom we have worked alongside during these past 20 years, to join us at this scientific event, so we may celebrate together this anniversary.



Prof. Nikola Vladov MD, PhD
Course Director

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

16 November (Thursday)

- 17:30 - 18:00 *N. Vladov* - 20 years of the Clinic of Hepatic-Pancreatic Surgery and Transplantology at the Military Medical Academy
- 18:00 - 18:30 *F. Bonichon* - The Liver, the Gods and the Surgeons

17 November (Friday)

08:30 - 10:45

FIRST SESSION

Diagnosis and Solution

- 08:30 - 08:45 Models for identifying patients at risk for HCC. Etiology, screening programs, diagnosis and staging - *S. Handzhiev*
- 08:45 - 09:00 Preoperative imaging modalities, CT versus MRI or both together - *M. Penkov*
- 09:00 - 09:15 Up to date: Liver tumors from the pathologist's point of view - *A. Fakirova*
- 09:15 - 09:30 Importance of preoperative 3D planning for precision in biliary liver surgery - *E. Vicente*
- 09:30 - 09:45 Role of laparoscopic ultrasonography in surgical planning in HCC - *I. Vasilevski*
- 09:45 - 10:00 Hepatic failure after hepatic resection - pathophysiology and clinical management - *Cs. Lukanova*
- 10:00 - 10:15 BCLC strategy for expected prognosis and treatment recommendations: current guidelines - *M. Konakchieva*
- 10:15 - 10:30 Detailed surgical anatomy of the liver based on the Laennec capsule, and its relevance to anatomical resections in HCC - *A. Karamarkovic*

10:30 - 10:45 Discussion

10:45 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK I

11:00 - 13:00 SECOND SESSION

Minimally invasive techniques in HCC

11:00 - 11:15 Satellite Symposium

11:15 - 11:30 Ablative Techniques in Minor HCC - *A. Katsarov*

11:30 - 11:45 Transarterial chemoembolization (TACE) or transarterial radioembolization (TARE) in multifocal HCC - *V. Velchev*

11:45 - 12:00 Hepatic artery infusion - *A. Yuliyarov*

12:00 - 12:15 Who is a suitable candidate for liver resection? - *I. Takorov*

12:15 - 12:30 Laparoscopic surgery for HCC - *N. Vladov*

12:30 - 12:45 Minimally invasive treatment of complications after resection for HCC - *K. Katsarov*

12:45 - 13:00 Discussion

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch symposium (Olympus)

14:00 - 16:15 THIRD SESSION

Surgical Treatment in HCC

14:00 - 14:15 Multidisciplinary Approach to HCC - *I. Popescu*

14:15 - 14:30 Management of congenital hepatoblastoma: role of the surgical treatment - *N. Belev*

14:30 - 14:45 Liver resections in patients with portal hypertension - *O. Sobran*

14:45 - 15:00 "Bridging" to liver surgery: a new concept in primary unresectable liver tumors - *J. Tokat*

15:00 - 15:15 Hepatic resections in advanced HCC - *F. Botea*

15:15 - 15:30 Extended liver resections in HCC - *V. Mihailov*

15:30 - 15:45	How to be aggressive but safe in liver surgery? - <i>G. Torsili</i>
15:45 - 16:00	Extensive liver surgery - <i>Z. Milosevic</i>
16:00 - 16:15	Discussion
16:15 - 16:30	COFFEE BREAK II
16:30 - 17:00	Debate: Surgery vs Transplantation for HCC - <i>O. Sobran/K. Kim</i>

17:00 - 19:00

FORTH SESSION

Liver Transplantation for HCC

17:00 - 17:15	Liver tumors and transplantation - <i>J. Tokat</i>
17:15 - 17:30	Transplantation from a living donor: Considerations in the management of HCC - <i>K. Kim</i>
17:30 - 17:45	Emerging techniques in liver surgery and transplantation for hepatobiliary carcinomas - <i>D. Balci</i>
17:45 - 18:00	Cadaveric donor liver transplantation for HCC: Current status and perspectives - <i>I. Popescu</i>
18:00 - 18:15	Discussion
19:30	GALA DINNER: (Military Club)

18 November (Saturday)

09:00 - 11:00

FIFTH SESSION

Systemic or Innovative Antitumor Therapy for HCC

09:00 - 09:15	Relapse after liver transplantation for HCC: Therapeutic strategies and outcomes - <i>D. Tomova</i>
09:15 - 09:30	Trend and perspective of systemic therapy for hepatocellular carcinoma - <i>J. J. Mihaylova</i>
09:30 - 09:45	Target therapy for hepatocellular carcinoma - <i>A. Consolova</i>

09:45 - 10:00	Immunotherapeutic strategies for HCC with resection and transplantation - <i>M. Koleva</i>
10:00 - 10:15	The significant role of proton beam therapy in locally advanced hepatocellular carcinoma preceding living donor liver transplantation - <i>R. Lazarov</i>
10:15 - 10:30	Stereotactic ablative radiotherapy as “bridging” to liver transplantation for hepatocellular carcinoma - <i>I. Mihailova</i>
10:30 - 10:45	Discussion
10:45 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 - 13:00	FREE PAPERS

REGISTRATION:

Registration fee: 200 lv.

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	up to 4 persons	220 lv.