



Dear Colleagues,

Preoperative and postoperative nursing care for hepatopancreatobiliary surgeries involving surgical treatments of the liver, pancreas, gall bladder, and biliary tract is a special area. For nurses who serve with a philosophy of holistic approach from birth to death, reaching new knowledge on care, diagnosis and treatments is important to keep human health at the highest level and reflect innovations to practices. Particularly innovations in hepatopancreatobiliary surgeries, evidence-based health care, and treatment involve the period from clinic admission to home-care services after discharge. Scientific activities such as congresses and symposiums, which are held for nurses to reach necessary knowledge, to acquire skills, and to continue getting education after graduation, highly contribute to nursing care and medical treatment specific in this area.

The aim of the "4th Congress of Hepatopancreatobiliary Surgical Nursing", which was organized with the abovementioned understanding, is to share our different knowledge and experiences on the area and to arrive a consensus by discussing new and effective methods in patient care with our colleagues having clinical and academic status.

In our congress, physio-pathological conditions emerging in related organs before hepatopancreatobiliary surgeries, preoperative patient preparation, pain management, accelerated recovery protocols which is a new approach in surgeries, wound care, infection control, measures to be taken for postoperative complications such as deep venous thrombosis, nursing care provided for postoperative problems, and innovations of our age such as nanotechnology and robotic surgery will be discussed in conferences, panels, and forums.

Prof. Deniz Şelimen, who organized the first Congress of Hepatopancreatobiliary Surgical Nursing, is the honorary president of this congress. Hoping that our congress, which is enriched with scientific papers, will provide new perspectives for the participants, I present my thanks to our colleagues contributing and supporting us.

Best regards.

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