

Conference 'Shared Care and Shared Decision Making' - Theme of ESOT Congress at Athens

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European Society of Organ Transplant (ESOT) biennial Congress was held on September 17 - 20, 2023 at Athens, Greece which is regarded as the birthplace of modern European civilisation and holds a unique place in cultural, philosophical and political heritage. ESOT is the largest gathering of transplant community in Europe, bringing together clinicians, surgeons, physicians, nurses, scientists, researchers and patients to review latest developments in transplantation. Improving the lives of patients is central to the mission and education has been the core of ESOT for many years. Shared care and shared decision making were the emphasis of this year's Congress and was attended by 2800 delegates from over 80 countries.

ESOT meetings feature a comprehensive scientific programme that includes keynote lectures, symposia, and workshops covering a wide range of topics related to organ transplantation. These sessions provided attendees with the latest research findings, clinical insights, and innovative techniques in the field.

Dr. Gabriel Oniscu, the President of ESOT said, "Under the overarching theme of 'Disruptive Innovation, Trusted Care', we truly immersed ourselves into the new opportunities and challenges in our field, as we now shift to a technologically driven world. We have examined how the digital revolution opens the door to new diagnostics, lab science and greater precision transplantation than ever before. We have delved into how we can address the organ shortage, optimise donated organs through perfusion technology and implement cell therapy advancements, as well as catching a glimpse of where xenotransplantation could take us."

One of the highlights of the Congress was the joint session with Indian Society of Organ Transplantation (ISOT) which was attended by around 100 delegates from across the world.

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