

Nurses day at the 44th German Colorectal Surgeons' Congress

Munich. On Thursday March 15 2018, more than 180 nurses met for the care conference at the Colorectal Surgeons' Congress. This session presented the participants for a slightly modified program compared to previous events. The responsible Professors, Fürst and Jehle, had prepared a two-piece program. In the morning, high-output stoma and anal irrigation were on the agenda. Afterwards, the counseling services of the self-help organization Deutsche ILCO e.V. were presented.

The morning session concluded with two contributions to the topic of outpatient care of people with stoma under the current health insurance contracts. In this relation, the particular challenges faced by patients with proximal small intestinal fistulas were on the agenda.

After the lunch break and a lively visit of the accompanying industrial exhibition, the program was devoted only to a comprehensive topic: treatment, care and supply of people with rectal wounds after previous bowel resections. Several speakers devoted themselves to this special topic and soon it became clear how complex the life situations for these people are. Situations with often age long treatment of these poorly healing wounds. The empathic treatment and care of these people requires a high degree of cooperation and intensive communication between everyone involved. At the conclusion of this care conference, Peter Schinkel presented an impressive contribution to dealing with wound odors in palliative wound care. The participants eagerly noted down important details of the presentations and a large part of the information was up for discussion immediately. This characterizes the event in a special way: many nursing experts meet repeatedly for years and exchange ideas. The German Association for specialized nurses (FgSKW) was present with an information stand and took the opportunity to promote the ECET and the next ECET Congress 2019 in Rome. Thanks to the participants for this exciting event and the dissemination of current knowledge.

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