



Ankara University Faculty of Dentistry Ankara - Türkiye





INTERCEPTOR WORKING GROUPS MEETING & WORKSHOP

Hands-on Training School 17th September 2025

09.30 - 10.00: Registration, Welcome, Breakfast 10.00 - 10.30: Artificial Intelligence in Image Analysis: Machine Learning and Deep Learning Basics 10.30 - 12.00: Hands-on: Digital analysis of clinical

pictures of OPMD 12.00 - 13.00: Lunch

13.00 - 16.00: Hands-on: Histopathological Images

Analysis in Digital Pathology

Organized by

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INTERCEPTOR WGs Meeting

WG1 and WG2 on OPMD Trajectories and Disease Care Management

18th-19th September 2025



Ankara University Faculty of Dentistry Ankara-Türkiye

Local Organization:

Merva Soluk Tekkeşin & Bengü Yaldız Çobanoğlu MC of Türkiye- INTERCEPTOR









Agenda DAY 1 - September 18th 2025 - WG Sessions

Link for online participants:



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8:30-9.30	Venue and Registration			
	(Ankara University, Faculty of Dentistry, 5th floor, Hall 7)			
9.30-10.00	Introduction and Welcome			
	10:00 – 11:30			
	7 th OPMDBOARD of INTERCEPTOR			
	Moderated by Senada Koljenović, Merva Soluk Tekkeşin			
Presenters: Deren Sezgin, Ankara University				
Suzan Acar, Ankara University				
	İpek Atak Seçen, Gazi University			
	Gözde Haksayar, Ankara University			
11.30- 12.00	Coffee break			
12.00 - 13.30				
WG1- Data science and				
medical informatics to	- Diseases with oral malignant potential: Need for change to inform research, policy, and			
understand OPMD	practice by Nicola Cirillo, University of Foggia, Italy			
	- Future plans			
Lead: Rui Amaral	Tatare plans			
Mendes				
Co-leads: Dipak				
Sapkota, Vito Carlo				
Alberto Caponio				
	13.30-15.00			



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lunch break and small group discussions at the lovely cafe					
	(14.15-15.00- core group meeting at the hall)				
	15:00-15.45				
	Clinical Assessment Standardization				
WG2- Disease care	VG2- Disease care				
management of patients	15:00- 15:20: May we achieve a consensus about the essential clinical and				
with OPMD	pathological factors defining the risk of cancerization? by Bengu Yaldiz Cobanoglu				
	Karadeniz Technical University, Türkiye				
Lead: Paolo Bossi	aolo Bossi				
Co-lead: Keith Hunter	15:20- 15:45 Results from trials aimed at immune interception and new				
	perspectives. by Paolo Bossi, Humanitas University , Italy				
-Future plans					
15.45-16.30					
WGs	- Gaps, unresolved questions, or emerging needs				
_	- Proposals for joint activities or subgroup formation				
Discussion	- Action plan before OPMDay (where? on June 12-13 2026?)				
WG1/WG2 together	 To discuss the potential for continuing science and cooperation after COST action 				
16 20 17 00	Coffee harest				
16.30- 17.00	Coffee break				
	17.00 – 18.30				
	Key milestones achieved since OPMDBOARD setup				
	Senada Koljenović, Merva Soluk Tekkeşin				
	management of patients Feedback from pathology team				
with OPMD-					
Histopathology *September Webinar with IAOP					
	*Ankara Training School				
	by Young members of INTERCEPTOR				
	- Future plans				
	10.00 Dimmor				
19.00 Dinner					







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Agenda DAY 2 – September 19th 2025

	Topic	Who		
08:00-08:45	Venue and Registration			
	(Ankara University, Faculty of Dentistry, -1th floor, Conference Hall)			
08.45-09.00	Introduction and Welcome			
	Data Science and Medical informatics Session- WG1 Moderators: Rui Amaral Mendes (Portugal), Kaan Orhan (Türkiye)			
09.00-09.30	Al and Blockchain applications in Health and Dentistry	Kaan Orhan, Ankara University, Ankara, Türkiye		
09.30-9.50	The HEADSpace dataset	Shama Virani, Scientific lead of HEADSpace Data Centre, WHO (online)		
9:50-10:10	Minimum database for clinical investigation of OPMD: the INTERCEPTOR e-Delphi consensus	Vito Carlo Alberto Caponio, Link Campus University, Rome, Italy		
10.10- 10.30	Discussion			
10.30-11.00	**coffee break**			
	OPMD Treatment Session - WG2			
	Moderators: Vladimir Pavićević (Montenegro), Pierre Saintigny (France)			
11.00-11.15	Detection and Management of OPMD in Clinical	Alper Sinanoglu, Kocaeli University, Kocaeli,		
	Practice: Challenges and Evolving Strategies	Türkiye		



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11:15-11:30	The immune microenvironment role in premalignant diseases: insights from different fields	Licia Rivoltini, Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale Tumori, Milan, Italy (online)	
11:30-11:45	Understanding the biology of oral dysplasia to better prevent transformation	Pierre Saintigny, Centre Léon Bérard, Lyon, France	
11:45-12.00	EHNS The Art of the First Cut: Key Strategies in Oral Cavity Cancer Treatment	Şefik Hoşal, Atılım University, Ankara, Türkiye	
12.00-12.15	Discussion		
12:15-13:30	**lunch break** Pathology Session - WG2 Moderator: Senada Koljenović (Belgium)/ Merva Soluk Tekkesin (Türkiye)		
13.30-13.55	Histopathological evaluation of dysplasia in OPMDs	Ömer Günhan, TOBB University, Ankara, Türkiye	
13.55-14.15	Still an Unfinished Story: Will It Turn Malignant? - Molecular Clues from Head and Neck Dysplasia	Burcu Toközlü, Gazi University, Ankara, Türkiye	
14.15-14.35	Overcoming Early Diagnosis Barriers: Interprofessional Collaboration Lessons & Primary Care Integration	Ivan Alajbeg, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia	
14.35-14.55	3D Patient-Derived Models of Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders	Daniela Elena Costea, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway	
15.00- 15.30	**coffee break**		
15.30- 16.00	Turkish patients' experiences – Bengu Yaldiz Cobanoglu, Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon, Türkiye		
16.00-16.30	Wrap-up and closing remarks	Organizers	







GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Venue

Ankara University Faculty of Dentistry

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