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33rd Annual International Conference of the Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC)



Pre Conference Workshop : 12th February 2026

Conference : 13th - 15th February 2026

Venue - Sparsh Hospice

Organized by: Sparsh Hospice, Hyderabad & Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Hyderabad

Home is where the Heart is! - Understanding the How's and Why's of implementing a good home hospice service.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Time	Session / Topic	Speaker
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Welcome & Introduction Opening remarks Overview of workshop goals Introduction of faculty Dr R. Akhileswaran Dr Michael Lee Senior Staff Nurse Lesean	
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Session 1: Foundations of a Home Hospice Service Why home hospice matters Core principles and philosophy. Essential components of a home-based model Understanding patient and family needs in the home environment	Dr R. Akhileswaran
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Session 2: Setting Up & Scaling a Home Hospice Programme Operational requirements Building an interdisciplinary team Creating workflows for patient intake and care delivery Scaling safely while maintaining quality Real-world case examples from the Singapore Cancer Society	Dr Michael Lee
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Tea Break & Networking	
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Session 3: Standards, Quality Audits & Clinical Governance Clinical standards for home hospice Documentation essentials Tools for quality assurance Conducting audits to improve care Safety considerations in the home environment	Senior Staff Nurse Lesean
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Session 4: Funding & Sustainability of Home Hospice Services Funding models Budgeting for staffing, equipment, and operations Donor engagement and fundraising strategies Ensuring long-term sustainability	Dr R. Akhileswaran
12:30 PM – 12:55 PM	Interactive Group Work & Q&A Small-group discussions on challenges participants face. Faculty-led problem-solving Open Q&A session	
12:55 PM – 1:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Take-Home Messages Summary of key learning points Feedback collection Acknowledgements	

