

Welcome to Hyderabad for the XV annual congress of ISPEN

Nutritional support is an indispensable part of standard patient care. In our clinical practice, irrespective of our specialty, we do come across a remarkable degree of diversity which prevents a standard nutritional approach which can be applicable for majority of our patient population. This intense nutritional update will enhance the clinical practices of doctors and clinical nutritionists and also disseminate the various nutritional interventions to students.

The annual conferences of ISPEN are conventionally known to further one's knowledge in the field of artificial nutritional support. It is a long standing tradition that the annual conference of ISPEN is generally held in the month of October / November every year. The conference was initially programmed to be combined with the annual congress of critical care society. However, in view of certain impedances, it has now been rescheduled to be held on 22nd and 23rd of January 2010, with an intense emphasis on nutritional update.

The objective will be to encourage the rapid diffusion of evidenced-based clinical nutritional support and knowledge, in order to provide artificial nutritional support in the safest possible way. To achieve this objective, the congress has been organised for two full days. It constitutes a comprehensive educational programme highlighting the 2009 guidelines, practical issues and safe clinical practices of artificial nutrition support. The educational content is based on the curriculum developed by international experts in the field of artificial nutritional support. The event also includes symposia, debates, and interactive sessions with nutrition-support professionals and a nutrition quiz. The entire congress will provide you with a unique opportunity to review and become familiar with safe nutritional practices and provides a comprehensive *Interactive Session in Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ISPEN)*.

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