Balkan Academy of Forensic Sciences

MALPRACTICE 2026

International Conference on Medical Malpractice

Obstetrics & Gynecology

8 - 11 OCTOBER 2026

Istanbul, Türkiye & Online

Sismanoglio Megaro

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

- Clinical Practice
- Legal Responsibility
- Patient Safety

AT A GLANCE

Malpractice 2026 · 8–11 October 2026 · Sismanoglio Megaro, Istanbul

All times are given in Istanbul time (UTC+3). Programme correct at 6 October 2026 and subject to change.

DAY 1 THURSDAY 8 October	DAY 2 FRIDAY 9 October	DAY 3 SATURDAY 10 October	DAY 4 SUNDAY 11 October
08:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee	**10:00** **Keynote 3 · Schifrin**	**10:00** **Keynote 6 · Giannubilo**	**10:00** **Keynote 9 · Mozayani**
10:00 Opening Ceremony	**10:30** **Keynote 4 · Vanezis**	**10:30** **Keynote 7 · Vieira**	**10:30** **Session VI · Systems of Care**
11:00 **Keynote 1 · Madazlı**	**11:00** Coffee Break	**11:00** Coffee Break	**12:10** Lunch & Poster Viewing
11:30 **Keynote 2 · De La Luz-Martínez**	**11:30** **Session II · Forensic Expertise**	**11:20** **Session IV · Surgical and Procedural Complications**	**13:00** Workshop · AI-Based Cardiotocogram Assessment
12:00 Lunch & Poster Viewing	**13:10** Lunch & Poster Viewing	**13:00** Lunch & Poster Viewing	**14:30** Closing Ceremony
13:30 Panel · Sexual Therapy and Genital Esthetics	**14:20** **Keynote 5 · Freeman**	**14:00** **Keynote 8 · Yenisey**	
14:45 Coffee Break	**14:50** **Session III · Prenatal Diagnosis and Wrongful Birth**	**14:30** **Session V · Medical Law and AI**	
15:15 **Session I · Injury and Death Around Birth**		**19:30** Gala Dinner	
17:00 Welcome Reception			

HOW TO READ THIS PROGRAMME

Keynote lecture · Scientific session · Panel / workshop · Break, meal, social

Each oral presentation has a 20-minute slot: 15 minutes for the talk and 5 minutes for discussion. Presenting authors are underlined. E-posters can be viewed on screens at the venue and on the conference website.

DAY 1 THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026

OPENING · PANEL · WELCOME RECEPTION

08:00 REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

10:00 **Opening Ceremony**
Welcome addresses by the Conference President, BAFS representatives, partners and distinguished guests

11:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE 1
Rıza Madazlı
Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology · Türkiye
Physician's nightmare: malpractice claims

11:30 KEYNOTE LECTURE 2
Ixchel De La Luz-Martínez
Expert Witness in Forensic Genetics & Laboratory Medicine · Mexico
Trapped in the transnational void: four DNA tests, institutional revictimization, reproductive malpractice, and the human cost of cross-border surrogacy

12:00 LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING
E-posters at the venue and on the conference website

13:30 PANEL
Malpractice in Sexual Therapy and Genital Esthetics
PANELLISTS **Hakan Kar** · **Ali Kemal Yıldız** · **Selcen Bahadır**

14:45 COFFEE BREAK

15:15 SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
Maternal, Fetal and Neonatal Injury and Death: Forensic Reconstruction of Causation
CHAIRS **Barry Schifrin** **Selçuk Erez**

15:15 – 15:35 **The causal architecture of perinatal death: a forensic case series of fetal and neonatal fatalities**
Matteo Scopetti, Martina Padovano, Anna Claudia Caruso, Damiano Marchesini, Federico Battipaglia, Carmen Sementa, Alessandro Santurro, Vittorio Fineschi
Italy

15:35 – 15:55 **The case of a missed diagnosis of congenital malformation of the right lower limb, fibular agenesis and foot anomalies, during repeated ultrasound examination**
Elton Serani, Ilir Decolli, Erindo Alla, Blerim Peli, Idlir Frasheri, Redi Krimce, **Raisa Varfi**, Reldi Musta, Bledar Xhemali
Albania

15:55 – 16:15 **Forensic analysis of fatal neonatal sepsis: a case of untreated maternal infection and Apgar score discrepancy**
Marta Garazdiuk, Viktor Bachynskiy, Mykola Melnyk
Ukraine

16:15 – 16:35 **Neglection case of a medical mistreating pregnancy resulting in the premature infant death**
Elton Serani, **Erindo Alla**, Gjergji Kacauni, Idlir Frasheri, Raisa Varfi, Redi Krimce, Mirnela Kocibelli, Bledar Xhemali
Albania

16:35 – 16:55 **Atraumatic rupture of a hepatic hemangioma as a rare cause of sudden death of a pregnant woman in the third trimester of pregnancy**
Vjola Fera, Bledar Xhemali, Gjergji Kacauni
Albania

17:00 WELCOME RECEPTION

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DAY 2 FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2026

FULL SCIENTIFIC DAY

10:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE 3

Barry Schifrin

Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist · United States

The voice of the fetus before and after birth

10:30 KEYNOTE LECTURE 4

Peter Vanezis

Professor of Forensic Medical Sciences · United Kingdom

Women's health — a forensic pathologist's perspective

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION II

Forensic Expertise: Method, Standard of Care and the Limits of Proof

CHAIRS **Călin Scripcaru** **Nermin Sarajlić**

11:30 – 11:50

Disentangling complication, error, and causation: a forensic case series in obstetrics and gynecology

Alessandro Santurro, Matteo Scopetti, Anna Claudia Caruso, Damiano Marchesini, Roberto Raimo, Carmen Sementa, Martina Padovano, Vittorio Fineschi

Italy

11:50 – 12:10

Clinical practice guidelines in obstetric and gynecologic malpractice expertise: a proposed methodology for their selection

Carmen Simona Ionescu, Irina Smaranda Manoilescu

Romania

12:10 – 12:30

Amniotic fluid embolism or medical negligence? Divergent causal reasoning in Greek obstetric malpractice litigation

Ioannis Ketsekioulafis, Athina Tousia, Konstantinos Katsos, Emmanouil I. Sakelliadis, Chara Spiliopoulou

Greece

12:30 – 12:50

Medical malpractice — the chain of causation

Neculai Spirea Zamfirescu

Romania

12:50 – 13:10

Cytotec in obstetrics: fatal consequences of its use

Kurt Trübner, J. Martens, K. Bilobrk, G. J. Gerstner

ONLINE *Germany*

13:10 LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING

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14:20 KEYNOTE LECTURE 5

Michael Freeman

Forensic Medicine & Epidemiology · United States

Causal analysis in birth and neonatal injury malpractice claims utilizing epidemiologic data and methods

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14:50 SCIENTIFIC SESSION III

Prenatal Diagnosis and Wrongful Birth: Fetal Death, Viability and Liability

CHAIRS **Ixchel De La Luz-Martínez** **Rıza Madazlı**

14:50 – 15:10
Prenatal control, wrongful birth and medical liability: the emerging Greek jurisprudence
Maria-Effraimia Gerasopoulou
Greece

15:10 – 15:30
No malpractice, but disability: forensic medicine perspective on diagnosed Down syndrome cases
İrem Türkkan, Ceren Havva Sümer, Mustafa Bilal Ceylan, Ebubekir Çetin, Yusuf Atan
Türkiye

15:30 – 15:50
Ethical challenges in obstetric practice when abortion is permitted at or beyond potential viability
Andlagutti Shaik Mohammad Naveed, K. Ananth Rupesh, S. M. Krishna Sagar
India

15:50 – 16:10
Cardiotocography documentation, autopsy yield, and the limits of expert determination in 174 stillbirth malpractice cases
Muhammed Fatih Yaman, Aytül Buğra, Hüseyin Çağrı Şahin, Ümmügülsüm Koç, Abdulvahap Sevin, Mustafa Kılıç, Hızır Aslıyüksek
Türkiye

16:10 – 16:30
Estimating the time of intrauterine fetal death: a systematic review
Flavia Negru, Petre-Ciudin Valentin
Romania

DAY 3 SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

FULL SCIENTIFIC DAY · GALA DINNER

10:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE 6

Stefano Raffaele Giannubilo

Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology · Italy

Behind the CTG trace: intrapartum fetal monitoring, timing of delivery and medico-legal causation

10:30 KEYNOTE LECTURE 7

Duarte Nuno Vieira

Professor of Forensic Medicine & Medical Law · Portugal

Navigating medical malpractice: the European guidelines for evidence-based and equitable assessment

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:20 SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV

Surgical and Procedural Complications: Operative Harm and Accountability

CHAIRS **Hakan Kar** **Naim Uka**

11:20 – 11:40
Chasing beauty, confronting death: vaginal filler–related fatalities through the lens of patient safety and medicolegal accountability in South Korea
Sohyung Park, Seongho Kim, Min-joo Lee, Minjung Kim, Junmo Kim, Seon Jung Jang
ONLINE *Republic of Korea*

11:40 – 12:00
Severe hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis and respiratory failure following excessive normal saline absorption during diagnostic hysteroscopy
Nurşen Tanrıkulu, Uğur Özbek, Ali Haspolat, Ali Şefik Köprülü, Ersi Kalfoglou
Türkiye

12:00 – 12:20
Gossypiboma following cesarean section: a forensic case report
İsmail Özgür Can, Gokce Karaman, Hasan Bahadır Saatlı
ONLINE *Türkiye*

13:00 LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING
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14:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE 8

Feridun Yenisey

Emeritus Professor of Criminal Law & Criminal Procedure · Türkiye

From clinical decisions to legal responsibility

14:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION V

Medical Law: Jurisprudence, Rights and Artificial Intelligence

CHAIRS **Feridun Yenisey** **Ersi Kalfoglou**

14:30 – 14:50
CTG and emergency caesarean section in recent case law: Türkiye, Germany, France and England compared
Kazım Furkan Ağkuş
Türkiye

14:50 – 15:10
Juridical responsibility for off label use of drugs in Romanian obstetrics and gynecology
Ionuț Vida-Simiti
Romania

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15:10
15:30

Bodily integrity after loss of reproductive capacity: medical liability and the right to private life

Mariya Petrova Dimitrova
ONLINE *Bulgaria*

15:30
15:50

Artificial intelligence in obstetrics: emerging challenges in medical liability

Sai Keerthana Kondati, P. Venkata Ramana Rao, K. Ananth Rupesh
India

15:50
16:10

Can generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) transform pre-action conduct within medical negligence claims? A comparative analysis of the regulatory frameworks of the UK and EU

Ehsan Ghaffari, Iman Ghaffari, Marjan Ghaemi Bidgoli
United Kingdom

16:10
16:30

Who is the victim? Shifting media frames in a high-profile obstetric malpractice case in Türkiye

Sotirios Kalfoglou, **Ersi Kalfoglou**
Türkiye

19:30 **GALA DINNER**

DAY 4 SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

FINAL SCIENTIFIC DAY · WORKSHOP · CLOSING

10:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE 9

Ashraf Mozayani

Professor of Forensic Toxicology · United States

When the laboratory fails the patient: specimen misidentification, reporting errors, and the laboratory director's role in patient safety and malpractice prevention

10:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION VI

Systems of Care: Organisational Risk, Prevention and Patient Safety

CHAIRS **Stefano D'Errico** **Selçuk Erez**

10:30 – 10:50
Beyond the adverse event: medico-legal risk, patient harm and economic exposure in obstetric and gynaecological malpractice
Martina Padovano, Anna Claudia Caruso, Damiano Marchesini, Raffaele Cirillo, **Elena de Laurentiis**, Alessandro Santurro, Matteo Scopetti, Vittorio Fineschi
Italy

10:50 – 11:10
An interdisciplinary national model for the first response to gender-based violence: an Italian Ministry of Health-funded project
Luigi Nappi, Luigi Cipolloni, Donatella Curtotti, Elvira Grandone, **Wanda Nocerino**, Annamaria Petito, Felice Sorrentino, Alessandro Valenti
Italy

11:10 – 11:30
Maternal adiposity as a vulnerable clinical substrate: a medico-legal analysis of four perinatal and neonatal deaths
Eva Montanari, Ersi Kalfoglou, Maria Paola Bonasoni, Angelo Montana
ONLINE *Italy*

11:30 – 11:50
Home birth in the Western Balkan area: regulatory gaps, midwifery liability, and the need for a harmonised feto-neonatal autopsy protocol
Stefano D'Errico, Armin Alibegovic, Anita Galic Mihic, Tijana Petrovic, Djordje Alempijevic, Viktorija Belakaposka Srpanova, Zlatko Jakovski, Madalina Maria Diac, Chara Spiliopoulou, Emina Dervisevic, Ersi Kalfoglou
Italy

11:50 – 12:10
An unusual factor in medical malpractice: inability to challenge authority figures and seniors
Selçuk Erez
Türkiye

12:10 LUNCH BREAK & POSTER VIEWING
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13:00 WORKSHOP

Artificial Intelligence-Based Cardiotocogram Assessment

1 hour 30 minutes · for in-person participants

FACULTY **Sermet Sağol** · **Kutsal Baran Özkurt** · **Nur Birgen** · **Rıza Madazlı**

14:30

Closing Ceremony

Closing remarks and farewell · 30 minutes

E-POSTERS

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P 01 **Abnormal fetal abdominal circumference and intrauterine fetal death in a term pregnancy complicated by diabetes: a case report**

Dalibor Nedić, Milovan Milić, Dragana Zgonjanin

Bosnia and Herzegovina

P 02 **Health impairment in victims of sexual violence: medico-legal classification and documentation in a nationwide study in Lithuania, 2014–2023**

Diana Vasiljevaite, Jurgita Stasiuniene, Sigitas Chmieliauskas, Sigitas Laima

Lithuania

P 03 **Positive stain is not proof: postmortem AFE biomarkers and malpractice claims, a literature review**

Athina Tousia, Ioannis Ketsekioulafis, Konstantinos Katsos, Emmanouil I. Sakelliadis, Chara Spiliopoulou

Greece

P 04 **Right to bodily integrity: medical malpractice in cases of extended surgical procedures in gynecology**

Mariya Petrova Dimitrova

Bulgaria

P 05 **Risk analysis of obstetric vacuum extractor use: from autopsy findings of caput succedaneum and cephalohematoma to adverse clinical outcome profiles**

Alessandro Caputo, Giuseppe De Masellis, Maria Grazia Corbo, **Elena de Laurentiis**, Roberto Raimo, Federico Battipaglia, Raffaele Cirillo, Francesca Consalvo, Luigi Cipolloni, Matteo Scopetti, Alessandro Santurro

Italy

P 06 **The synergistic role of clinical evidence and autopsy findings in the diagnosis of intrauterine fetal death (IFD) due to abruptio placentae**

Arianna Ripanti, Carmela Buonomo, **Roberto Raimo**, Federico Battipaglia, Raffaele Cirillo, Elena de Laurentiis, Francesca Consalvo, Luigi Cipolloni, Matteo Scopetti, Alessandro Santurro

Italy

P 07 **Medico-legal aspects in the differential diagnosis of concurrent outcomes of perinatal cerebral sinovenous thrombosis (CSVT) and intrapartum hypoxic-ischemic events**

Giuseppe De Masellis, Maria Grazia Corbo, **Federico Battipaglia**, Elena de Laurentiis, Raffaele Cirillo, Roberto Raimo, Francesca Consalvo, Luigi Cipolloni, Matteo Scopetti, Alessandro Santurro

Italy

P 08 **Challenges in the forensic evaluation of obstetric malpractice: the impact of conflicting expert opinions**

Madalina Maria Diac, Diana Bulgaru Iliescu, Victor Jitaru

Romania

P 09 **Delayed response to cardiotocographic deterioration in a fatal umbilical cord prolapse: a forensic case evaluation**

Daniel Tabian, Nicolae Grancea, Barna Barabas, Davide Calin Mereu, Oana Toma Gradinaru

Romania

P 10 **Umbilical cord abnormalities in intrauterine fetal death (IFD): forensic evaluation between predictability and preventability**

Francesca Consalvo, Noè De Stefano, **Raffaele Cirillo**, Elena de Laurentiis, Roberto Raimo, Federico Battipaglia, Massimo Niola, Pierpaolo di Lorenzo, Matteo Scopetti, Alessandro Santurro

Italy

P 11 **Recurring methodological problems in expert assessments of obstetric malpractice claims: a 12-case series**

Tuğçe Koca Yavuz, Laçin Lal Çakır, Fatime Gül, Erdal Mehmet Aksoy, Abdullah Coşkun Yorulmaz

Türkiye

P 12 **Venous thromboembolism in postpartum period. A case report**

Rossen Hadjiev, Margarita Tankova, Victor Novatchkov

Bulgaria

P 13 **Areas of contribution of a medicolegal consultation system to patient safety in a foundation university hospital: a preliminary study based on institutional experience**

Tuğçe Koca Yavuz, Laçin Lal Çakır, Fatime Gül, Erdal Mehmet Aksoy, Abdullah Coşkun Yorulmaz

Türkiye

P 14 **When medical malpractice is suspected but not confirmed: a multidisciplinary forensic analysis of maternal and fetal death following fulminant influenza A(H1N1) infection**

Călin Scripcaru, Irina Smaranda Manoilescu, Veronica Scripcaru, Andrei Scripcaru

Romania

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION · VENUE · ATTENDING · CONTACT

REGISTRATION DESK

Thursday 8 October 08:00 · registration and welcome coffee, opening of the conference

Friday to Sunday throughout conference hours

Please collect your badge at the desk on arrival. Badges carry a QR code and are checked at the entrance to the hall and at the social programme.

VENUE

Sismanoglio Megaro

İstiklal Caddesi No 60, 34433 Galatasaray-Beyoğlu, Istanbul

All sessions take place in the main hall.

ATTENDING ONLINE

The conference is hybrid. All sessions are streamed live and all times in this programme are Istanbul time (UTC+3).

Joining link sent to registered online participants before the conference

HELP AND CONTACT

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www.malpractice2026.org/participant-hub

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PROGRAMME CHANGES

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