

## IFCPC “Training the Trainer Course” and CSCCP Case-based Colposcopy Training Successfully Held

On May 16, 2025, during the 11th Conference of the Chinese Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (CSCCP) in Tianjin, the International Federation for Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy (IFCPC) “Training the Trainer Course” and the CSCCP Case-based Colposcopy Training were successfully conducted, both of which hold profound significance for advancing cervical cancer prevention and treatment in China.

In the morning, the IFCPC Training the Trainer Course kicked off. The course was jointly delivered by Professor Maggie Cruickshank, President of the European Federation for Colposcopy and Chair of the IFCPC Training and Education Committee, and Dr. Theodora Pepera, Vice-Chair of the IFCPC Training and Education Committee. Professor Maggie Cruickshank emphasized a patient-centered approach and the crucial role of global collaboration in cervical cancer prevention. She delved into existing challenges, such as the scarcity of qualified trainers, insufficient hands-on teaching, and resource shortages in remote areas. Regarding the curriculum, she elaborated on the structure of the IFCPC/International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Distance Learning Course, which integrates theoretical lectures, simulation exercises, and clinical practice. Additionally, she explored topics like "Role-Play in Training" and "Giving Feedback & Developing Action Plans for Trainees," highlighting the importance of self-assessment and targeted feedback to enhance learning outcomes. She also introduced the endpoints of colposcopy training, including the criteria for independent practice and the significance of the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). Dr. Theodora Pepera focused on technical training, meticulously interpreting the 2011 IFCPC terminology system and the SWEDE scoring system to improve the accuracy and reproducibility of colposcopy assessments. She shared practical guidelines for colposcope operation, covering equipment setup, focusing techniques, and troubleshooting. Dr. Pepera also defined the qualifications for trainers, stressing the necessity of clinical experience, professional certification, and the ability to break down complex procedures into measurable steps. She presented strategies for assisting struggling trainees through case analyses. At the conclusion of the course, Professor Wei Lihui and Professor Sui Long presented certificates to Professor Maggie Cruickshank, Dr. Theodora Pepera, and trainee representatives, marking the successful end of the training.



In the afternoon, the CSCCP Case-based Colposcopy Training followed. Co-hosted by Professor Chengquan Zhao from the University of Pittsburgh (USA), Professor Danhua Shen, and Professor Yun Zhao from Peking University People's Hospital, this training centered on clinical case analyses to enhance doctors' diagnostic and treatment skills. Professor Edward J. Mayeaux from Lexington Medical Center (former President of the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology and member of the IFCPC Executive Committee) shared cases related to atypical glandular cells and adenocarcinoma in situ (AIS), underscoring the importance of complete specimen acquisition and the indications for cold knife conization. Many Chinese experts also discussed topics such as the management of CIN 2, follow-up after cervical excisional therapy, handling inconsistent cytology and pathology results, and the treatment of multi-focal vulvovaginal lesions. They provided in-depth analyses by integrating international guidelines with Chinese clinical practices through specific cases. During the training, theoretical explanations were complemented by practical operations. Through the analysis of eight typical cases, the significance of multidisciplinary collaboration in precision diagnosis and treatment was highlighted.



The successful holding of these two training sessions has effectively promoted the alignment of Chinese colposcopy practices with international standards, advanced the standardization and internationalization of cervical cancer prevention and treatment in China, laid a solid foundation for improving the clinical competence of Chinese physicians, and enhanced the quality of colposcopy training, injecting new impetus into the development of China's cervical cancer prevention and treatment cause.





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