



**THE THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC MEDICINE EXPERTS,
KERALA**

AFMEKON '26

**Dignity, Death and Documentation: The Role of
Forensic Medicine in End-of-Life Care**



10 & 11 OCTOBER 2026

HOSTED BY:

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Welcome to AFMEKON 2026

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Association of Forensic Medicine Experts, Kerala (AFMEK) and the Organizing Committee, it is our privilege and pleasure to invite you to AFMEKON 2026, the Annual Conference of AFMEK, to be held on 10–11 October 2026 at the Department of Forensic Medicine, Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram.

The theme of this year's conference, "Death, Dignity and Documentation: The Role of Forensic Medicine in End-of-Life Care," reflects the expanding role of forensic medicine in ensuring ethical, legal, and scientific standards during the final stages of life. As healthcare continues to evolve, forensic professionals play a pivotal role in safeguarding patient rights, ensuring accurate medical documentation, facilitating medicolegal processes, and promoting dignity in death.

AFMEKON 2026 will bring together eminent experts, academicians, clinicians, researchers, postgraduate students, and medicolegal professionals for two days of enriching academic deliberations. The scientific programme will feature keynote lectures, panel discussions, free paper and poster presentations, and interactive sessions that encourage knowledge sharing and professional collaboration.

Beyond the academic experience, we invite you to enjoy the warmth, culture, and hospitality of Thiruvananthapuram, the beautiful capital city of Kerala.

We cordially invite you to be a part of this prestigious gathering and contribute to meaningful discussions that will shape the future of forensic medicine in end-of-life care. Your presence will greatly enrich the conference and make AFMEKON 2026 a memorable academic event.

We look forward to welcoming you to Thiruvananthapuram in October 2026.

With warm regards,

Organizing Committee

AFMEKON 2026

Department of Forensic Medicine

Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

◆ CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS ◆

Keynote Lectures

Learn from distinguished national experts in Forensic Medicine and allied specialties.

Scientific Presentations

Oral papers and poster presentations showcasing current research.

Panel Discussions

Expert deliberations on emerging issues in forensic medicine and healthcare.

Case-Based Learning

Real-life medico-legal case discussions with expert insights.

Awards & Recognition

Best Paper • Best Poster • PG Quiz Competition

Networking

Connect with faculty, researchers, clinicians, and postgraduate students from across India.

Cultural Evening

Celebrate fellowship, friendship, and the spirit of AFMEKON.

"Learn • Share • Connect • Inspire"

DAY 1 – PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

TIME	PROGRAMME
08:30 am – 09:00 am	Registration
09:00 am – 10:00 am	Keynote Lecture - Brain Death Certification: Navigating the Latest Updates and Newer Concepts Speaker: Dr Easwer H V <i>Professor And Head of The Department of Neurosurgery, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum.</i>
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Inaugural Session
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Scientific Session I - Clearing the Uncertainty: A Guideline for Police Inquests in Brain Death Certified Cases Speaker: Shri S Sreejith IPS <i>Director General of Police, Kerala Police.</i>
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Scientific Session II - The Roadmap to End-of-Life Decisions: Living Will, Advance Directives and Passive Euthanasia – The Legal Evolution in India Speaker: Dr Dhvani Mehta <i>Co-Founder and Lead, Health at Vidhi – Centre for Legal Policy.</i>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Scientific Session III - End-of-Life Autonomy: Ethical Aspects of Living Will, Advance Directives and Passive Euthanasia Speaker: Dr Mala Ramanathan <i>Senior Professor, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies and Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum.</i>
01:00 pm – 01:45 pm	Lunch
01:45 pm – 02:30 pm	Scientific Session IV - Dying with Dignity: Medicolegal Realities and Social Dimensions of Terminal Illness and Palliative Care Speaker: Dr Sreedevi Warriar <i>Head Of the Education and Skill Building Division of Pallium India.</i>
02:30 pm – 03:30 pm	Panel Discussion - Decoding Sudden Unexplained Death in Primary Care – Bridging Clinical Practice, Police Investigation and Forensic Reporting Moderator: Dr Geetha O <i>Professor & Head, Department of Forensic Medicine, Sree Gokulam Medical College and Research Foundation, Thiruvananthapuram</i> Panelists: Dr. Zachariah Thomas <i>Professor & Head, Department of Forensic Medicine, Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Thiruvalla</i> Dr. Sunitha N <i>Civil Surgeon, CHC Puthenthope</i> Sri. Ajith V IPS <i>Asst. Inspector General of Police (Rtd)</i> Dr. Jobin Jose <i>Professor & Head, Department of Emergency Medicine, Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thrissur</i>
03:45 pm	General Body Meeting of AFMEK

DAY 2 – PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

TIME	PROGRAMME
09:00 am – 09:15 am	Recap of Day 1 and Opening Remarks
09:15 am – 10:00 am	Scientific Session V - Elder Abuse Unmasked: Early Clinical Recognition and Medicolegal Responsibilities & Challenges Speaker: Dr B Padmakumar <i>Former Principal & Head, Department of General Medicine, Government T D Medical College, Alappuzha.</i>
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Scientific Session VI - Where Science Meets Compassion: Beyond the Autopsy Table: Respectful Care and Supportive Family Dialogue Speaker: Dr Krishnan B <i>Professor & Head, Department of Forensic Medicine, Government T. D Medical College, Alappuzha.</i>
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Forensic Medicine – POST GRADUATE QUIZ COMPETITION
01:00 pm – 01:45 pm	Lunch
02:00 pm – 03:30 pm	PAPER / POSTER PRESENTATIONS
03:30 pm – 04:00 pm	Valedictory Function Prize distribution

REGISTRATION DETAILS

	EARLY BIRD (UP TO AUGUST 15)	STANDARD (AUGUST 16- SEPTEMBER 15)	SPOT
DELEGATE	5000	6000	7000
PG STUDENTS	3750	4750	5750
CO – DELEGATE*	3500	4500	5500

PAYMENT DETAILS

Conference Registration:

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1. *The abstract should be computer typed in MS Word in Times New Roman with a font size of 12 and the word limit is 250 words.*
2. *Presentation type: Oral or E-poster (should be mentioned)*
3. *Category of presentation: Original research/Case series/Case report/Review paper*
4. *Original research and Case series will get credit points when included in presentation*
5. *Review papers are excluded from competition.*
6. *Author/s name/s and affiliation: Should be in CAPITAL LETTERS, name of presenting author should be underlined with email ID. Author/s name/s should be followed by their institutional affiliations. Avoid professional degrees.*
7. *Competition will be in two categories:*
 - a) *Postgraduates*
 - b) *Senior Residents, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor*
8. *Oral or E-poster submitted by faculty presentations above the rank of Associate Professor are excluded from competition.*
9. *Competition is open to all. Only members of the association are eligible for cash prize.*
10. *The abstract should be structured under the following headings:*
 - a) *Original article: introduction, objectives, materials and methods, results, conclusion*
 - b) *Case series: introduction, case details, conclusion, discussion*
 - c) *Case report: introduction, case details, discussion*
11. *Only registered delegates will be allowed for paper/poster presentations.*
12. *Email the abstracts to: **abstract.afmekon2026@gmail.com**, by **31st AUGUST 2026 11.59pm**.*
13. *No abstracts will be accepted after the deadline.*

Abstracts will be reviewed, and the authors will be emailed of their acceptance or rejection by 15th September 2026.

The scientific committee reserves the right to accept and select the scientific papers for oral or e-poster presentation.

Previously published/presented abstracts should not be submitted.

The same abstract shouldn't be sent for paper and e-poster, which will be rejected.

Abstracts of only the registered delegates will be accepted.

Technical information for Oral and E-poster presentation

- 1. The time limit for oral presentation is 6 minutes followed by 2 minutes of discussion.*
- 2. The time limit for e-poster presentation is 4 minutes followed by 2 minutes of discussion.*
- 3. Only e-poster is accepted.*
- 4. E-poster should be designed in the MS Power Point in landscape mode with size of 16:9.*
- 5. Accepted presentations should be mailed to the concerned email before the last submission date that will be announced in due course of time.*

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2	Hotel Libra	★ ★ ★ ★	0.5 km
3	Daan Cosmos Inn	★ ★ ★	0.7 km
4	Treebo Hotel Park	★ ★ ★	0.8 km
5	Itsy Hotels Adrak	★ ★ ★	0.9 km
6	Raco Regency	★ ★ ★	1.2 km
7	Biverah Hotel & Suites	★ ★ ★ ★	1.5 km
8	Blueway Residency Downtown Hotel	★ ★ ★	1.8 km
9	Pattom Royal Hotel	★ ★ ★ ★	2.7 km
10	Vivin Luxury Suites	★ ★ ★ ★	3.6 km
11	Aurelia La Casa	★ ★ ★	3.7 km
12	KTDC Mascot Hotel	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	4.0 km
13	Hilton Garden Inn Trivandrum	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	4.9 km
14	Hotel Residency Tower	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	5.2 km
15	Windsor Rajadhani	★ ★ ★ ★	5.8 km
16	Hotel Karthika Park	★ ★ ★ ★	12.5 km



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