



Brief Report of:

The 13th APOCP Regional Conference and the 75th Kokshetau Higher Medical College, Oct. 2-3, 2025, Kokshetau, Kazakhstan.

The 13th Regional Conference of the Asia-Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention (APOCP), dedicated to the 75th Anniversary of Kokshetau Higher Medical College, October 2–3, 2025, Kokshetau, House of Friendship

On October 2–3, 2025, Kokshetau hosted the 13th Regional Conference of the Asia-Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention (APOCP), dedicated to the 75th anniversary of Kokshetau Higher Medical College.

The event was organized by the Department of Science and Human Resources of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Akimat of Akmola Region, and the Regional Departments of Health and Education.

This conference became one of the largest international platforms for discussing current issues in oncology and medical education.

Representatives from more than 15 countries took part, including Kazakhstan, Australia, China, Malaysia, Iran, India, Kyrgyzstan, and Oman.

Opening remarks were delivered by leading scientists and representatives of international organizations, including:

- Prof. Mohammad Bagher Rokni (Iran) — Member of the WHO Reference Group on Foodborne Disease Epidemiology, Vice President of EMAME, Editor-in-Chief of the Iranian Journal of Public Health and the Iranian Journal of Parasitology;

- Prof. Nurbek Igissin (Kazakhstan) — MD, Professor, Director of the Institute of Life and Health Sciences at Ualikhanov University, President of APOCP (2023–2024), author of over 475 scientific publications;
- Prof. Jeff Dunn (Australia) — former President of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC);
- Prof. Cheng-Har Yip (Malaysia) — surgeon and breast cancer expert;
- Prof. Yu-Lin Qiao (China) — Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Member of the APOCP Executive Committee;
- Prof. A. Mosavi Jarrahi (Iran) — epidemiologist, Editor-in-Chief of the Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention;
- Prof. Nirmala Bhoo Pathy (Malaysia) — oncologist and public health specialist;
- Dr. Maria Pramila D’Costa (Oman) — Oman College of Health Sciences.

Over the course of two days, the conference featured plenary and sectional sessions dedicated to modern approaches in cancer prevention and treatment.

Key topics included:

- the role of nurses — from care to leadership;
- transformation of oncology care in the 21st century;
- innovation and partnership in cancer control;
- HPV vaccination: international experience and implementation practices.

The conference motto — “Uniting efforts for a cancer-free future: scientists, doctors, nurses, and society” — reflected its main mission: to strengthen international cooperation, promote cancer prevention, and enhance the role of education in healthcare.