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Dear colleagues,

The ISSPP has done a tremendous job promoting awareness, collaboration and research in diseases of the pleura and peritoneum, and PIPAC is considered a core element in the improvement of local intraperitoneal disease control in patients with peritoneal metastasis.

Very preliminary data suggest that it is technically feasible and safe to perform **Pressurized IntraThoracic Aerosol Chemotherapy (PITAC)** in patients with malignant pleural effusion and pleural metastasis, but much work and research lie ahead before an evidence level similar to PIPAC is reached.

Therefore, we would like to increase focus on **PITAC** and stimulate research and development in terms of **PITAC** basics, indications, safety, technical procedure, outcome, and more.

The **ISSPP Executive Committee** has kindly endorsed the establishment of a dedicated **ISSPP PITAC Group**, and we invite all interested parties to join us for a preliminary webinar to discuss how to proceed with this important topic.

ISSPP has also accepted the idea of establishing a separate **ISSPP PITAC Database** to gather early data on safety, procedures and outcomes. The database will be available to all ISSPP members free of charge, and it will use the same access, technical framework and online help as the present ISSPP PIPAC database. Potential variables will be discussed at the webinar, later finalized by the **ISSPP PITAC Group**, and the database will be created, tested, implemented and maintained by Odense PIPAC Center (OPC) without any additional cost to the ISSPP.

We hope that you will join us for the **first ISSPP PITAC Group** webinar meeting:

First ISSPP Webinar on Pressurized IntraThoracic Aerosol Chemotherapy (PITAC)
Treatment of Malignant Pleural Effusion (MPE) & Establishment of ISSPP PITAC Group
19 March 2026 - 3:00-5:00 pm (CET) / 06:00 am (LA) / 10:00 pm (JAPAN)

PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

Treatment of Malignant Pleural Effusion (MPE)

PITAC Procedure and Results

ISSPP PITAC Group establishment

ISSPP PITAC Database

Best Regards,

Odense PIPAC Center (OPC)

Discussion

Conclusion and Next Steps

Meeting link will soon be available on ISSPP.org and PIPAC.dk

Kind regards,

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