

## Tongji Cancer Center (Wuhan, China) held 2014 Multidisciplinary Symposium for The Consultation Center of Intractable Pain Cases

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**Fig. 1** Professor Shiying Yu, director of Tongji Cancer Center (Wuhan, China), hosted the symposium

The 2014 Multidisciplinary Symposium for The Consultation Center of Intractable Pain Cases was held on April 21th, 2014. Fourteen departments took part in the symposium.

Professor Shiying Yu, director of Tongji Cancer Center (Wuhan, China), hosted the symposium. She introduced the background of the Consultation Center, that was, to relief intractable pain, and to treat special groups of patients' pain, such as elderly, infants, children and pregnant women. Multidisciplinary cooperation, which was important, needed a platform for experts with different academic background to communicate and mutually learn from each other. So was the original intention of the Consultation Center.

The Consultation Center of Intractable Pain Cases was launched on December 5th, 2012. At the beginning, the Cancer Center was the lead department. Other experts from Anesthesia Department, Neurology Department, Neurosurgery Department, Rehabilitation Department, Gastroenterology Department, Orthopedics Department, Pharmacy and Nursery could also take part in the activi-

ties, which were taken every 2–4 weeks. The activities included multidisciplinary communication and case discussion. It focused on the standardized treatment of pain, and the methods to treat intractable pain. So far, 7 sessions of academic lectures with 24 cases were held in the center.

Then, Doctor Na Han, from Tongji Cancer Center, introduced the development of the Consultation Center. In 2014, 5 more departments, including Gynecology and Obstetrics Department, Pediatric Internal Medicine Department, Pediatric Surgery Department, Gastrointestinal Surgery Department and Urology Surgery Department, would joined the center. Moreover, "topic discussion" would be launched in the center. A fixed subject would be set for the lectures and cases, and it would be changed once in a month. The subjects would include the neuropathy pain, pelvic pain, children's pain, intestinal obstruction, postoperative pain, headache, bone metastases pain and so on. Besides, in the next step the Consultation Center would be integrated with Day Ward, therefore outpatients could also be benefited from the Consultation Center.



**Fig. 2** The expert panel from 14 departments of Tongji Hospital (Wuhan, China)