



**EUASSO**  
EUROPEAN | ASIAN SOCIETY  
OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

# **1<sup>st</sup> EUASSO CONGRESS**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Athens, Greece**

**Divani Apollon Palace**



**Final Programme**

In collaboration with the



**Hellenic Breast Imaging Society**



**جمعية السرطان السعودية**  
Saudi Cancer Foundation

## Welcome Addresses

Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join us at our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Congress of the European-Asian Society of Surgical Oncology which will be held from September 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Athens, Greece.

The EUASSO Annual Congress will include educational lectures, panel discussions, technical displays and interactive workshops. The primary goal of this conference will be to optimize educational opportunities, increase knowledge and enhance the competence of attendees in a Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Cancer Care.

Professor Niki Agnantis, Dr. Athina Vourtsi and the Local Organizing Committee have put great effort into ensuring that the scientific and social program will be successful.

The faculty will bring together distinguished speakers and delegates from all over the world to share the most up-to-date research results and accomplishments in the field of colorectal and breast cancer. The Congress will provide an excellent opportunity for junior training and research staff to get updated on these developments. I also encourage you to bring the members of your multidisciplinary team since it is anticipated that there will be a special program for related health care Professionals. The meeting will also give you an excellent opportunity to participate in the exhibition and scientific program.

Our Congress will give you a unique opportunity to discover the culture and heritage of Greece.

I look forward to welcoming you in Athens, the cradle of civilization and democracy, the eternal capital of culture.

Sincerely,

**Prof. Giuseppe Petrella**

President

European-Asian Society of Surgical Oncology

## Welcome Addresses

Dear colleagues,

On Behave of the European-Asian Society of Surgical Oncology, I am honored to welcome you all to our first official Annual International Conference.

EUASSO will be held on the land of ancient cultures, the land of Hippocrates and Socrates where the culture of High intellectual philosophy was mixed with medicine thus giving us the first anti-venom ageist diseases. This first conference will unite the two biggest and oldest continents by discussing all updates in the treatment of cancer.

We invite our speakers to enrich us with their experienced knowledge and wisdom, by presenting their research on how to fight this fatal disease which drains health, power and resources from humanity. This exchange of knowledge will be made on this land with respect to our cultural differences and in scientific harmony of our researchers.

We will also try to come out with consensus regarding hot topics in the management of cancer, which will be discussed in round tables. There will also be a competition for junior Doctors, and the winner will have the opportunity to take part in a post training Masters on Surgical Oncology.

Finally we look forward to welcoming and wishing everyone a happy and pleasant stay, while enjoying the benefit of this scientific meeting.

Wishing you all the best and I am looking forward to seeing you in Athens.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Taha Mohsin Al-Lawati, MB.ChB., FRCS. AFSA.**  
Executive President EUASSO

## Welcome Addresses

Dear Colleagues and Friends

I am very happy to welcome you to the 1<sup>st</sup> EUASSO Congress, which will be held in Athens, Greece, at the Divani Apollon Palace Hotel, between September 18 & 20, 2014.

I strongly believe that the Scientific Union of the two different Continents, Europe and Asia, with entirely different civilization and ethics, will contribute immensely to the better understanding of the disease and at the same time, will guide all of us to discover new therapeutic modalities to better try to cure the disease.

Furthermore, in cases of early diagnosis, to achieve almost a definite cure!

The recent experience I got from my participation at the Muscat 1st Surgical Oncology Symposium and Exam, November 2013, showed me how much we can all of us benefit from this exchange of knowledge and experience!

I am convinced that the continuity and the evolution of this collaboration will guide us to create a better future, having always as a target the Cancer Patient's benefit!

I do hope that our efforts to formulate a programme of high Scientific level will meet with your expectations and that this get together will be most profitable for all of us!

I am sure that your participation will greatly contribute to the success of this Congress and I am wishing you an enjoyable stay in Greece.

On behalf of the local Scientific Committee,

**Niki J. Agnantis, MD, PhD, FRCPath**

Emeritus Professor of Pathology

Honorary President EUASSO

Honorary President of the Congress

## Welcome Addresses

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee it is a great pleasure and privilege to invite you to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual EUASSO Congress held in Athens on 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> of September, 2014 at the Divani Apollon Palace.

The goal of our Conference is to cultivate the vision of the EUASSO Society, to bridge the European and Asian scientific collaboration, to exchange knowledge and experience and to enjoy the extraordinary historical value of our ancient Greek culture.

This Congress focuses on cutting edge topics, which will cover all the aspects of the Colorectal Cancer and Breast Diseases, given by distinguished experts from different disciplines.

Participants will be given the opportunity to attend three workshops, tailored-made to meet the educational needs and demands of everyday clinical practice. This will provide interactive demonstrations, giving participants the opportunity to improve their knowledge as well as to share and discuss innovative approaches to specific clinical issues.

Our guests will have the pleasure of experiencing the origins of civilization by visiting historical monuments and archeological sites. Furthermore, on completion of the Conference all attendees will have experienced our well-known Greek hospitality.

Cordially,

**Athina Vourtsi MD, PhD**

President of the Hellenic Breast Imaging Society

Honorary President of the Congress

## Committees

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## Scientific Programme

### MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH OF COLORECTAL CANCER

08:00

#### REGISTRATION

Scientific and Technical Exhibition Opening

#### Session I: Prevention and Screening of Colorectal Cancer

09:00-10:30

#### ROUND TABLE

Moderators: **Nicola Di Lorenzo** (IT) - **Kyriakos Stringaris** (GR)

09:00

Epidemiology of Colorectal Cancer in the Arab World:  
Past, Present and Future

**Sami Al Khatib** (JO)

09:20

Chemoprevention of Colorectal Cancer: Beyond Clinical Trials

**Bassim Al Bahrami** (OM)

09:40

Endoscopic Methods for the Detection of Premalignant and / or  
Malignant Lesions

**Mario Musella** (IT)

10:00

Laparoscopic Surgery for Endoscopically Unresectable Polyps:  
How Often is it Cancer?

**Paolo Del Rio** (IT)

*Discussion*

10:30-11:00

#### Plenary Lecture

Chairpersons: **Bassim Al Bahrami** (OM) - **Alex Iagmour** (JO)

Obesity and Colorectal Cancer

**Antonino De Lorenzo** (IT)

11:00-11:30

#### Coffee Break

THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## Scientific Programme

### Session II: Surgical Management of Colorectal Cancer

**11:30-13:00** **ROUND TABLE**

Moderators: **Teiha Al Lawati (OM)** - **Mohamed Adel Elsayes (KSA)**  
- **Diego Foschi (IT)**

11:30 Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery  
**Murtadha Taqi Al-Qubtan (OM)**

11:50 Surgery for Colorectal Liver Metastases  
**Jean Yves Bobin (FR)**

12:10 Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery: Is Open Surgery Historical?  
**Al Hassan Al Naami (KSA)**

12:30 Multidisciplinary Management of Peritoneal Carcinomatosis from  
Colorectal Cancer: New Perspectives  
**Piero Rossi (IT)**

*Discussion*

**13:00-13:30** **Plenary Lecture**

Chairpersons: **Jean Yves Bobin (FR)** - **Athina Vourtsi (GR)**

Molecular Pathology of Colorectal Cancer  
**Niki Agnantis (GR)**

**13:30-14:30** **Lunch Break**

### Session III: A. Therapeutic Approach of Colorectal Cancer

**14:30-15:30** **ROUND TABLE**

Moderators: **Murtadha Taqi Al-Qubtan (OM)** - **Jean Yves Bobin (FR)**

14:30 The Role of Radiotherapy in Neoadjuvant Treatment  
**Dario Venditti (IT)**

14:50 Adjuvant Treatment of Colorectal Cancer  
**Dimitrios Bogdanos (UK)**

15:10 The Role and Limitations of 18F FDG PET/CT in Restaging Patients  
with Hepatic Colorectal Metastases Following Neoadjuvant  
Chemotherapy  
**Agostino Chiaravalloti (IT)**

*Discussion*

## Scientific Programme

**15:30-16:00** *Plenary lecture*  
Chairpersons: **Giorgio De Toma (IT)** - **Achille Lucio Gaspari (IT)**

Surgical Approach of Colorectal Cancer  
**Francesco Corcione (IT)**

**16:00-16:30** **Coffee Break**

### **Session IV: Therapeutic Approach of Colorectal Cancer**

**16:30-18:00** **ROUND TABLE**  
Moderators: **Abdel Azim (QA)** - **Dimitrios Bogdanos (UK)** -  
**Achille Lucio Gaspari (IT)**

16:30 Proton Therapy in Colorectal Cancer  
**Zahid Al Mundhari (OM)**

16:50 Metastatic CRC: From Diagnosis to Treatment  
**Amal Khalifa (KSA)**

17:10 Diagnosis, Causes and Treatment of Colorectal Anastomotic  
Leakage  
**Gianni Milito (IT)**

17:30 Intersphincteric Resection for Low Rectal Cancer:  
Laparoscopic vs Open Surgery Approach  
**Pierpaolo Sileri (IT)**

*Discussion*

**18:00-18:30** *State of the Art Lecture*  
Chairpersons: **Niki Agnantis (GR)** - **John Delinassios (GR)**

The Dark Side of Stem Cells  
**Agamemnon Epenetos (UK)**

## Scientific Programme

**18:30-21:00**    **Opening Ceremony**

**Welcome Addresses**

***Dimitrios Varvaras (IT)***

***Athina Vourtsi (GR)***

***Niki Agnantis (GR)***

***Taha Al Lawati (OM)***

***Giuseppe Petrella (IT)***

Reciting the Hippocrates Oath

***Nikos Galanos (GR)***

19:30

***Plenary Lecture***

Epidaurus Revisited and the History of Health

***Vassilis Lambrinoudakis (GR)***

20:00

***Plenary Lecture***

***Kyriakos Souliotis (GR)***

20:30

***Plenary Lecture***

Oncogemonics and personalized medicine

***Giuseppe Novelli (IT)***

21:00

**Cocktail Reception**

## Scientific Programme

### BREAST CANCER: WHERE WE ARE

#### Session V: Breast Cancer in Young Women

##### 09:00-10:30 **ROUND TABLE**

Moderators: **Enzo Durante (IT)** - **Fiorella Guadagni (IT)** -  
**Dimitris Kelekis (GR)**

09:00 Genetic Counseling in Women with Familial Breast Cancer  
**Michella Biancolella (IT)**

09:20 Screening Young Women in High Risk  
**Arkadios Rousakis (GR)**

09:40 Molecular Pathology of Triple Negative Breast Cancer  
**Anna Goussia (GR)**

10:00 Breast Specific Gamma Imaging  
**Marcela Bohm-Velez (USA)**

*Discussion*

##### 10:30-11:00 **Plenary Lecture**

Chairpersons: **Vasilis Venizelos (GR)** - **Athina Vourtsi (GR)**

Genomic Tests in Breast Cancer Treatment Decisions  
**Christos Markopoulos (GR)**

##### 11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

## Scientific Programme

### Session VI: Breast Cancer in Young Women

**11:30-13:00** **ROUND TABLE**

*Moderators: **Anna Batistatou** (GR) - **Oreste Buonomo** (IT) - **Vasilios Georgountzos** (GR)*

11:30 Fertility Preservation  
**Nikos Vlachos** (GR)

11:50 The Input of Neo-adjuvant Therapy in Young Women  
**Ilias Athanasiadis** (GR)

12:10 One-Stage Immediate Breast Reconstruction using an Implant and Biological Matrix after Conservative Mastectomies  
**Dimitrios Varvaras** (IT)

12:30 The Evolution of Breast Radiotherapy  
**Despina Katsochi** (GR)

*Discussion*

**13:00-14:00** **Lunch Break**

### Session VII: Breast Cancer in Young Women

**14:00-15:30** **ROUND TABLE**

*Moderators: **Athanasios Dimitriadis** (GR) - **Irene Lamprinoudaki** (GR) - **Christos Markopoulos** (GR)*

14:00 Breast Screening: Prons and Cons  
**Chrysogonidis Ioannis** (GR)

14:20 Breast Cancer in Pre-menopausal Women: Oncologist Point of View  
**Medhat Faris** (KSA)

14:40 The Importance of Surgical Margins  
**Petroula Arapantoni-Dadioti** (GR)

15:00 Breast Conserving and Oncoplastic Surgery  
**Oreste Buonomo** (IT)

15:20 Current Options in Axillary Management  
**Paolo Orsaria** (IT)

*Discussion*

## Scientific Programme

- 15:50-16:20** *Plenary Lecture*  
Chairpersons: **Georgios Tsakiris (GR)** - **Grigoris Xepapadakis (GR)**  
State of the Art in Breast Imaging  
**Marcela Bohm-Velez (USA)**
- 16:20-16:50** **Coffee Break**
- Session VIII: Breast Cancer in Post-Menopausal Women**
- 16:50-18:00** **ROUND TABLE**  
Moderators: **Khalid Bin Jader (QA)** - **Anna Goussia (GR)** -  
**Georgios Kyropoulos (GR)** - **Dimitrios Varvaras (IT)**
- 16:50 Modifications on the New BI-RADS Edition  
**Erkin Aribal (TUR)**
- 17:10 Missed Cancers. How to Avoid Them?  
**Athina Vourtsi (GR)**
- 17:30 Morphological and Molecular Changes in Senescence  
**Kitty Pavlaki (GR)**
- 17:50 Should Surgery Complement Endocrine Therapy for Elderly Postmenopausal Women with Hormone Receptor-Positive Early Stage Breast Cancer?  
**Carmen De Luca (IT)**  
*Discussion*
- 18:30-19:00** *Plenary Lecture*  
Chairpersons: **Christos Christodoulou (GR)** -  
**Konstantinos Kantzavelos (GR)**  
*Update in Endocrine Therapy*  
**Paris Kosmidis (GR)**  
  
**Final Considerations**  
**Taha Al Lawati (OM)** - **Giuseppe Petrella (IT)**
- 21:00** **Charity Gala Dinner**

## Scientific Programme

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop Proposals

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#### Hellenic Breast Imaging Society

##### Borderline Lesions

08:30 Imaging-Pathology Correlation

**Anna Batistatou (GR) - Spiros Lazarou (GR)**

08:50 Imaging Findings on Mammography-Stereotactic Biopsy Indications

**Alexandra Athanasiou (GR)**

09:10 Imaging findings on US - US Biopsy Indications

**Christian Weismann (Austria)**

09:30 Clinical Management of High Risk Lesions

**Athina Vourtsi (GR)**

10:10 *Panel Discussion*

*Chairs: Athina Vourtsi (GR) - Christian Weissman (Austria)*

*Panelists: Alexandra Athanasiou, Anna Batistatou, Erkin Aribal, Spiros Lazarou, Fiorita Poulakaki*

10:30 Coffee Break

#### International Breast Ultrasound School

10:50 The Theory of the Sick Breast Lobe and the Possible Consequences

**Tibor Tot (SE)**

11:10 Lobar Anatomy of the Breast: Morphology and Radiology

**Tibor Tot (SE) - Dominique Amy (FR)**

11:30 Lobar Ultrasound of the Breast

**Dominique Amy (FR)**

11:50 Breast Conservative Surgery According to Lobar Anatomy Under US

**Enzo Durante (IT)**

12:10 *Discussion*



## Scientific Programme

### Hellenic Breast Imaging Society

#### Newer Breast Imaging Techniques

12:30 The Impact of Elastography in the BI-RADS 3 and 4  
**Christian Weismann** (Austria)

12:50 Current State of Tomosynthesis;; Pros and Cons

13:10 Automated Breast Ultrasound: Implementation in Breast Screening

13:30 *Discussion*

### 2. SimSurg: TBA

#### NURSING IN SURGICAL ONCOLOGY: TBA

- Wound care strategies in complex wound healing after surgery for oncology
- Post operative wound care at home

## Abstract Submission Guidelines

**Deadline for submission of abstracts: August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

### Guidelines for Submission

Given that the abstracts will be published in a well known journal in the exact form they are submitted, authors are kindly requested to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The abstract length should not exceed 250 words. Written in Tahoma, and 10 cpi letters fully justified.
2. The title of the abstract should be typed in UPPER CASE and should fully reflect the content of the abstract body.
3. Authors' names should be typed in sentence case, on minuscule and capital letters, the last name preceding the first name (written the initial). Last name and the Presenting author's name should be, mentioned **first in bold**. i.e. **Smith J.**
4. The abstract text above the authors' names should be filled both in minuscule and capital letters, as well as the work place of each author and the town. The above should take ascending numerical order, correlate to the order the names of the authors are written.  
i.e. **Smith J.<sup>1</sup>, Bower J.<sup>2</sup>**
  1. King's College Hospital, London UK
  2. Kaiser Medical Center, San Francisco, California, USA
5. Single line spacing should be applied between title, authors', author's work place and abstract text.
6. The abstract should be as informative as possible:
  - a) State specific object of study
  - b) State method used if pertinent
  - c) Summarize results obtained
  - d) State conclusion reached
7. Standard abbreviations may be used in the abstract if such abbreviations are defined at their first-mention. Tables and diagrams can also be used, as long as will not stick out of the prescribed text margins and will not exceed 250 words in all.
8. Supplementary data (Possible changes additions or corrections) will not be accepted after the abstract submission, under any circumstances.

## Abstract Submission Guidelines

9. The background and goals of the study should appear clearly to the reader. The methods and results must contain data and the conclusions should be clearly expressed.
10. Abstracts having insufficient data or including phrases such as “the conclusions are to be discussed” or “the evidence will be presented” etc. will not be accepted.
11. Abstracts should contain only original material not published or presented elsewhere.
12. Abstracts must be submitted in English. Please use UK English spelling.

### General information for Abstracts.

1. Abstracts submitted after August 31<sup>st</sup>, will not be accepted.
2. Abstracts are accepted on the condition that *at least* the presenting author has paid the registration fee.
3. The Scientific Committee of the Congress will decide as to how each abstract will be presented (oral or poster presentation).
4. **The best abstract will be rewarded a one month fellowship at University of Rome “Tor Vergata”**

**ALL ABSTRACTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO EMAIL: [athens@globalevents.gr](mailto:athens@globalevents.gr)  
ABSTRACTS SUBMITTED BY FAX, OR AIR-MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

## General Information

### ■ Congress Venue

#### Divani Apollon Palace

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### ■ Language

The official language of the Congress will be English.

### ■ CME Credits

The congress will be accredited with CME Credits by UEMS-EACCME.

### ■ Registration Fees

	Until 31/08/2014	From 01/09/2014 and on site
Specialist (member EUASSO/HBIS)	75 €	100 €
Specialist (non member EUASSO/HBIS)	150 €	200 €
Resident (member EUASSO/HBIS)	50 €	75 €
Resident (non member EUASSO/HBIS)	100 €	150 €
Nurses & Other Health Professionals (member EUASSO/HBIS)	30 €	50 €
Nurses & Other Health Professionals (non member EUASSO/HBIS)	60 €	100 €
Students	20 €	20 €

*Registration Fees include:*

#### **For Specialists/Residents:**

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Exhibition
- Congress Material (Program, Abstract Book, Congress bag, Plastic badge, etc.)
- Certificate of attendance
- Opening Ceremony & Welcome cocktail
- Coffee breaks

#### **For Students:**

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Exhibition

- Congress Material (Program, Plastic badge, etc.)
- Certificate of Attendance

#### **For Nurses & Other Health Professionals:**

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Exhibition
- Congress Material (Program, Abstract Book, Congress bag, Plastic badge, etc.)
- Certificate of Attendance
- Opening Ceremony & Welcome cocktail

## General Information

### ■ Hotel Accommodation

Hotel Name	Category	Type of room	Single/Double room
Divani Apollon Palace	5 stars	Standard	195 €
		Executive	275 €
Apollon Suites	4 stars	Standard	140 €

The above prices are daily per room including buffet breakfast and taxes. Kindly note that we have received these special rates for the congress dates, the original rates for that period are as follows:

Hotel Name	Category	Type of room	Single/Double room
Divani Apollon Palace	5 stars	Standard	204 €
		Executive	290 €
Apollon Suites	4 stars	Standard	214 €

### ■ Trade Exhibition

The **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Congress of the European-Asian Society of Surgical Oncology (EUASSO)** will host a trade exhibition including the latest technology, equipments, pharmaceutical products and books. A specific brochure for exhibitors is available upon request.

### ■ Parking

There is ample free space for parking in the forecourt of the Conference Centre.

### ■ Climate and Clothing

At this month of the year the temperature ranges from 18oC to 23oC (65oF to 74oF) and is getting cooler during the nights. The dress code is of individual choice and variable from casual to sporty, according to personal preference.

### ■ Electrical supply

Voltage in Greece is 220 V, at a frequency of 50 Hz.

Plugs are continental style, two-pin. A plug adaptor should be taken along incompatible electric / electronic gadgets to be used.

## General Information

### ■ Internet

Internet facilities are available at the Business Centre of the Divani Apollon Palace.

### ■ Taxis

Taxis may be arranged by the concierge of hotels or the Congress Secretariat. The trip to El. Venizelos airport as well as downtown takes approx. 20 min and fare is around € 30 or € 40 respectively;

### ■ Pre-Post tours - Car rental

Various post tours in Athens, in the Greek islands or in mainland Greece can be organised. Car rentals may be arranged through the Congress Secretariat.

### ■ Mobile telephones

There is excellent coverage for mobile telephones in Greece. The local mobile telephone providers have roaming arrangements with worldwide mobile telephone providers. Please note that in Greece speaking on a mobile telephone, whilst driving is not allowed and if caught it may lead to prosecution. Mobile telephones **MUST** be switched off when inside the scientific sessions.

### ■ Emergencies

During your stay in Greece, European Union citizens may seek any help they might need (police, ambulance, fire brigade, coast guard) by ringing from anywhere in Greece the number "112". The number is answered by English-speaking staff, and may be dialled from public telephones or mobile telephones.

Please note, the registration fee does not include medical or any other insurance. In emergency cases, medical services in Greece will be provided at nominal fees, under the National Health Service auspices. However, no transportation to the delegate's home country would be provided.

In case of emergencies, please talk to members of the organising committee or the congress secretariat for immediate attendance.

### ■ Currency - Banking hours

The currency in Greece is the Euro (€). Banking hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 to 14:30 and Friday from 8:00 to 14.00. Servicetills are available in all bank branches and accept cards from most banks of the world.

## General Information

### ■ ATM

Automated Cash Dispensers (ATM) are located outside most banks. Cash can be withdrawn there, 24 hours a day. National and foreign Maestro Cards (Cash Cards) as well as Mastercard, American Express, VISA and Diners are accepted. Money can also be changed at the airport.

### ■ VAT refund

Visitors from outside the European Union will be able to claim on purchases at the VAT offices at the point of departure from the European Union. Further information can be provided by the Congress Secretariat.

### ■ Visa and Passports

Citizens from the most European countries will only need a valid passport. Please consult the Greek Embassy of your country about the necessity of visa application.

### ■ Useful Links

[www.greekembassy.org](http://www.greekembassy.org)

(Greek Embassy Online)

[www.greekfestival.gr](http://www.greekfestival.gr)

(The Greek Festival)

[www.aia.gr](http://www.aia.gr)

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[www.underground.com/global/GR.html](http://www.underground.com/global/GR.html)

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[www.e-history.gr/en/index.html](http://www.e-history.gr/en/index.html)

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## Notes

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