

# Educational Course on Infections and Complications After Stem Cell Transplantation and CAR T-cell Therapy

Madrid, Spain | 19-21 November 2026



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

**Thursday, 19 November 2026**

Infectious Diseases and Complications Working Parties — Joint Programme

**14:45-15:00 Welcome Message** Rafael de la Cámara (ES)

**15:00-16:30 Joint Session 1  
CAR-T Cytopenia, Infections, Sepsis and CRS**

Panellists: Lidia Gil (PL), Iris Agreiter (IE), Olaf Penack (DE)

15:00-15:25 Keynote lecture: Cytopenia, CRS and fever after CART

15:25-15:50 Keynote lecture: Management of infections after CART

Lidia Gil (PL)

15:50-16:30 Panel discussion and case presentations

We will interactively go through patient cases.

Recognition of infections vs. CRS vs HLH and treatment will be covered.

Management of cytopenia and infections will be discussed including anti-microbial prophylaxis

**16:30-17:00** Coffee Break

**17:00-17:45 Industry Symposium**

**17:45-19:15 Joint Session 2  
CNS infections and neurologic complications after cellular therapy**

Panellists: Jan Styczynski (PL), Dionysios Neofytos (CH), Dilnasheen Safdar (PK), Ruth Clout (UK), Roser Velasco (ES)

17:45-18:05 Keynote lecture: Infections vs. ICANS, vs. non-ICANS neurotoxicity

Roser Velasco (ES)

18:05-18:25 Keynote lecture: Management of CNS infections after cellular therapy

Dionysios Neofytos (CH)

18:25-19:15 Panel discussion and case presentations

We will interactively go through patient cases.

Neurological symptoms and the pathway to a diagnosis are discussed.

We will highlight the management of infections and neurological complications in the early and late phases after CAR-T.

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**Friday, 20 November 2026**

### Complications Working Party (CWP) Programme

<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<b>CWP Session I</b> <b>Prophylaxis to prevent CRS, ICANS and other neurologic complications (pro/con)</b> Panellists: Daniel Kisielewski (DE), Roser Velasco (ES)
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	<b>CWP Session II</b> <b>Detailed info about complications experienced by CAR-T and alloHCT candidates (pro/con)</b> Panellists: Lars Klingen Gjærde (DK), Hélène Schoemans (BE)
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	Coffee Break
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>Industry Symposium, kindly sponsored by Therakos</b>
<b>12:00-14:00</b>	<b>CWP Open Study Meeting</b> Speakers: Lars Klingen Gjærde (DK), Ivan Moiseev (RU), Michelle Kenyon (UK), Olaf Penack (DE), Hélène Schoemans (BE)
<b>14:00-15:00</b>	Lunch Break
<b>15:00-16:00</b>	<b>CWP Session III</b> <b>Reducing the risk of relapse is more important than preventing GVHD: a thin line between GVHD and relapse (pro/con)</b> Panellists: Ivan Moiseev (RU)
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	Coffee Break
<b>16:30-17:15</b>	<b>Industry Symposium</b>
<b>17:15-18:15</b>	<b>CWP Session IV</b> <b>Early advance care planning directives (pro/con)</b> Panellists: Michelle Kenyon (UK), Hélène Schoemans (BE), Jennifer Vidrine (UK) All patients should discuss palliative care from transplant/cell therapy referral onwards vs. patients should only discuss symptom control and advance care planning when there is no hope for cure

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### Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP) Programme

#### **08:30-09:45 IDWP Session I — Diagnostics of post-transplant infectious complications**

Chairs: Małgorzata Mikulska (IT)

08:30-08:50 Diagnostics of infections, including NGS, biomarkers and more

David Navarro (ES)

08:50-09:10 Radiology in infections in transplantation

Claus Peter Heussel (DE)

09:10-09:20 Case report

09:20-09:30 Case report

09:30-09:45 Q&A

#### **09:45-11:00 IDWP Session II — Fungal infections**

Chairs: Rafael de la Cámara (ES)

09:45-10:00 Emerging fungal infections and resistance

Ana Alastruey (ES)

10:00-10:15 Prophylaxis, treatment

Dionysios Neofytos (CH)

10:15-10:30 New antifungals

Jan Styczynski (PL)

10:30-10:40 Case report

10:40-10:50 Case report

10:50-11:00 Q&A

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

#### **11:30-12:00 Industry Symposium, kindly sponsored by Therakos**

#### **12:00-14:00 IDWP Open Study Meeting**

Speakers: Rafael de la Cámara (ES), Jan Styczynski (PL), Dionysios Neofytos (CH), Jose Luis Piñana (ES), Simone Cesaro (IT), Lidia Gil (PL), Dina Averbuch (IL), Małgorzata Mikulska (IT), Per Ljungman (SE)

14:00-15:00 Lunch Break

#### **15:00-16:15 IDWP Session III — Bacterial infections & Vaccinations**

Chairs: Simone Cesaro (IT) and Jose Luis Piñana (ES)

15:00-15:15 Resistant bacteria

15:15-15:30 Empirical treatment febrile neutropenia/treatment of carbapenem resistant and MDR Gram-negatives

Dina Averbuch (IL)

15:30-15:45 Vaccination

Per Ljungman (SE)

15:45-15:55 Case report

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15:55-16:05 Case report

16:05-16:15 Q&A

**16:15-16:30** Coffee Break

**16:30-17:15** Industry Symposium

## **17:15-18:30** IDWP Session IV — Viral infections

Chairs: Dionysios Neofytos (CH) and David Navarro (ES)

17:15-17:30 CMV

17:30-17:45 HHV6, ADV

17:45-18:00 BK, HSV

18:00-18:10 Case report

18:10-18:20 Case report

18:20-18:30 Q&A

Per Ljungman (SE)  
Rafael de la Cámara (ES)  
Simone Cesaro (IT)

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**Saturday, 21 November 2026**

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### 09:00-10:30 **Joint Session 3**

#### **Pulmonary Infections and complications after alloSCT**

Panellists: Lars Klingen Gjaerde (DK), Jose Luis Piñana (ES), Dina Averbuch (IL)

09:00–09:20 Keynote lecture: Infections vs. BOS, COP, other causes

09:20-09:40 Keynote lecture: Management of pulmonary infections

Jose Luis Piñana (ES)

09:40-10:30 Panel discussion, case presentations

We will interactively go through patient cases.

Recognition of infections, complications and their treatment will be covered. Pre-transplant assessment of co-morbidities and risk factors will also be discussed. Finally, we will discuss practical tips for patients recovering from HSCT, supporting patients in return to society, work, family, and their rehabilitation. Example pulmonary rehab, referral criteria and limitations.

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

### 11:00-12:30 **Joint Session 4**

#### **Gastrointestinal and hepatic infections/complications after alloSCT**

Panellists: Lidia Gil (PL), Michelle Kenyon (UK), Małgorzata Mikulska (IT)

11:00–11:20 Keynote lecture: Infections vs. GVHD vs. Toxicity GI / Liver, nutrition

11:20-11:40 Keynote lecture: Management of GIT infections

Małgorzata Mikulska (IT)

11:40-12:30 Panel discussion, case presentations

How to recognize and treat infectious and non-infectious gastrointestinal complications. Case presenter will be covered in interactive fashion.

Infectious and non-infectious hepatitis is also a topic. We will discuss symptoms and differential diagnosis. Finally, we will discuss the pros and cons of using a neutropenic diet in allo SCT.

Special dietary measures - low bacteria/ safer eating in neutropenia, low residue diet/ gut rest (in GvHD), role of probiotics.

### 12:30-13:00 **Closing Remarks**

Dina Averbuch (IL), Michelle Kenyon (UK) and Olaf Penack (DE)