

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), Rafael Duarte (ES)

15:00-15:25 Keynote lecture: Cytopenia, CRS and fever after CART Rafael Duarte (ES)

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), Charlotte Graham (UK)

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

09:00-10:00	CWP Session I Prophylaxis to prevent CRS, ICANS and other neurologic complications (pro/con) Panellists: Daniel Kisielewski (DE), Roser Velasco (ES), Alberto Mussetti (ES)
10:00-11:00	CWP Session II Detailed info about complications experienced by CAR-T and alloHCT candidates (pro/con) Panellists: Lars Klingen Gjærde (DK), Hélène Schoemans (BE), Mercedes Montoro (ES)
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:00	Industry Symposium, kindly sponsored by Therakos
12:00-14:00	CWP Open Study Meeting Speakers: Lars Klingen Gjærde (DK), Ivan Moiseev (RU), Michelle Kenyon (UK), Olaf Penack (DE), Hélène Schoemans (BE), Charlotte Graham (UK), Alberto Mussetti (UK), Zinaida Perić (HR)
14:00-15:00	Lunch Break
15:00-16:00	CWP Session III Reducing the risk of relapse is more important than preventing GVHD: a thin line between GVHD and relapse (pro/con) Panellists: Ivan Moiseev (RU), Alberto Mussetti (ES), Zinaida Perić (HR)
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:15	Industry Symposium, kindly sponsored by Alexion
17:15-18:15	CWP Session IV Early advance care planning directives (pro/con) 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) and David Navarro (ES)

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) and Dionysios Neofytos (CH)

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 Rafael Cantón (ES)

15:00-15:15 Resistant bacteria

Rafael Cantón (ES)

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, kindly sponsored by Alexion**

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

Chairs: Dionysios Neofytos (CH) and Jose Luis Piñana (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

Infectious Diseases and Complications Working Parties — Joint Programme

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), Anne Bergeron (CH)

09:00–09:20 Keynote lecture: Infections vs. BOS, COP, other causes Anne Bergeron (CH)

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), Alberto Mussetti (ES), Zinaida Perić (HR)

11:00–11:20 Keynote lecture: Infections vs. GVHD vs. Toxicity GI / Liver, nutrition Zinaida Perić (HR)

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)