

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

Madrid, Spain | 19-21 November 2026

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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

Case 1 by Pedro José Mirete (ES)

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

Case 1 by Pedro de Vasconcelos (PT)

Case 2 by Giovanni Massobrio (IT)

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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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 Gjerde (DK), Hélène Schoemans (BE), Mercedes Montoro (ES) Case presentation by Gloria Miguel (ES)
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:00	The use of ECP in modern cGvHD management Industry Symposium, kindly sponsored by Therakos
11:30-11:50	The combination of ruxolitinib and ECP as a highly effective second line treatment for chronic graft-versus-host disease – new evidence from the largest cohort to date
11:50-12:00	Q&A
12:00-14:00	CWP Open Study Meeting Speakers: Lars Klingen Gjerde (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 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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16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:15 HSCT-TMA in Pediatric Patients: Early Identification, Risk Stratification, and Targeted Treatment

Industry Symposium, kindly sponsored by Alexion

16:30-16:35	Introduction and housekeeping	Daniele Avenoso (IT)
16:35-16:55	Clinical Hurdles in HSCT-TMA: Disease, Recognition, and Risk Factors	Christopher E. Dandoy (US)
16:55-17:10	Complement Inhibition in Pediatric Patients with HSCT-TMA: Insights from Phase 3 Clinical Data	Daniele Avenoso (IT)
17:10-17:15	Q&A	

17:15-18:15 CWP Session IV

Reducing the risk of relapse is more important than preventing GVHD: a thin line between GVHD and relapse (pro/con)arly advance care planning directives (pro/con)

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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 1	Angeliki Georgopoulou (GR)
09:20-09:30	Case 2	Yuval Gutbir (IL)
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 1	Karla Fernanda Rodríguez (SV)
10:40-10:50	Case 2	Alaa Atamna (IL)
10:50-11:00	Q&A	
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	

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11:50-12:00	Q&A	

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)

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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 1	Tobias Möller (DE)
15:55-16:05	Case 2	Monica Melchio (IT)
16:05-16:15	Q&A	

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

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

17:15-17:30	CMV	Per Ljungman (SE)
17:30-17:45	HHV6, ADV	Rafael de la Cámara (ES)
17:45-18:00	BK, HSV	Simone Cesaro (IT)
18:00-18:10	Case 1	Anna Frączkiewicz-Jabłońska (PL)
18:10-18:20	Case 2	Nevena Besevic (RS)
18:20-18:30	Q&A	

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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), Iris Agreiter (IE), 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

Case 1 by Isca Hershkowitz (IL)

Case 2 by Estela Carvalho de Sousa (PT)

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

Case 1 by Cecilia Vismara (IT)

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)