



# Advancements in Cellular Therapy for Autoimmune Diseases and Chronic Haematological Malignancies

## Preliminary Programme

Rome, Italy  
18-20 September 2025

Thursday, 18 September 2025

10:00 – 12:00

Scientific Business Meetings

13:00 – 13:55

**Session I: Current EBMT recommendations**

**Chairs:** Tobias Alexander (DE) & Donal McLornan (UK)

13:00 – 13:15

EBMT recommendations for HCT in MDS

Carmelo Gurnari (IT)

13:15 – 13:30

EBMT recommendations for HCT in autoimmune diseases

Elisa Roldan Galvan (UK)

13:30 – 13:45

EBMT recommendations for CART in autoimmune diseases

Raffaella Greco (IT)

13:45 – 13:55

Panel discussion

13:55 – 15:00

**Session II: MDS diagnosis and prognosis**

**Chairs:** Kavita Raj (UK) & Adriano Venditti (IT)

13:55 – 14:10

MDS in 2025: a molecular era of diagnostic and prognostic classifiers

Mario Cazzola (IT)

14:10 – 14:25

HCT or not in MDS? How to decide with current prognostic scoring systems

Nico Gagelmann (DE)

14:25 – 14:40

Are we ready for AI to help in the management of MDS?

Adrian Mosquera (ES)

14:40 – 14:50

Case presentation

14:50 – 15:00

Panel discussion

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 16:50

**Session III: MDS treatment**

**Chairs:** Fernando Barroso Duarte (BR) & Nicolaus Kröger (DE)

15:30 – 15:45

Current treatment algorithm in Lower-risk MDS

Maria Teresa Voso (IT)

15:45 – 16:00

Current treatment algorithm in Higher-risk MDS

Amer Zeidan (US)

16:00 – 16:15

Therapeutic vulnerability in MDS: looking into the future from the lab standpoint

Jaroslav Maciejewski (US)

16:15 – 16:30

Access to genomics and transplant policies in MDS in Latin-America

Gonzalo Bentolila (AR)

16:30 – 16:40

Case presentation

16:40 – 16:50

Panel discussion

16:50 – 17:20

Coffee break

17:20 – 18:30

**Session IV: Autoinflammation in haematology and beyond**

**Chairs:** Joanna Drozd-Sokolowska (PL)

17:20 – 17:35

VEXAS: the lynchpin between inflammation and myeloid neoplasia

Carmelo Gurnari (IT)

17:35 – 17:50

CMML and autoimmune/inflammatory conditions

Francesco Onida (IT)

17:50 – 18:05

Incidence and management of HLH in autoimmune diseases

18:05 – 18:15

Case presentation

18:15 – 18:30

Panel discussion



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### Friday, 19 September 2025

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| <b>09:00 – 10:10</b> | <b>Joint Physician-Nurse session HCT in MDS in 2025</b><br><b>Chairs:</b> <i>Maaïke de Ruijter (NL) &amp; William Arcese (IT)</i>                                   |                              |
| 09:00 – 09:15        | Which donor to choose in the PtCy era?  | Kavita Raj (UK)              |
| 09:15 – 09:30        | Bridging or not prior to allo-HCT for MDS?  | Nicolaus Kröger (DE)         |
| 09:30 – 09:45        | Conditioning regimens in the contemporary era   | Joanna Drozd-Sokolowska (PL) |
| 09:45 – 10:00        | Issues on maintenance and management of relapse   |                              |
| 10:00 – 10:15        | Panel discussion  |                              |
| <b>10:15 – 11:00</b> | <b>Industry Symposium</b>   |                              |
| <b>11:00 – 11:30</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>   |                              |
| <b>11:30 – 12:50</b> | <b>Session V: HCT in autoinflammation and autoimmunity</b><br><b>Chairs:</b> <i>John Snowden (UK) &amp; Andrea Bacigalupo (IT)</i>                                  |                              |
| 11:30 – 11:45        | HCT in VEXAS  | Donal McLornan (UK)          |
| 11:45 – 12:00        | HCT in Behçet's disease   |                              |
| 12:00 – 12:15        | HCT in systemic sclerosis   |                              |
| 12:15 – 12:30        | HCT for AID in Brazil: Current Practices  | Fernando Barroso Duarte (BR) |
| 12:30 – 12:40        | Case presentation   |                              |
| 12:40 – 12:50        | Panel discussion  |                              |
| <b>12:50 – 14:00</b> | <b>Lunch break</b>  |                              |
| <b>14:00 – 15:20</b> | <b>Session VI: Plasma cells as treatment targets in haematology and autoimmune diseases</b><br><b>Chairs:</b> <i>Patrizia Chiusolo (IT) &amp; Paolo Muraro (UK)</i> |                              |
| 14:00 – 14:15        | Novel treatment approaches in myeloma   | Elisa Roldan Galvan (UK)     |
| 14:15 – 14:30        | Bispecifics in myeloma: bridging to CAR-T?  | Patrick Hayden (IE)          |
| 14:30 – 14:45        | Bone marrow plasma cell landscape in health and disease   | Farzin Mashreghi (DE)        |
| 14:45 – 15:00        | Plasma cell depletion in autoimmune diseases  | Tobias Alexander (DE)        |
| 15:00 – 15:10        | <i>Case presentation</i>  |                              |
| 15:10 – 15:20        | Panel discussion  |                              |
| <b>15:20 – 15:50</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>   |                              |
| <b>15:50 – 17:15</b> | <b>Session VII: Novel cellular therapies in autoimmune diseases</b><br><b>Chairs:</b> <i>Simona Sica (IT) &amp; Dominique Farge (FR)</i>                            |                              |
| 15:50 – 16:05        | Bispecific antibodies in rheumatoid arthritis   | Ricardo Grieshaber (DE)      |
| 16:05 – 16:20        | CART in rheumatoid arthritis  | Doron Rimar (IS)             |
| 16:20 – 16:35        | CART in connective tissue diseases  |                              |
| 16:35 – 16:50        | iPS cells for tissue regeneration in autoimmune disease   |                              |
| 16:50 – 17:00        | <i>Case presentation</i>  |                              |
| 17:00 – 17:15        | Panel discussion  |                              |



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### Saturday, 20 September 2025

**08:45 – 09:45**      **Joint Nurse-Physician session HSCT and cellular therapies for autoimmune neurologic diseases**

**Chairs:** *Claudia Boggione (IT) & Basil Sharrack (UK)*

08:45 – 09:00      Autologous HCT in MS      Alice Mariottini (IT)

09:00 – 09:15      CAR T in MS

09:15 – 09:30      Cellular therapies in other neurologic indications      Aiden Haghikia (DE)

09:30 – 09:45      Panel discussion

**10:00 – 10:45**      **Industry Symposium**

**10:45 – 11:30**      **Poster Tour**

**11:30 – 12:50**      **Session VIII: Immune monitoring post CART and late complications for autoimmune disease**

**Chairs:** *Franco Locatelli (IT) & Raffaella Greco (IT)*

11:30 – 11:45      Immune monitoring post-CART      Simona Pagliuca (FR)

11:45 – 12:00      Late complications in HCT      Kirill Krigizov (RU)

12:00 – 12:15      Late complications in CART      Maeve O'Reilly (UK)

12:15 – 12:30      Secondary HLH after CART      Matteo Doglio (IT)

12:30 – 12:40      *Case presentation*

12:40 – 12:50      Panel discussion

**12:50 – 13:00**      **Take-home messages from all the organizers**