



Various Infections in Immunocompromised Patients

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President of the congress:

Paolo A. Grossi, Varese

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9th September 2026

09:00 - 09:15 **Registration**

09:15 - 09:30 **Welcome and opening**

Mauro Moreno (General Director ASST Sette Laghi)

Attilio Fontana (Governor Regione Lombardia)

Davide Galimberti (Varese Mayor)

Emanuele Monti (President Welfare Commission Regione Lombardia)

Maria Cristina Pierro (Rector Università degli Studi dell'Insubria)

Transplantation activity and new EDQM guide

Chair: Paolo A. Grossi (Varese, Italy), Giuseppe Feltrin (Rome, Italy)

09:30 - 09:50 Organ donation and solid organ transplantation activity in Italy

Giuseppe Feltrin (Rome, Italy)

09:50 - 10:10 Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in Italy

Letizia Lombardini (Rome, Italy)

10:10 - 10:30 The EDQM Guide to the Quality and safety of Organs for Transplantation

Carl Ludwig Fischer-Froehlich (Stuttgart, Germany)

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

Transplantation in infected patients

Chair: Marta Coscia (Varese, Italy), Salvatore Gruttadauria (Palermo, Italy)

11:00 - 11:20 Solid organ transplantation in HCV-infected patients

Patrizia Burra (Padua, Italy)

11:20 - 11:40 Solid organ transplantation in HBV- and HDV-infected patients

Roberta Angelico (Rome, Italy)

11:40 - 12:00 Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in HBV and HCV

infected patients - *Sara Battistella (Padua, Italy)*

12:00 - 12:20 Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in HIV-infected patients

Alessandro Re (Brescia, Italy)

12:20 - 12:40 Solid organ transplantation in HIV-infected patients

Salvatore Gruttadauria (Palermo, Italy)

12:40 - 13:00 **Expert-driven discussion**

Roberta Angelico (Rome, Italy), Sara Battistella (Padua, Italy),

Patrizia Burra (Padua, Italy), Marta Coscia (Varese, Italy)

Salvatore Gruttadauria (Palermo, Italy), Alessandro Re (Brescia, Italy)

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

Ethical and communicative aspects

Chair: Massimo Cardillo (Milan, Italy), Mario Picozzi (Varese, Italy)

- 14:00 - 14:20 Achieving and measuring quality in organ donation and transplantation
David Paredes (Barcelona, Spain)
- 14:20 - 14:40 Communication as a critical aspect for the quality and safety of organ transplantation - *Alessandra A. Grossi (Varese, Italy)*
- 14:40 - 15:00 Communication as a critical aspect for the quality and safety of organ transplantation: patient's perspective - *Daniel Gallego Zurro (Madrid, Spain)*
- 15:00 - 15:20 Role of education for improved communication in transplantation
Amedeo Carraro (Verona, Italy)
- 15:20 - 15:40 *Expert-driven discussion*
Massimo Cardillo (Milan, Italy), Amedeo Carraro (Verona, Italy), Daniel Gallego Zurro (Madrid, Spain), Alessandra A. Grossi (Varese), David Paredes (Barcelona, Spain), Giuseppe Piccolo (Milan, Italy), Mario Picozzi (Varese, Italy)

Difficult-to-treat infections in immunocompromised patients

Chair: Massimo Girardis (Modena, Italy), Paolo A. Grossi (Varese)

- 15:40 - 16:00 Infection risk in patients with secondary immunodeficiency
Jay Fishman (Boston, USA)
- 16:00 - 16:20 When standard therapies are not enough in secondary immunodeficiency
Marina Sester (Homburg, Germany)
- 16:20 - 16:40 Therapeutic strategies beyond standard approaches
Massimo Girardis (Modena, Italy)
- 16:40 - 17:00 *Expert-driven discussion*
Jay Fishman (Boston, USA), Massimo Girardis (Modena, Italy), Paolo A. Grossi (Varese), Marina Sester (Homburg, Germany)

Immunology of viral infections

Chair: Paolo A. Grossi (Varese), Martina Sester (Homburg, Germany)

- 17:00 - 17:20 Immunologic monitoring - *Martina Sester (Homburg, Germany)*
- 17:20 - 17:40 Adoptive immunotherapy in viral infections prevention and treatment
Patrizia Comoli (Pavia, Italy)
- 17:40 - 18:00 Immunoglobulins for prophylaxis and treatment of viral infections
Paolo Solidoro (Turin, Italy)
- 18:00 - 18:20 *Expert-driven discussion*
Patrizia Comoli (Pavia, Italy), Paolo A. Grossi (Varese), Martina Sester (Homburg, Germany), Paolo Solidoro (Turin, Italy)

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Immunosuppressive therapy

Chair: Andrea Ambrosini (Varese, Italy), Emanuele Cozzi (Padova, Italy)

- 09:00 - 09:20 Advances in immunosuppression - *Oriol Bestard (Barcelona, Spain)*
09:20 - 09:40 Tailored immunosuppressive therapy - *Umberto Maggiore (Parma, Italy)*
09:40 - 10:00 Differential Effects of Immunosuppressive Drugs on CMV After Transplantation - *Hannah Kaminski (Bordeaux, France)*
10:00 - 10:20 mTOR inhibitors and viral infections - *Franco Citterio (Rome, Italy)*
10:20 - 10:40 **Expert-driven discussion**
Andrea Ambrosini (Varese, Italy), Oriol Bestard (Barcelona, Spain), Franco Citterio (Rome, Italy), Emanuele Cozzi (Padova, Italy), Hannah Kaminski (Bordeaux, France), Umberto Maggiore (Parma, Italy)

10:40 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

Bacterial infections

Chair: Murat Akova (Ankara, Turkey), Matteo Bassetti (Genoa, Italy)

- 11:00 - 11:20 Fast-track microbiology in organ donation and transplantation
Nicasio Mancini (Varese, Italy)
11:20 - 11:40 Treatment of MBL infections in solid organ and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation - *Marco Falcone (Pisa, Italy)*
11:40 - 12:10 New treatment options for Gram- and Gram+ infections in solid organ and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation - *Murat Akova (Ankara, Turkey)*
12:10 - 12:40 The pipeline of new treatment options for MDR infections in solid organ and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation - *Matteo Bassetti (Genoa, Italy)*
12:40 - 13:00 **Expert-driven discussion**
Murat Akova (Ankara, Turkey), Matteo Bassetti (Genoa, Italy), Marco Falcone (Pisa, Italy), Nicasio Mancini (Varese, Italy), Antonio Vena (Genoa, Italy)

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

Fungal Infections

Chair: José Maria Aguado (Madrid, Spain), Maurizio Sanguinetti (Rome, Italy)

- 14:00 - 14:20 Diagnosis of invasive fungal infections in the immunocompromised patient: what's new? - *Maurizio Sanguinetti (Rome, Italy)*
14:20 - 14:40 Fungal infections in solid organ transplantation
Josè Maria Aguado (Madrid, Spain)
14:40 - 15:00 Fungal infections in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
Corrado Girmenia (Rome, Italy)
15:00 - 15:20 Role of azoles in solid organ and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
Livio Pagano (Rome, Italy)
15:20 - 15:40 New treatment options for fungal infections in the immunocompromised patient - *Antonio Vena (Genoa, Italy)*

15:40 - 16:00 *Expert-driven discussion*

*José Maria Aguado (Madrid, Spain), Corrado Girmenia (Rome, Italy)
Livio Pagano (Rome, Italy), Maurizio Sanguinetti (Rome, Italy),
Antonio Vena (Genoa, Italy),*

Emerging Issues

*Chair: Wanessa Trindade Clemente (Belo Horizonte, Brazil),
Nichon Jansen (Leiden, Netherlands),*

16:00 - 16:20 Breaking barriers: expanding transplant frontiers with HIV-positive donors for HIV-negative recipients? - *Paolo A. Grossi (Varese, Italy)*

16:20 - 16:40 Organ donation after euthanasia, a new pool of potential organ donors, is this the right direction? - *Nichon Jansen (Leiden, Netherlands)*

16:40 - 17:00 Vaccination in immunocompromised transplant recipients
Albert Vollaard (Bilthoven, Netherlands)

17:00 - 17:20 Emerging viral infections in immunocompromised patients
Giuseppe Ippolito (Rome, Italy)

17:20 - 17:40 Emerging tropical viral infections in solid organ transplantation
Wanessa Trindade Clemente (Belo Horizonte, Brazil)

17:40 - 18:00 AI insights in solid organ transplantation: potentials and pitfalls
Daniele R. Giacobbe (Genoa, Italy)

18:00 - 18:20 *Expert-driven discussion*

*Wanessa Trindade Clemente (Belo Horizonte, Brazil),
Daniele R. Giacobbe (Genoa, Italy), Paolo A. Grossi (Varese, Italy),
Giuseppe Ippolito (Rome, Italy), Nichon Jansen (Leiden, Netherlands),
Albert Vollaard (Bilthoven, Netherlands)*

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Current trend in Virological Diagnosis

Chair: Fausto Baldanti (Pavia, Italy), Liliana Gabrielli (Bologna, Italy)

- 09:00 - 09:20 Diagnosis and monitoring of CMV and EBV infections
Fausto Baldanti (Pavia, Italy)
- 09:20 - 09:40 Diagnosis and monitoring of HHV-8 infections
Tiziana Lazzarotto (Bologna, Italy)
- 09:40 - 10:00 Persistence and reactivation of Viral pathologies in immunosuppressed patients - *Carlo Federico Perno (Milan, Italy)*
- 10:00 - 10:20 **Expert-driven discussion**
Fausto Baldanti (Pavia, Italy), Liliana Gabrielli (Bologna, Italy), Tiziana Lazzarotto (Bologna, Italy), Carlo Federico Perno (Milan, Italy)

10:20 - 10:50 **Coffee Break**

Viral Infections in Immunocompromised patients

Chair: Paolo A. Grossi (Varese, Italy), Mike Ison (Bethesda, USA)

- 10:50 - 11:10 New drugs for prophylaxis and treatment of CMV infection
Per Ljungman (Stockholm, Sweden)
- 11:10 - 11:30 Respiratory viruses infections in immunocompromised patients
Mike Ison (Bethesda, USA)
- 11:30 - 11:50 Polyomavirus infections in immunocompromised patients
Hans Hirsch (Basel, Switzerland)
- 11:50 - 12:10 HEV infection in immunocompromised patients
Nassim Kamar (Toulouse, France)
- 12:10 - 12:30 **Expert-driven discussion**
Paolo A. Grossi (Varese, Italy), Hans Hirsch (Basel, Switzerland), Mike Ison (Bethesda, USA), Nassim Kamar (Toulouse, France), Per Ljungman (Stockholm, Sweden)

12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch**

Antiviral therapy - State of the art

Chair: Mike Ison (Bethesda, USA), Francesco P. Russo (Padua, Italy)

- 13:30 - 13:50 Therapeutic strategies for HCV infections - *Francesco P. Russo (Padua, Italy)*
- 13:50 - 14:10 Therapeutic strategies for HBV and HDV infections
Pietro Lampertico (Milan, Italy)
- 14:10 - 14:30 Therapeutic strategies for HIV infections - *Antonella Castagna (Milan, Italy)*
- 14:30 - 14:50 New antiviral agents for respiratory viruses - *Mike Ison (Bethesda, USA)*
- 14:50 - 15:10 **Expert-driven discussion**
Antonella Castagna (Milan, Italy), Mike Ison (Bethesda, USA), Pietro Lampertico (Milan, Italy), Francesco P. Russo (Padua, Italy)

Use of solid organs and cells from donors with viral infections

Chair: *Josep M. Miró (Barcelona, Spain), Renato Romagnoli (Turin, Italy)*

- 15:10 - 15:30 Use of solid organs and cells from HCV-infected donors
Silvia Martini (Turin, Italy)
- 15:30 - 15:50 Use of solid organs and cells from HBV-infected donors
Renato Romagnoli (Turin, Italy)
- 15:50 - 16:10 Use of solid organs from HIV-infected donors
Josep M. Miró (Barcelona, Spain)
- 16:10 - 16:30 **Expert-driven discussion**
Silvia Martini (Turin, Italy), Josep M. Miró (Barcelona, Spain), Renato Romagnoli (Turin, Italy)
- 16:30 - 16:40 **Take home messages and Congress closing**

CONGRESS VENUE

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