

The 2nd International Multidisciplinary Anal Cancer Conference

9-10 November, 2023 at Catholic University of Sacred Heart - Policlinico Agostino Gemelli, Rome, Italy

Program

Thursday, 9 November

08:30-09:00 Arrival and registration

09:00-09:05 Welcome and introduction session

Karen-Lise Garm Spindler, Aarhus, Denmark and Maria Antonietta Gambacorta, Rome, Italy

09:05-09:25 Keynote lecture; Anal Cancer – the perspective

Vincenzo Valentini, Rome, Italy

09:25-09:40 Inequalities in anal cancer treatment – how can we contribute?

Eva Segelov, Bern, Switzerland

09:40-10:00 Panel discussion with patient representatives

Moderated by Pierfrancesco Franco, Novara, Italy and Eva Segelov, Bern, Switzerland

10:00-13:00 Session 1: Clinical Trials status, update, and perspectives for collaboration

Chairs: Marianne Guren, Oslo, Norway and David Sebag-Montefiore, Leeds, UK

10:00-10:15 Clinical trials for anal cancer - what have we learnt and what can we do better?

David Sebag-Montefiore, Leeds, UK

10:15-10:30 Evaluating immunotherapy in the curative treatment of anal cancer

Rob Glynn-Jones, London, UK

10:30-11:00 Coffee

11:00-11:15 Defining new standards of care for advanced disease

Sheela Rao, Sutton, UK

- 11:15-11:30 Future novel agents on the horizon for anal cancer**
Dirk Arnold, Hamburg, Germany
- 11:30-12:15 Oxford debate: this house believes that neo-adjuvant chemotherapy is a useful treatment strategy for patients with non-metastatic anal cancer**
Chair: David Sebag-Montefiore, Leeds, UK
- Pro - Veronique Vendrely, Bordeaux, France*
Con - Rob Glynn-Jones, London, UK
- 12:15-13:00 Proffered papers/trial updates**
Chairs: TBC
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch**
- 14:00-17:00 Session 2: Biology, Basic and translational science**
Chairs: Duncan Gilbert, London, UK and Karen-Lise Garm Spindler, Aarhus, Denmark
- 14:00-14:15 IRCI anal cancer translational science group work**
Duncan Gilbert, London, UK
- 14:15-14:30 Hypoxia in SCC Anal cancer, results and perspectives**
Karen Wind, Aarhus, Denmark
- 14:30-14:45 PDX generations, and potential use for collaboration – DK**
Morten Busk, Aarhus, Denmark
- 14:45-15:00 Microbiome**
Antonio Gasbarrini, Rome, Italy
- 15:00-15:15 SCCA organoids**
TBC
- 15:15-15:30 Imaging biomarkers in anal cancer**
Eric Deutsch, Paris, France TBC
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee**
- 16:00-16:15 What is the biological difference between HPV positive and negative disease?**
Andrew McDonald, Leeds, UK
- 16:15-16:30 pHPV studies in SCC – update from pan-scam**
Karen-Lise Garm Spindler, Aarhus, Denmark
- 16.30- 17.00 Proffered papers flash talks**
Chairs: TBC



17:00-17:30 Discussion topics

Moderated by Duncan Gilbert, London, UK and Karen-Lise Garm Spindler, Aarhus, Denmark

17:30-18:30 Poster session including drinks and snacks

Chairs: Anders Johnson, Lund, Sweden, Marianne Guren, Oslo, Norway, and Per Nilsson, Stockholm, Sweden

19:00- Conference dinner

Friday, 10 November

- 09:00-10:15** **Session 3: Improved radiotherapy**
Chairs: Pierfrancesco Franco, Novara, Italy and Maria Antonietta Gambacorta, Rome, Italy
- 09:00-09:15** **Where are the limitations with current IMRT based therapy?**
Pierfrancesco Franco, Novara, Italy
- 09:15-09:30** **Optimal imaging assessment and new diagnostic tools**
TBC
- 09:30-09:45** **Risk adapted target definition**
Martin Nilsson, Lund, Sweden
- 09:45-10:00** **AtomCat for all? Update for utility?**
Ane Appelt, Leeds, UK
- 10:00-10:15** **Potential of Ethos therapy**
Eva Serup-Hansen, Herlev, Denmark
- 10:15-10:30** **Potential of the MR-linac in anal cancer**
TBC
- 10:30-11:00** **Coffee**
- 11:00-12:00** **Session 3: Improved radiotherapy (continued)**
- 11:00-11:15** **Role of brachytherapy in anal cancer**
Bruno Fionda, Rome, Italy
- 11:15-11:30** **Proton therapy in anal cancer**
Camilla Kronborg, Aarhus, Denmark
- 11:30-11:45** **Management of radiation proctitis**
Carlo Ratto, Rome, Italy
- 11:45-12:45** **Lunch**
- 12:45-14:00** **Proffered papers**
Chairs: Stefania Manfreda, Rome, Italy and Eric Deutsch, Paris, France (including a best abstract prize)
- 14:00-15:00** **IMACC Discussion ;**
Facilitation of international collaboration, focus and research on anal cancer
Moderated by Dirk Arnold, Hamburg, Germany and David Sebag-Montefiore, Leeds, UK

Confirmation of some speakers is under way. This program may be subject to minor changes.