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Study Group for
Infections in Compromised
Hosts ESGICH

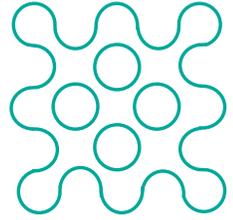
PROGRAMME

Onsite Course

Infections in Immunocompromised Patients

BOLOGNA | March 6-7, 2026

Starhotels Excelsior

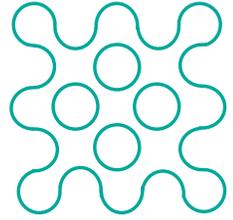


Rationale

Infections in immunocompromised patients are rapidly evolving challenges: expanding SOT and HSCT programs, advanced therapies (CAR-T, B-cell-specific agents, checkpoint and cytokine modulators), and increasing antimicrobial resistance demand up-to-date skills in prevention, rapid diagnosis, and targeted therapy. At the same time, the population of immunocompromised hosts is growing and becoming more heterogeneous, and their management is progressively decentralising beyond a few expert centres, with changing standards of care and more complex decision-making in daily practice.

Despite this, infectious diseases (ID) specialists dedicated to immunocompromised hosts report limited formal training pathways and few opportunities to exchange experience and harmonise practice, as recently highlighted by an ESGICH survey. This course is therefore designed as a continuum: from core immunological principles and the “nuts and bolts” of immunocompromising conditions, through microbiology and diagnostics, to syndrome-based sessions and real life experience. By explicitly linking basic mechanisms to bedside decisions, it aims to translate evidence into practical choices on prophylaxis, rational empiric therapy, de-escalation and stewardship.

A further goal is to foster a durable, interactive community of practice among ID physicians, clinical microbiologists, and the other specialists who care for immunocompromised patients, providing a rare forum to compare approaches, discuss difficult cases and define shared standards, ultimately reducing morbidity, resistance and costs while improving outcomes.



DAY 1 - March 6, 2026

12:30 pm Registration and Welcome coffee

PART 1: Nuts and Bolts of Immunocompromising Conditions

CHAIRS: Pierluigi Viale (IT), Monica Slavin (AU)

01:25 pm Introduction and presentation of the meeting objectives **Michael Ison (US)**

01:30 pm Immunosuppression in SOT and HSCT **Nicolas Mueller (CH)**

01:50 pm Antibody and Enzyme Blockers in Oncology **Mario Fernández Ruiz (ES)**

02:10 pm CAR-T and bispecific antibody therapy **Monica Slavin (AU)**

02:30 pm Primary Immunodeficiencies **Elisa Cordero (ES)**

02:50 pm Discussion

PART 2: Overview of Infections in Immunocompromised Patients, part 1

CHAIRS: Paolo A. Grossi (IT), Michael Ison (US)

03:05 pm Organ Transplant Surgery: abdominal and thoracic
Matteo Ravaioli (IT), Samuele Nicotra (IT)

03:35 pm Pre-Transplant Evaluation **Benjamin Teh (AU)**

03:55 pm SOT ID Overview **Michael Ison (US)**

04:15 pm Discussion

PART 2: Overview of Infections in Immunocompromised Patients, part 2

CHAIRS: Malgorzata K. Mikulska (IT), Maddalena Giannella (IT)

04:30 pm Fever and Neutropenia **Murat Akova (TR)**

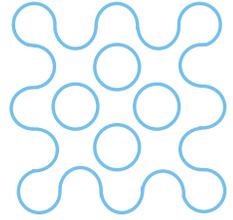
04:50 pm Donor-Derived Infections **Michael Ison (US), Alessandra Mularoni (IT)**

05:10 pm Travel for Transplantation and Its Complications **Wanessa Trindade Clemente (BR)**

05:30 pm Vaccination in Immunocompromised Patients **Oriol Manuel (CH)**

05:50 pm Discussion

06:05 pm End of first day



DAY 2 - March 7, 2026

PART 3: Microbiology Lab in Infections in Immunocompromised Patients

CHAIRS: **Simone Ambretti (IT), Patricia Carmen Muñoz García (ES)**

- 08:30 am** Laboratory Diagnosis in Immunocompromised Patients – Viral Infection
Tiziana Lazzarotto (IT)
- 08:50 am** Laboratory Diagnosis in Immunocompromised Patients – Bacterial Infection
Gian Maria Rossolini (IT)
- 09:10 am** Laboratory Diagnosis in Immunocompromised Patients – Fungal Infection
Maurizio Sanguinetti (IT)
- 09:30 am** Discussion

PART 4: Viral Infections in Immunocompromised Infectious Diseases

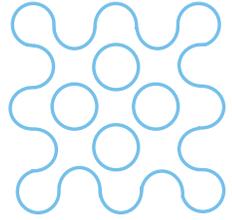
CHAIRS: **Cecilia Bonazzetti (IT), Michele Bartoletti (IT)**

- 09:45 am** CMV management and other Herpes Viruses **Alessandra Mularoni (IT)**
- 10:05 am** Polyoma Viruses **Hans H. Hirsch (CH)**
- 10:25 am** Hepatitis and HIV **Paolo A. Grossi (IT)**
- 10:45 am** Respiratory Viruses **Michael Ison (US)**
- 11:05 am** Discussion
- 11:20 am** *COFFEE BREAK*

PART 5: Bacterial Infections in Immunocompromised Patients

CHAIRS: **Marco Falcone (IT), Cecilia Bonazzetti (IT)**

- 11:35 am** Gram Positive Infections **Patricia Carmen Muñoz García (ES)**
- 11:55 am** Gram Negative Infections **Maristela P. Freire (BR)**
- 12:15 pm** Options for Management of MDROs and New Antibiotics **David Leslie Paterson (SG)**
- 12:35 pm** Mycobacterial Infections **Marina Tadolini (IT)**
- 12:55 pm** Discussion



01:10 pm *LUNCH*

PART 6: Fungal Infections in Immunocompromised Patients

CHAIRS: Sara Tedeschi (IT), Maddalena Peghin (IT)

- 01:50 pm Yeast Infections **Mario Fernández Ruiz (ES)**
- 02:10 pm Mold Infections **Malgorzata K. Mikulska (IT)**
- 02:30 pm Antifungal Therapy **Monica Slavin (AU)**
- 02:50 pm Discussion
- 03:05 pm *COFFEE BREAK*

PART 7: Clinical Syndromes and Challenging scenarios

CHAIRS: Andrea Lombardi (IT), Matteo Rinaldi (IT)

- 03:20 pm Pneumonia **Erica Franceschini (IT)**
- 03:35 pm Urinary Tract Infection **Giusy Tiseo (IT)**
- 03:50 pm L-VAD Infection **Renato Pascale (IT)**
- 04:05 pm *C. difficile* Colitis **Marianna Meschiari (IT)**
- 04:20 pm Intra-abdominal infections **Silvia Corcione (IT)**
- 04:35 pm Discussion
- 04:45 pm *Closing Remarks*
Maddalena Giannella (IT), Cecilia Maria Bonazzetti (IT)
- 05:00 pm *End of the Course*

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Prof.ssa Maddalena Giannella

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University of Bologna - University Hospital of Bologna

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEETING VENUE

Starhotels Excelsior Viale Pietramellara, 51 - Bologna (Italy)

SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

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ITALIAN CME CREDITS

I&C srl PROVIDER: 5387 ITALIAN ID CME: 471723

DURATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY: 12 hours

ITALIAN CME CREDITS: 12

The meeting will be accredited for

PHYSICIANS - disciplines: Anesthesiology and Resuscitation, General Surgery, Hematology, Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology, Respiratory Diseases, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Microbiology and Virology, Urology, Clinical Biochemistry, Clinical Pathology (chemical-clinical analysis and microbiology laboratory).

PHARMACIST - Public Pharmacist of the National Health Service (NHS).

The healthcare professionals belonging to other disciplines will not get the credits.

Number of participants: 40

METHODOLOGY Residential

COURSE OBJECTIVES

3 - Clinical documentation. Diagnostic, rehabilitation and clinical care pathways, care profiles - treatment profiles

LEARNING TEST

In order to obtain CME credits, it is mandatory for participants to attend 90% of the course both days and to complete CME procedures online: CME test multiple choice questions, minimum score 75%, learners' feedback form and educational needs form. Instructions will be provided on site.

EACCME® Accreditation of event

An application has been made to the UEMS EACCME® for CME/CPD accreditation of this event.

ORGANIZING SECRETARIAT

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REGISTRATION FEES 500,00 € (VAT 22% included)

The registration fee includes courses material, coffee break, lunch, accommodation for the night of 6.03 and dinner on 6.03. **The Attendance Grant does not cover travel expenses.**

To register, please **CLICK HERE**. Registration is open until **27.02.2026**



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