



6th Course in Hereditary Cancer Genetics

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Tuesday 22nd

Basics in cancer genetics

14:00	Welcome, introduction	Marjolijn Ligtenberg
14:10	Heritability of cancer and life-time risk	Daniela Turchetti
14:40	The genetic mechanisms of cancer	Marjolijn Ligtenberg
15:10	Variant classification	Carla Oliveira
15:35	Clinical variant interpretation	Maurizio Genuardi
16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:30	Concurrent workshops I	
18:00	<i>End of day 1</i>	

Wednesday 23rd

Tumour syndromes

09:00	Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer	Marc Tischkowitz
09:30	Prostate cancer	Verena Steinke- Lange
10:00	Li-Fraumeni syndrome	Svetlana Lagercrantz
10:30	<i>break</i>	
11:00	Neurofibromatosis and Shwannomatosis	Prof. Eva Trevisson
11:30	PHTS (Cowden Syndrome)	Marleen Kets
12:00	Melanoma & Pancreatic cancer	Hildegunn Høberg-Vetti
12:30	Paediatric cancer	Marjolijn Jongmans
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

Parallel specialized lectures

14:00	Genetic counselling Tumour vs. germline genetics	Bev Speight Kathleen Claes
14:30	Genetic testing in mainstream Panels, exomes and genomes	Hildegunn Høberg-Vetti Barbara Klink
15:00	How to identify patients with a genturis? Precision oncology	Stefan Aretz Marjolijn Ligtenberg
15:30	Poster discussion	
16:00	<i>Break</i>	
16:30	Concurrent workshop II	
18:00	<i>End of day 2</i>	

Thursday 24th

Tumour syndromes

9:00	Lynch syndrome	Verena Steinke- Lange
9:40	Polyposis	Stefan Aretz
10:10	Hereditary gastric cancer	Carla Oliveira & Tanya Bisseling
10:40	<i>break</i>	
11:10	Renal cancer & VHL	Marjolijn Jongmans
11:40	Pheo-/paraganglioma & MEN	Barbara Klink

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12:10	CanRisk and PRS in daily practice	Marleen Kets
12:40	Moderate risk genes: testing and clinical management	Marc Tischkowitz
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00	Concurrent workshop III	
15:30	Poster discussion	
16:00	<i>Break</i>	
16:30	Concurrent workshop IV	
18:00	<i>End of day 3</i>	

Friday 25th

Parallel specialized lectures

8:30	New technological developments including RNA Preimplantation genetic testing	Barbara Klink Filipa Carvalho
9:10	Tumour syndromes you can see Animal, Organoid and Organ-on-chip models	Eva Trevisson Carla Oliveira
9:40	Psycho-oncology Liquid biopsy	Svetlana Lagercrantz Kathleen Claes
10:10	<i>break</i>	

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10:40	Germline pathogenic variants as a therapeutic target	Judith Balmaña
11:10	Hereditary haematological cancer	Bev Speight
11:40	Patient's personal experience	Tanya Bisseling
12:10	Best poster, wrapping up	
12:30	<i>Lunch and adjourn</i>	
13:30	<i>End of day 4</i>	

Topics covered in the workshops

• Ultrarare cases in hereditary cancer	Maurizio Genuardi / Verena Steinke-Lange / Daniela Turchetti
• Variant classification guidelines	Barbara Klink / Kathleen Claes / Carla Oliveira
• CanRisk and PRS	Judith Balmaña / Marc Tischkowitz / Marleen Kets
• Genetic counselling , mainstreaming & cascade testing	Hildegunn Høberg-Vetti / Svetlana Lagercrantz / Bev Speight / Filipa Carvalho