



GASTROINTESTINAL INFLAMMATION AND NEOPLASIA

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Symposium 243

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PREFACE

With great pleasure and anticipation, we invite you to the international Falk Foundation Symposium on “**Gastrointestinal Inflammation and Neoplasia**” which will take place in Warsaw.

This meeting will bring together scientists and clinicians from across the field of gastroenterology to examine the epidemiological foundations, pathophysiological mechanisms, and clinical manifestations of a broad spectrum of gastrointestinal diseases - including eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE), inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), microscopic colitis, celiac disease, and selective gastrointestinal neoplasias. With the participation of leading experts in our field, we will engage in discussions on the latest insights into the pathophysiology, epidemiology, approved and emerging diagnostic approaches, and evidence-based and emerging medical, endoscopic and surgical treatment strategies—placing particular emphasis on the practical implications of recent scientific breakthroughs.

We are confident that this symposium will not only foster scientific advancement but also strengthen professional connections among those committed to improving patient care in gastrointestinal health.

The setting in Warsaw - a dynamic city where cultural heritage meets modern scientific progress - offers an inspiring backdrop for collaboration and forward-thinking dialogue.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a stimulating and impactful meeting with ample time to interact with a well-recognized international faculty and lots of opportunities for networking. Meet old and make new friends.

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FRIDAY, April 24, 2026

9:00 Welcome
Axel Dignass, Frankfurt; Edyta Zagórowicz, Warsaw

SESSION I

Epidemiology and pathophysiology of immune-mediated gastrointestinal disorders

Chairs *Marcin Dziekiewicz, Warsaw; Gerhard Rogler, Zurich*

09:10 EoE
Christopher Ma, Calgary

09:30 Celiac disease
Jonas Ludvigsson, Stockholm

09:50 Microscopic colitis
Darrell S. Pardi, Rochester

10:10 IBD
Britta Siegmund, Berlin

10:30 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION II

Current diagnostic and monitoring strategies of immune-mediated gastrointestinal disorders

Chairs *Axel Dignass, Frankfurt; Jarosław Reguła, Warsaw*

11:00 EoE
Ulrike von Arnim, Magdeburg

11:20 Celiac disease
Carolina Ciacci, Salerno

11:40 Microscopic colitis
Piotr Eder, Poznan

12:00 IBD
Ana Gutierrez Casbas, Alicante

12:20 **Lunch break with ePoster session**

SESSION III

Current treatment strategies in immune-mediated gastrointestinal disorders

Chairs *Grażyna Rydzewska, Warsaw; Britta Siegmund, Berlin*

14:00 EoE: Diet, steroids or more?
Edoardo V. Savarino, Padova

14:20 Celiac disease: Gluten free diet and more
Detlef Schuppan, Mainz

14:40 Microscopic colitis: Current strategies for uncomplicated and refractory disease
Andreas Münch, Linköping

15:00 IBD: Treatment goals in 2026
Alessandro Armuzzi, Milan

15:20 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION IV

Diet and microbiome based approaches in immune-mediated gastrointestinal disorders

Chairs *Milan Lukáš, Prague; Harry Sokol, Paris*

16:00 EoE: Elimination diet or more?
Alfredo J. Lucendo, Tormelloso

16:20 Celiac disease: Modern strategies to improve and monitor adherence to lifelong diet
Luca Elli, Milan

16:40 IBD: Is nutrition an underutilized therapeutic option?
Iris Dotan, Petah Tikva

17:00 IBD: The relevance of the microbiome in pathophysiology and treatment
Harry Sokol, Paris

SATURDAY, April 25, 2026

SESSION V

Special situations

Chairs *Anita Gąsiorowska, Lodz; Małgorzata Zwolińska-Wcisło, Krakow*

09:00 Refractory celiac disease and differentials
Michael Schumann, Berlin

09:20 Acute severe colitis
David Laharie, Bordeaux

09:40 Immune-mediated gastrointestinal disorders during pregnancy and lactation
Uma Mahadevan, San Francisco

10:00 Management of complicated fibrostenosing EoE
Alain Schoepfer, Lausanne

10:20 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION VI

Gastrointestinal tract neoplasia and differentials

Chairs *Cesare Hassan, Milan; Michał F. Kamiński, Warsaw*

10:50 Colorectal cancer screening and surveillance by primary colonoscopy: Nordic and beyond
Cesare Hassan, Milan

11:10 Colorectal cancer screening and surveillance by FIT
Antoni Castells, Barcelona

11:30 Endoscopic resection of colonic and rectal lesions: On the oncological edge
Nastazja Pilonis, Warsaw

11:50 Early onset colorectal cancer
Willem Bemelman, Amsterdam

12:10 **Presentation of poster awards**
Axel Dignass, Frankfurt; Edyta Zagórowicz, Warsaw

12:30 **Lunch break with ePoster session**

SESSION VII

Tips and tricks for excellent gastroenterologists

Chairs *Axel Dignass, Frankfurt; Andreas Sturm, Berlin*

13:30 Impaired coagulation: What gastroenterologists need to know
Jeanin van Hooft, Leiden

13:50 Pitfalls in sampling: We need to consult our pathologist
Rafal Peksa, Gdansk

14:10 FMT: Pitfalls and tips
Jarosław Biliński, Gdansk

14:30 State of the art: Management of antibiotic-associated colitis
Christoph Högenauer, Graz

14:50 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION VIII

Treatment decisions: Pro and cons

Chairs *Ailsa Hart, London; Edyta Tulewicz-Marti, Warsaw*

15:20 Stricturing Crohn's disease: Medical, endoscopic or surgical treatment?
Pro conservative treatment *Florian Rieder, Cleveland*
Pro surgery *Willem Bemelman, Amsterdam*

15:50 De-escalation of medication for IBD: Continue forever or time to scale down?
Ailsa Hart, London

16:10 Top-down or step-up approach in IBD: Still unresolved?
Pro top down *Nurulamin Noor, Cambridge*
Pro step-up *Andreas Sturm, Berlin*

16:40 Cancer surveillance and prevention in IBD: Universal or individualized approaches?
Fernando Velayos, San Francisco

17:00 Closing remarks

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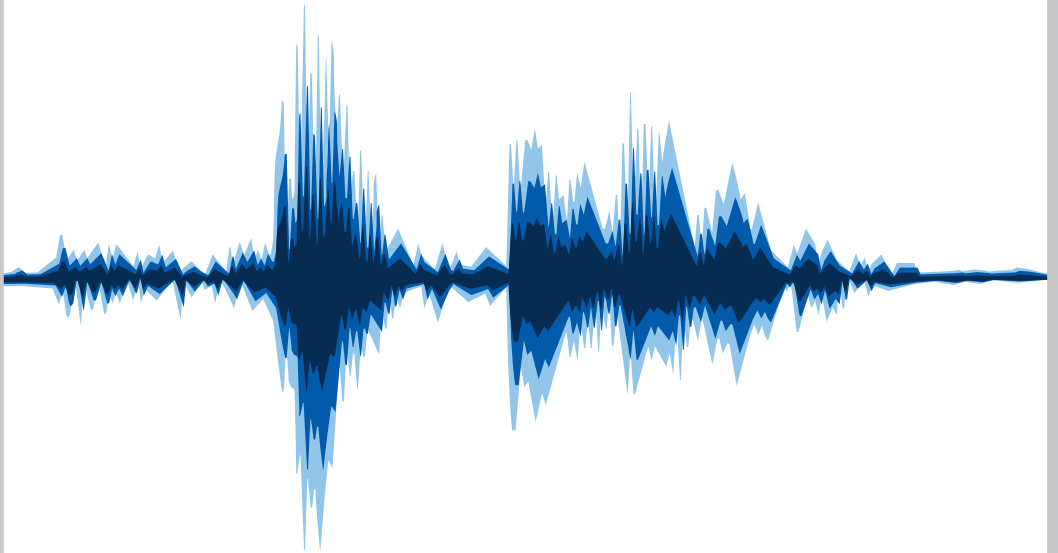
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