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# Unmet challenges in high risk hematological malignancies: from benchside to clinical practice

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09.15 **Welcome and introduction**  
*M. Ladetto, U. Vitolo and Scientific Authorities*

**SESSION 1: LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA**

*Chairmen: A. Di Rocco, F. Zaja*

09.45 **DEBATE - Molecularly driven vs agnostic treatment strategies in first line DLBCL**  
*G. Lenz vs M. Gomes da Silva*

10.25 **The evolving landscape in R/R DLBCL: bispecifics, ADC and novel engineered antibodies**  
*M. Trneny*

10.45 **CNS prophylaxis: an old chap or a still valid option?**  
*T. Calimeri*

11.05 **Panel discussion**

**SESSION 2: HODGKIN LYMPHOMA  
AND T-CELL LYMPHOMA**

*Chairmen: L. Rigacci, C. Rusconi*

11.15 **DEBATE - Minimizing toxicity and preserving efficacy in early-stage Hodgkin lymphoma:**  
- the radiation oncology perspective *U. Ricardi*  
- the chemoimmunotherapy perspective *I. Aurer*

11.55 **DEBATE - Immunochemotherapy-based strategies for sparing toxicity and improving efficacy in advanced-stage Hodgkin lymphoma:**  
- Beacopp-based *P. Borchmann*  
- AVD-based *P.L. Zinzani*

12.35 **How I treat high risk T-cell lymphomas**  
*A. Chiappella*

12.55 *Lunch*

**13.45 LECTURE I**

*Chairman: U. Vitolo*

**The paradigm shift in the treatment of follicular lymphoma from chemoimmunotherapy to chemo-free approaches with bispecifics, novel engineered antibodies, and small molecules**  
*G. Salles*

**SESSION 3: INDOLENT LYMPHOMA**

Chairmen: *A. Conconi, G. Gini*

- 14.15 Biology of high-risk indolent lymphoma  
*J. Okosun*
- 14.35 First line treatment in high-risk follicular lymphoma  
*S. Luminari*
- 14.55 Waldenström macroglobulinemia: from chemoimmunotherapy to chemo-free approaches  
*C. Buske*
- 15.15 Panel discussion

**SESSION 4: MANTLE CELL LYMPHOMA**

Chairmen: *M. Balzarotti, M. Martelli*

- 15.25 How MRD detection is changing in the era of BTKi in MCL  
*C. Pott*
- 15.45 The role of BTK inhibitors in first line MCL therapy  
*M. Jerkeman*

- 16.05 Chemo-free approaches in relapsed/refractory mantle cell lymphoma  
*C. Visco*

- 16.25 Panel discussion

**16.45 LECTURE 2**

Chairman: *M. Ladetto*

**Novel frontiers with CAR-T treatment in B-cell malignancies**  
*M.J. Kersten*

**SESSION 5: CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA**

Chairmen: *A. Cuneo, M. Massaia*

- 17.15 Biology of high risk CLL and acquired resistance  
*D. Rossi*
- 17.35 Role of combination treatment in first line  
*O. Al-Sawaf*
- 17.55 How I treat BTKi failures  
*W. Jurczak*
- 18.15 Panel discussion

### SESSION 6: MULTIPLE MYELOMA

Chairmen: **S. Brinthen, B. Bruno**

- 08.30 Static and dynamic prognostic factors in multiple myeloma: roles of disease biology and MRD  
**S. Oliva**
- 08.50 DEBATE - CAR-T vs bispecific antibodies: real roles in real life
  - CAR-T **M. D'Agostino**
  - Bispecifics **K.A. Ramasamy**
- 09.30 New clinical trails: integration of new therapies (bispecific antibodies, antibodies drug-conjugated and CAR-T) and MRD  
**C. Touzeau**
- 09.50 Panel discussion

### SESSION 7: MYELODISPLASTIC SYNDROME

Chairmen: **D. Cilloni, G. Saglio**

- 10.00 DEBATE - TP53-mutated MDS: is transplant the only way?
  - Yes **D. Valcarcel**
  - No **D. Cilloni**

- 10.40 Symptomatic anemia in MDS: when and how to treat  
**E. Crisà**

- 11.00 Panel discussion

### SESSION 8: ACCESS DISPARITY TO NOVEL TREATMENTS AS A NOVEL "HIGH RISK"

Chairmen: **R. Foà, G. Gaidano**

- 11.10 Current situation and how to foster access in medium income countries  
**A. Perolla**
- 11.30 The role of international societies in promoting worldwide access to modern diagnosis and treatment  
**G. Gaidano**
- 11.50 Panel discussion
- 12.00 *Lunch*

### SESSION 9: ACUTE LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA

Chairmen: *E. Audisio, D. Pietrasanta*

- 13.00 Biology of high risk ALL  
*M. Brueggemann*
- 13.20 The evolving strategies in the treatment of young adults and elderly patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia  
*A. Rambaldi*
- 13.40 Allogeneic transplant and CAR-T in adult ALL: which comes first?  
*N. Goekbuget*
- 14.00 Panel discussion

### SESSION 10: ACUTE MYELOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA

Chairmen: *G. Saglio, A. Venditti*

- 14.10 Biologic features of HR-AML  
*R. Palmieri*
- 14.30 High risk AML: how to incorporate new drugs into the treatment of AML  
*P. Metha*
- 14.50 Allogeneic stem cell transplant in HR-AML  
*C.F. Craddock*
- 15.10 Panel discussion
- 15.20 **Closing remarks**  
*M. Ladetto, U. Vitolo*

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