

9th ESDO MASTERCLASS

Decoding the Gut: Challenges and Advances in GI Oncology

Kaunas, Lithuania December 5 – 6, 2025

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Friday – 5 December 2025

16:00 – 16:05 Welcome

Juozas Kupčinskas, Kaunas

Session 1: Novel approaches in oncology

Chairs: *Eric Van Cutsem, Leuven; Elona Juozaitytė, Kaunas; ESDO YG*

16:05 – 16:25 Role of AI in oncology

Thomas Seufferlein, Ulm

16:05 – 16:25 Role of microbiome in cancer

Jurgita Skiecevičienė, Kaunas

16:25 – 16:45 Metabolic syndrome and cancer

Juozas Kupčinskas, Kaunas

16:45 – 17:05 Personalised vaccines

tba

17:05 – 17:25 CAR-T therapy

Domas Vaitiekus, Kaunas

17:25 – 17:40 Discussion

Day 2 – Saturday – 6 December 2025

Session 2: Gastro-oesophageal cancer

Chairs: *Tamara Matysiak-Budnik, Nantes; Sigita Liutkauskienė, Kaunas; ESDO YG*

9:00 – 9:20 *H. pylori* and gastric cancer

Laimas Virginijus Jonaitis, Kaunas

9:20 – 9:30 CASE 1

ESDO Young Group

9:30 – 9:50 Squamous oesophageal cancer vs adenocarcinoma: treatment differences
tba

9:50 – 10:10 Immunotherapy and targeted therapies in gastro-oesophageal cancer
Tamara Matysiak-Budnik, Nantes / tba

10:10 – 10:25 Panel Discussion

10:25 – 10:40 Coffee break

Session 3: Hepatobiliary cancer

Chairs: *Jean-Luc van Laethem, Brussels; Goda Sadauskaitė, Vilnius; ESDO YG*

10:40 – 11:00 Viral hepatitis and HCC *Limas Kupčinskas, Kaunas*

11:00 – 11:10 CASE 2 *ESDO Young Group*

11:10– 11:30 Role of locoregional therapies in hepatobiliary cancer
Donatas Vajauskas, Kaunas

11:30 – 11:50 Surgical approaches for HCC and BTC: from resection to transplantation
Yawen Dong, Vienna

11:50 – 12:10 Targeted therapies in hepatobiliary cancer *Arndt Vogel, Toronto*

12:10 – 12:30 Immunotherapies in hepatobiliary cancer
Jean-Luc van Laethem, Brussels

12:30 – 12:45 Panel Discussion

12:45 – 13:15 Lunch break

Session 4: Pancreatic cancer and Neuroendocrine tumours

Chairs: *Thomas Gruenberger, Vienna; Alvydas Časas, Klaipėda; ESDO*

13:15 – 13:25 CASE 3 *ESDO Young Group*

13:25 – 13:45 Role of surgery in locally advanced and oligometastatic pancreatic cancer
Thomas Gruenberger, Vienna

13:45 – 14:05 Novel therapies in pancreatic cancer *Pieter-Jan Cuyle, Bonheiden*

14:05 – 14:25 Novelties in Management of Neuroendocrine tumours tba

14:25 – 14:40 Panel Discussion

14:40 – 14:55 Coffee break

Session 5: Colorectal cancer

Chairs: *Jaroslav Regula, Warsaw; Rasa Jančiauskienė, Kaunas; ESDO YG*

14:55 – 15:15 IBD and risk of cancer	<i>Gediminas Kiudelis, Kaunas</i>
15:15 – 15:25 CASE 4	<i>ESDO Young Group</i>
15:25 – 15:45 Organ sparing in rectal cancer	<i>Jaroslav Regula, Warsaw</i>
15:45 – 16:05 Liquid biopsies for CRC treatment	<i>Markus Möhler, Mainz</i>
16:05 – 16:25 Surgery in mCRC	<i>Tomas Poškus, Vilnius</i>
16:25 – 16:45 Personalised treatment in mCRC	<i>Eric Van Cutsem, Leuven</i>
16:45 – 17:00 Panel Discussion	
17:00 – 17:10 Farewell	

Faculty

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Thomas Seufferlein, Ulm
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Pieter-Jan Cuyle, Bonheiden
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Michela Guardascione, Aviano
Elisabeth Stragier, Hasselt
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