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Day 1

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Auditorium Hall (S1)		Theatre Hall (S2)
All times in CEST (UTC+2)	SESSION I Acute hospital medicine	All times in CEST (UTC+2)
	<i>Chairs: Roman Jaeschke (Canada)</i>	
17:30–17:45	Level of troponin is elevated after surgery: What next? Wojciech Szczeklik (Poland)	17:30–17:45
17:45–18:00	My patient is agitated and confused: Please help Bram Rochwerg (Canada)	17:45–18:00
18:00–18:15	How to support a patient with respiratory failure outside of intensive care unit Simon Oczkowski (Canada)	18:00–18:15
18:15–18:30	This is my patient: When should I call for help and whom to call? Kimia Honarmand (Canada)	18:15–18:30
18:30–18:45	Too much or too little fluid? How to find out? Michael Czekajlo (USA)	18:30–18:45
18:45–19:10	Dealing with sepsis: The most crucial points Waleed Alhazzani (Saudi Arabia)	18:45–19:10
19:10–19:40	Questions & Answers All speakers	19:10–19:40
19:40–20:00	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
20:00–20:45	Opening ceremony Keynote lecture – <i>To be announced</i>	20:00–20:45

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Day 2

Friday, May 8, 2026

Auditorium Hall (S1)		Theatre Hall (S2)	
All times in CEST (UTC+2)			All times in CEST (UTC+2)
8:00–9:15		Meet the professor: Open forum on critical care, shock, and organ failure Waleed Alhazzani (Saudi Arabia) Michael Czakajlo (USA) Kimia Honarmand (Canada) Roman Jaeschke (Canada) Simon Oczkowski (Canada) Bram Rochwerg (Canada) Wojciech Szczeklik (Poland)	8:00–9:15
9:40–10:00	SESSION II Endocrinology <i>In collaboration with the Polish Society of Endocrinology</i>		SESSION III The Multimorbid Patient <i>Under the auspices of the European Federation of Internal Medicine</i>
10:00–10:20	Hypothyroidism in pregnancy: When guidelines meet reality Robin Peeters (The Netherlands)		9:40–10:00
10:20–10:40	Primary aldosteronism: Current management Ally Prebtani (Canada)		10:00–10:20
10:40–11:00	Hypercortisolemia: Current management according to clinical practice guidelines Aleksandra Gilis-Januszewska (Poland)		10:20–10:40
11:00–11:25	Questions & Answers All speakers		10:40–11:00
11:25–11:40	<i>Refreshment break</i>		11:00–11:25
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Auditorium Hall (S1)

SESSION IV

Annual Update in Cardiology

In collaboration with the Polish Cardiac Society



Theatre Hall (S2)

SESSION V

Annual Update in Rheumatology



PART 1

Broken-heart syndrome: Current management

Thomas Lüscher (Switzerland)

Management of pericarditis: Key messages from the ESC guidelines

Massimo Imazio (Italy)

Management of myocarditis: Key messages from ESC guidelines

To be announced

Questions & Answers

All speakers

13:05–13:50

LUNCH BREAK

11:40–12:00

12:00–12:20

12:20–12:40

12:40–13:05

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PART 1

Key decision points in management of rheumatoid arthritis

Ernest Choy (UK)

Key decision points in management of Sjögren disease

Elizabeth Price (UK)

Artificial Intelligence in rheumatology: 2026 update

Thomas Hügle (Switzerland)

Questions & Answers

All speakers

PART 2

Mitral regurgitation: Management according to ESC practice guidelines

Margarita Brida (Croatia)

Aortic stenosis: Management according to ESC practice guidelines

Wojciech Wojakowski (Poland)

How to select an antiarrhythmic drug or ablation for atrial fibrillation and for ventricular tachycardia

Paulus Kirchhof (Germany)

Questions & Answers

All speakers

15:15–15:30

Refreshment break

13:50–14:10

14:10–14:30

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PART 2

Vasculitis: From suspicion to diagnosis

Mats Junek (Canada)

Key decision points in management of the GCA PMR Takayasu LVV spectrum

Bhaskar Dasgupta (UK)

Approach to interstitial lung disease in people with systemic autoimmune rheumatic diseases

Michał Tomcik (Czechia)

Questions & Answers

All speakers

PART 3

Optimal use of lipid-lowering therapy in patients with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease according to current practice guidelines

Richard Češka (Czech Republic)

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15:50–16:10	Coronary artery disease: Which diagnostic test to choose and when Matthew Sibbald (Canada)	Key decision points in management of psoriatic arthritis William Tillett (UK)	15:50–16:10
16:10–16:30	2025 international guidelines on resuscitation: The most important practical messages Bernd W. Böttiger (Germany)	Key decision points in management of osteoporosis Alexandra Papaioannou (Canada)	16:10–16:30
16:30–16:55	Questions & Answers All speakers	Questions & Answers All speakers	16:30–16:55

Day 3

Saturday, May 9, 2026

	Auditorium Hall (S1)	Theatre Hall (S2)	Chamber Hall (S3)
All times in CEST (UTC+2)	SESSION VI Gastroenterology		SESSION VII Infectious Diseases
			SESSION VIII Annual Update in Nephrology <i>Under the auspices of Mayo Clinic</i>
			PART 1
9:30–9:50	Gastroenterology update 2026: Key messages from the latest practice guidelines Paul Moayyedi (Canada)	Vaccinations for people with severe comorbidity: Current state of the art Mark Loeb (Canada)	Nephrology update 2026 Jurgen Floge (Germany)
9:50–10:10	Celiac disease: Current management Maria Pinto-Sánchez (Canada)	HIV and AIDS in 2026: An update for non-specialists Miłosz Parczewski (Poland)	New drugs in chronic kidney disease Maria José Soler (Spain)
10:10–10:30	Screening for all cancers (with a focus on all GI cancer) with blood tests or total body scans: Is it worth it? David Weinberg (USA)	To be announced Nishma Singhal (Canada)	Artificial intelligence in nephrology Ziad Zoghby (USA)
10:30–10:55	Questions & Answers All speakers	Questions & Answers All speakers	Questions & Answers All speakers
10:50–11:10	<i>Refreshment break</i>		

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	SESSION IX Pulmonology	SESSION X Thrombosis & Anticoagulation	PART 2		
11:10- 11:30	<i>To be announced</i>	When not to use DOACs Stephanie Carlin (Canada)	Hyperglycemia and kidney disease Aleksandra Kukla (USA)		
11:30- 11:50	<i>To be announced</i>	Prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of venous thromboembolism in pregnancy <i>To be announced</i>	Bleeding complications and thrombosis events in kidney disease Hatem Amer (USA)		
11:50- 12:10	<i>To be announced</i>	Factor XI inhibitors: The future of anticoagulation? Jeffrey Weitz (Canada)	Nephrotoxicity of new anti-cancer agents Sandra Herrmann (USA)		
12:10- 12:35	Questions & Answers All speakers	Questions & Answers All speakers	Questions & Answers All speakers		
12:35- 13:35	LUNCH BREAK				
	SESSION XI Annual Update in Diabetology <i>Under the auspices of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes and the International Diabetes Federation Europe</i>				
	PART 1				
13:35- 13:55	A Type 1 diabetes management consensus report by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD): What can we expect from the 2026 update? Tomasz Klupa (Poland)				
13:55- 14:15	Is there still a place for insulin therapy in type 2 diabetes in 2026? Maciej Małecki (Poland)				
14:15- 14:35	Diabetic patient admitted to hospital for non-diabetic reason Ally Prebtani (Canada)				
	PART 3				
	New paradigms in the treatment of renovascular disease Lilach Lerman (USA)				
	Blood pressure goals and treatment in pregnancy Andrea G. Kattah (USA)				
	Preeclampsia: What internist should know Vesna D. Garovic (USA)				



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14:35- 15:00	Questions & Answers All speakers		Questions & Answers All speakers
15:00- 15:15		<i>Refreshment break</i>	
	PART 2		PART 4
15:15- 15:35	Prediabetes: really just “Pre”? Pharmacological treatment options based on the patient's phenotype and clinical profile Leszek Czupryniak (Poland)		Lupus nephritis: Redefining treatment goals Fernando Fervenza (USA)
15:35- 15:55	Diabetes treatment in older age groups: Is there consistency between guidelines and common sense? Tali Cukierman-Yaffe (Israel)		Monoclonal gammopathy and kidney Ladan Zand (USA)
15:55- 16:15	What are the evidence-based recommendations for the dietary management of diabetes? Dario Rahelić (Croatia)		When to think about genetic testing in kidney disease Mireille El Ters (USA)
16:15- 16:35	In the era of drugs that effectively reduce body weight and normalize glycemia, is there still a place for bariatric surgery? Johanna Brix (Austria)		Open panel discussion
16:35- 17:00	Questions & Answers All speakers		

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