

New perspectives for cellular immunotherapy in hematological malignancies

A scientific symposium celebrating the 20-year anniversary
of the Section Stem Cell Transplantation
at the University Hospital Heidelberg

June 19 & 20, 2026

Lecture Hall, Medical Clinic, Im Neuenheimer Feld 410, 69120 Heidelberg

Program Day 1

Friday, June 19, 2026

11:00-11:30	Wellcome get-together with fingerfood	
11:30-12:30	Opening (60 min)	
11:30	Welcome	
	Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Heidelberg	Michael Boutros
	Director Clinic Internal Medicine V	Carsten-Müller-Tidow
11:50	20 years Section SCT: What have we achieved and what are the next steps?	
	Introduction	Anthony D. Ho
	Presentation	Peter Dreger
12:30-14:00	Cellular therapy lymphoma: Cutting edge old meets new (90 min)	
12:30	T-cell lymphoma	Norbert Schmitz
	Large B-cell lymphoma	Bertram Glass
	Mantle cell lymphoma	Sascha Dietrich
	CLL/T-PLL	Olivier Tournilhac
14:00-14:30	Coffee break 1	
14:30-16:30	Complications of allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation: New strategies (120 min)	
14:30	EASIX for prediction of endothelial complications and beyond	Thomas Luft

14:50	Understanding GVHD pathomechanisms for defining new therapeutic standards	Robert Zeiser
	Debate: will ptCY replace ATG for GVHD prophylaxis? No Yes	Jürgen Finke Andrea Bacigalupo
15:40	HLA-DP disparity in alloHCT: friend or foe?	Fred Falkenburg
16:00	Cellular therapy for EBV-PTLD and beyond	Kiavash Farid
16:15	Innovative approaches to post-transplant CMV management	Anita Schmitt
16:30-17:00	Coffee break 2	
17:00-19:00	Keynote Session (120min)	
Keynote 1 (40min)	50 years of EBMT: what have we gained and what can we offer today?	Anna Sureda
Impuls 1 (15min)	INTEGRATE-ATMP: Blaupause für integrierte Patientenversorgung (<i>in German</i>)	Maria-Luisa Schubert
Impuls 2 (15min)	Patientennetzwerke am Beispiel der CLL-Family	Harald Krug
Keynote 2 (40min)	Moderne Krebstherapie: Was darf ein Lebensjahr kosten?	Giovanno Maio

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Program Day 2

Saturday, June 20, 2026

9:00-11:00	Allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation/ cellular immunotherapy in today's treatment landscapes of hematological malignancies (120 min)	
	ALL	Matthias Stelljes
	The role of MRD in guiding treatment decisions in acute leukemia	Monika Brüggemann
	AML	Caroline Pabst
	MDS	Guido Kobbe
	MPN	Nicolaus Kröger
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-14:00	Immune effector cells and cell-based gene therapies: New horizons (150 min)	
11:30-12:10	Academic CARTs for clinical practice The EMA perspective The manufacturer's perspective	Julio Delgado Michael Schmitt
12:10-12:30	National Gene and Cell Therapy registry Germany – how can it cover the needs of an expanding gene and cell therapy landscape?	Andreas Ziegler
12:30-13:00	Genome editing for allogeneic cellular therapy	Waseem Qasim
13:00-13:20	Where HCT meets gene therapy: Stem cell gene editing for optimizing HCT	Tim Sauer
13:20-13:40	Hemoglobinopathies: HCT or gene therapy?	Andreas Kulozik
13:40-14:00	Closing remarks and thanks	Peter Dreger
14:00	Farewell pick-up lunch	

Faculty

Prof. Dr. Andrea Bacigalupo, Rom (IT)

Prof. Dr. Michael Boutros, Heidelberg

Prof. Dr. Monika Brüggemann, Kiel

Prof. Dr. Julio Delgado, Barcelona (SP)

Prof. Dr. Sascha Dietrich, Düsseldorf

Prof. Dr. Peter Dreger, Heidelberg

Prof. Dr. Fred Falkenburg, Leiden (NL)

Dr. Kiavash Farid, Heidelberg

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Finke, Freiburg

Prof. Dr. Bertram Glaß, Berlin

Prof. Dr. Anthony Ho, Heidelberg

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Prof. Dr. Nicolaus Kröger, Hamburg

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Prof. Dr. Johann Greil, Heidelberg

Prof. Dr. Uwe Martens, Heilbronn

Prof. Kai Neben, Baden-Baden

Prof. Dr. Stefan Schönland, Heidelberg

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is now 40 years since the first autologous blood stem cell transplantation was performed in Heidelberg. Being one of the first PBSCTs world-wide, this pioneer achievement was the cornerstone for the rapidly evolving Heidelberg stem cell transplantation activity and laid the ground for founding the Section Stem Cell Transplantation in 2005. With more than 200 autologous and 100 allogeneic transplants per year, the Heidelberg stem cell transplantation program is now the largest in Germany with particular focus on lymphoproliferative diseases and myeloma.

To celebrate this anniversary and the recent performance of the 1000th allogeneic transplantation in Heidelberg, we would like to welcome you to our symposium highlighting recent advances in stem cell transplantation and immune therapy. We are happy that we can dedicate this conference to Professor Anthony D. Ho on the occasion of his 65th birthday. Professor Ho was not only personally involved in the very first stem cell transplantation and a founding member of the Heidelberg transplant program, but has also largely contributed to its outstanding development and accounted for the successful expansion of its allogeneic part.

We are proud and grateful that we can present you a unique faculty of international experts in stem cell transplantation and immune therapy (most of them with Heidelbergian roots!) and are looking forward to two days of exciting science.

Peter Dreger Alwin Krämer Hanns-Martin Lorenz
on behalf of the Organizational Committee

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