

Postgraduate course programme

Expanding the Horizon: Frontiers in Managing Classical and Emerging Hepatitis Viruses

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Day 1 27 November 2026

13:00-13:15	Welcome and introduction İmran Hasanoglu (TR), Sumit Kumar Rawat (IN), Oana Sandulescu (RO)
	Session I: Viral Hepatitis Diagnostics: When to Test, What to Trust, and How to Act <i>Chair: Sumit Kumar Rawat</i>
13:15 - 13:45	Novel diagnostics: NGS, multiplex PCR, and point-of-care platforms Zeinab Nabil Ahmed Said (EG)
13:45 – 14:15	Double-reflex testing for HDV and emerging biomarker strategies Federico García (ES)
14: 15 – 14:45	Interactive breakout: Case-based diagnostic dilemmas Anand Kulkarni (IN)
14:45 – 15:15	Break
	Session II: The Overlooked Trio: Revisiting HDV, HEV, and HAV <i>Chair: Oana Sandulescu</i>
15:15 – 15:45	HDV: A neglected threat and new treatment opportunities TBA
15:45 – 16:15	HEV: From pregnancy to transplant Antonio Rivero-Juarez (SPA)
16:15 – 16:45	HAV: Revisiting an old virus with new epidemiological patterns Sumit Rawat (IN)
16:45 – 17:00	Break
	Session III: The Classical Corner – HBV and HCV in 2026 <i>Chair: Rahmet Güner</i>
17:00 – 17:30	HBV in 2026: Practical Updates from the Latest Global Guidelines İmran Hasanoglu (TR)
17:30 – 18:00	HCV at the Edge: Cirrhosis, Cancer, and Hidden Challenges Eduardo Yopez Guevara (USA)
18:00 – 18:30	Unfinished Stories: Resistance and Reinfection in Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Oana Sandulescu (RO)
18:30 – 19:00	Day 1 Wrap-up / Q&A

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Day 2 28 November 2026

Session IV: Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers and the Liver: What Clinicians Need to Know

Chair: Nurcan Baykam (TR)

Yellow Fever and Dengue: Hepatotropic arboviruses
TBA

11:00 – 11:30

11:30 -12:00

Beyond Bleeding: Liver Injury in CCHF and Its Growing Relevance Across Europe
Nurcan Baykam (TR)

12:00 -12:30

Managing the Unmanageable: A Clinical Perspective on Ebola and Lassa Fever
TBA

12:30 – 13:30

Break

Session V: Risk Stratification in Viral Hepatitis: Microbiome, Biomarkers and Predictive Models

Chair: Antonio Rivero-Juarez

13:30 – 14:00

Microbial Signatures Associated with Severe Hepatitis and Accelerated Disease Progression
Sumit Rawat (IN)

14:00 -14:30

Predictive tools for cirrhosis and HCC in hepatitis patients
Güle Çınar (TR)

14:30 – 15:00

Promising Biomarkers for Disease Progression and Treatment Response in Viral Hepatitis
Ashish Kumar Vyas (IN)

15:00 – 15:30

Break

Session VI: Managing Viral Hepatitis in the Immunocompromised Host

Chair: Murat Akova

15:30 – 16:00

CMV and the Liver: When is Antiviral Therapy Really Needed?
Murat Akova (TR)

16:00 -16:30

HBV/HCV Viremic Organ Donors: What is Acceptable in 2026?
İmran Hasanoğlu (TR)

16:30 -17:00

Reactivation of Hepatitis Viruses in Cancer Patients
Harrys A. Torres (USA)

17:00 – 17:30

Day 2 Wrap-up/ Q&A

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Day 3 29 November 2026

Session VII: Hidden Layers of Hepatitis: Metabolic Disease, Missed Populations, and Missed Goals

Chair: İmran Hasanoglu

12:00 – 12:30	The Overlapping Burden: Managing MASLD in Patients with HBV and HCV Neven Papic (CRO)
12:30 – 13:00	Elimination goals: Are we leaving complex patients behind? Oana Sandulescu (RO)
13:00 -13:30	Viral hepatitis surveillance and outbreak response in Europe Gülşen Özkaya Şahin (SWE)
13:30 – 14:00	Break
Session VII: Current Challenges and Future Directions <i>Chair: Neven Papic</i>	
14:00 – 14:30	HBV Cure Strategies: Antivirals, immune modulation, and new molecules Ediz Tütüncü (TR)
14:30 -15:00	HCV Vaccine Development: Challenges and opportunities Zeinab Nabil Ahmed Said (EG)
15:00 – 15:30	Preventing perinatal HBV transmission in the antiviral era Ashish Kumar Vyas (IN)
15:30 – 16:00	Break
Session VIII: Building Bridges: Global Collaboration in Viral Hepatitis Research <i>Chair: Federico García</i>	
16:00 – 16:30	From Idea to Impact: The Journey of a European Collaboration – The ONWARD COST Action Story Antonio Rivero-Juarez (SPA)
16:30 -17:00	Open Forum: Cross-Continent Perspectives in Viral Hepatitis Imran Hasanoglu (TR), Oana Sandulescu (RO), Sumit Rawat (IN), Zeinab Nabil Ahmed Said (EG), Harrys A. Torres (USA)
17:00 – 17:30	Closing remarks

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