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BJCN 2025 Annual Assembly
BJCN-MORÉ 2025 National Oncology Conference

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Cervical cancer management

Prevention and patient pathway with quality indicators

GRADE approach – contextualization and adaptation in national guidelines

Anthroposophical medicine – a spiritual-scientific aspect to oncology

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9 – 12 October 2025

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

October 9, 2025, Thursday

14:00 – 14:15 Official opening

14:15 – 16:35 **FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

Diagnostic and pretherapeutic issues in cervical cancer

Chairman: *Assoc. Prof. I. Karagyozev*

14:15 – 14:30 Genomic profiles – clinical, immune and therapeutic correlations

Dr. L. Balabanski, Acad. Prof. D. Toncheva

14:35 – 14:50 From precursor lesions to invasive carcinoma

Assoc. Prof. V. Ivanova

14:55 – 15:10 Pathological staging with FIGO 2018 and AJCC 2021 – parallels and reclassifications

Assoc. Prof. I. Ivanov

15:15 – 15:30 Bulgaria – between HPV vaccination and screening program

Assoc. Prof. Karagyozev

15:35 – 15:50 Cervical cytopathology – half old, half new

Assoc. Prof. S. Bachurska

15:55 – 16:10 MRI vs CT for initial staging – advantages and equivalents

Assoc. Prof. M. Penkov, Assoc. Prof. P. Getsov, Dr. S. Nedyalkova

16:15 – 16:30 Squamous cell tumor antigen (SCC Ag) – prognostic and predictive role

Dr. V. Koleva

16:35 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:00 Industry Supported Symposium

18:05 – 19:35 Symposium *Varia*

20:00 Dinner *Welcome*

October 10, 2025, Friday

09:00 – 10:20 SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Invasive and presurgical strategies in cervical cancer

Chairman: *Prof. J. Kornowski*

09:00 – 09:15 Colposcopy and conization – separate or complementary

Prof. S. Kovachev

09:20 – 09:35 Preoperative sentinel lymph node mapping – hybrid techniques and clinical utility

Assoc. Prof. V. Hajjiska

09:40 – 09:55 Sentinel lymph biopsy – alternative or standard

Assoc. Prof. A. Jordanov

10:00 – 10:15 Cervical cancer in the context of multiple primary cancers

Dr. M. Koleva

10:20 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:55 FIRST JOINT *BJCN-CCI4EU* SESSION

Cervical cancer: Prevention and patient pathways with quality indicators

Moderators: *Assoc. Prof. M. Penkov, M. Pharm. Ivaylo Petrov*

12:00 – 12:15 Official Ceremony: Presentation of the Annual Award *BJCN-MORE* – for contribution to Bulgarian clinical oncology

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Industry Supported Symposium

14:35 – 15:35 Industry Supported Symposium

15:40 – 17:20 THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Surgical strategies in cervical cancer

Chairman: *Acad. Prof. G. Gorchev*

15:40 – 15:55 Preoperative conization in the early stage – a multimodal strategy

Prof. J. Kornowski

16:00 – 16:15 Surgery with early-stage fertility-preserving strategies

Assoc. Prof. N. Hinkova

16:20 – 16:35 Minimally invasive early-stage hysterectomy – operative or oncological benefits

Acad. Prof. G. Gorchev

16:40 – 16:55 Pelvic lymph node dissection at an early stage – when we can skip it

Prof. P. Markov

17:00 – 17:15 Surgery for recurrent disease

Prof. S. Tomov

17:20 – 17:45 Coffee break

17:45 – 18:15 SECOND JOINT BJCN SESSION

Integrative Oncology

Chairman: *Dr. P. Zagorchev*

18:20 – 19:20 Industry Supported Symposium

20:00 Dinner

October 11, 2025, Saturday

09:00 – 10:10 THIRD JOINT BJCN SESSION

Anthroposophical medicine – a spiritual-scientific perspective on clinical oncology

Moderator: *Dr. Marion Debus*

10:15 – 11:15 Industry Supported Symposium

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 12:45 Industry Supported Symposium

12:45 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 16:30 FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Radiation and systemic approaches in cervical cancer

Chairman: *Assoc. Prof. A. Konsoulova*

13:30 – 13:45 Integration of radiopharmaceuticals in PET-guided radiotherapy and PET-adaptive therapy

Prof. E. Piperkova, Assoc. Prof. L. Chavdarova

13:50 – 14:05 Radiochemotherapy in locally advanced disease with new simultaneous combinations (ICIs, AAAs, PARPi)

Prof. T. Hadjieva, Dr. D. Ivanova



14:10 – 14:25 Role of additional brachytherapy in the postoperative aspect

Dr. K. Nedev

14:30 – 14:45 Intraoperative radiotherapy in recurrent disease

Prof. I. Mihailova

14:50 – 15:05 Re-irradiation (re-irradiation) in recurrent disease

Assoc. Prof. V. Popov

15:10 – 15:25 Refined systemic strategies based on molecular targets

Dr. R. Mangalzhiev

15:30 – 15:45 Neoadjuvant chemotherapy – before chemotherapy or before radical surgery

Dr. K. Koynov

15:50 – 16:05 Adjuvant chemotherapy – evidence and objections

Assoc. Prof. A. Konsoulova

16:10 – 16:25 Systemic strategies in cervical neuroendocrine carcinoma

Dr. T. Zlatanova

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:15 FOURTH JOINT BJCN SESSION

The GRADE approach: contextualization and adaptation in national oncology guidelines

Moderator: *Prof. Alexander Yulianov*

18:20 – 19:20 Industry Supported Symposium

19:20 – 19:30 Closing of the scientific conference

20:00 Formal dinner

October 12, 2025, Sunday

09:00 – 12:00 BJCN GENERAL MEETING

12:00 – 12:10 Closing of the annual general assembly