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Bulgarian Joint Cancer Network (BJCN) Annual Assembly 2025

BJCN-MORE 2025 National Oncology Conference

Management of Cervical Cancer

Prevention and the Patient Pathway with Quality Indicators

The GRADE Approach – Contextualization and Adaptation in National Guidelines

9 – 11 October 2025

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Thursday, 9 October 2025

15:00 – 15:15 Official Opening Ceremony

15:15 – 17:35 FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Diagnostic and Pretreatment Challenges in Cervical Cancer

Chair: *Assoc. Prof. Dr. I. Karagyzov*

15:15 – Molecular Pathogenetic Mechanisms of HPV-Induced Cervical Carcinoma
Dr. L. Balabanski, Acad. Prof. Dr. D. Toncheva

15:35 – 15:50 From Precursor Lesions to Invasive Carcinoma
Assoc. Prof. Dr. V. Ivanova

15:55 – 16:10 Pathological Staging with FIGO 2018 and AJCC 2021 – Parallels and
Reclassifications
Assoc. Prof. Dr. I. Ivanov

16:15 – 16:30 Bulgaria – Between HPV Vaccination and Screening Programme
Assoc. Prof. Dr. I. Karagyzov

16:35 – 16:50 Cervical Cytopathology – Partly Old, Partly New
Assoc. Prof. Dr. S. Bachurska

16:55 – 17:10 MRI Versus CT for Initial Staging – Advantages and Equivalencies
*Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Penkov, Assoc. Prof. P. Getsov, Dr. S. Nedyalkova, Assoc. Prof.
Dr. V. Stoyanova*

17:15 – 17:30 Squamous Cell Carcinoma Antigen (SCC Ag) – Prognostic and
Predictive Role
Dr. V. Koleva

**17:40 – 18:20 Industry-Supported Symposium – Varia-1**Chair: *Dr. K. Koynov*17:40 – 18:00 Corporate Presentation – *Novartis*18:00 – 18:20 Corporate Presentation – *Pfizer***19:00 Welcome Dinner****Friday, 10 October 2025****09:00 – 10:20 SECOND PLENARY SESSION****Presurgical Strategies in Cervical Cancer**Chair: *Prof. Dr. Y. Kornovski*

09:00 – 09:15 Preoperative Sentinel Lymph Node Mapping – Hybrid Techniques and Clinical Benefit

Assoc. Prof. Dr. V. Hadzhiyska

09:20 – 09:35 Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy – Alternative or Standard of Care?

Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Yordanov

09:40 – 09:55 Artificial Intelligence–Assisted Colposcopy in the Diagnosis of Premalignant and Malignant Cervical Lesions

*Prof. Dr. S. Kovachev*10:00 – 10:15 Cervical Cancer in the Context of Multiple Primary Cancers
*Dr. M. Koleva***10:20 – 10:45 Coffee Break****10:45 – 12:05 FIRST JOINT BJCN–CCI4EU SESSION****Cervical Cancer: Prevention and Patient Pathways with Quality Indicators**Moderators: *Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Penkov, MPharm. I. Petrov***12:05 – 13:05 Lunch****13:05 – 14:05 Industry-Supported Symposium – MSD****14:10 – 15:50 THIRD PLENARY SESSION****Surgical Strategies in Cervical Cancer**Chair: *Acad. Prof. Dr. G. Gorchev*

14:10 – 14:25 Preoperative Conization in Early-Stage Disease – A Multimodal Strategy

Prof. Dr. Y. Kornovski

14:30 – 14:45 Fertility-Sparing Surgical Strategies in Early-Stage Disease

Prof. Dr. N. Hinkova

14:50 – 15:05 Minimally Invasive Hysterectomy in Early-Stage Disease – Surgical or Oncologic Advantages?

Acad. Prof. Dr. G. Gorchev, Dr. D. Dimitrov



15:10 – 15:25 Pelvic Lymph Node Dissection in Early-Stage Disease – When Can It Be Omitted?

Prof. Dr. P. Markov

15:30 – 15:45 Surgery for Recurrent Disease

Corresponding Member Prof. Dr. S. Tomov, Dr. G. Prandzhev

15:50 – 16:20 Coffee Break

16:20 – 16:50 SECOND JOINT BJCN SESSION

Integrative Oncology

Chair: *Dr. P. Zagorchev*

16:20 – 16:35 The Role of Nutrition in Cervical Cancer

Prof. Dr. D. Naydenova, DM

16:35 – 16:50 Integrative Approach with Homeopathic Treatment During Radiotherapy for Malignant Neoplasms

Dr. P. Zagorchev

16:55 – 17:35 Industry-Supported Symposium – Pierre Fabre

17:40 – 18:40 Industry-Supported Symposium – Varia-2

Chair: *Dr. T. Zlatanova*

17:40 – 18:00 Corporate Presentation – *Roche*

18:00 – 18:20 Corporate Presentation

18:20 – 18:40 Corporate Presentation – *AstraZeneca*

19:30 Dinner

Saturday, 11 October 2025

09:00 – 10:40 FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Imaging and Radiotherapeutic Approaches in Cervical Cancer

Chair: *Prof. Dr. I. Mihaylova*

09:00 – 09:15 ¹⁸F-FDG PET/CT–Guided Radiotherapy and Systemic Therapy

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

09:20 – 09:35 Concurrent Chemoradiotherapy for Locally Advanced Disease with Novel Combination Strategies (ICIs, AAAs, PARPi)

Prof. Dr. T. Hadzhieva, Dr. D. Ivanova

09:40 – 09:55 The Role of Additional Brachytherapy in the Postoperative Setting

Dr. K. Nedev

10:00 – 10:15 Intraoperative Radiotherapy in Recurrent Disease

Prof. Dr. I. Mihaylova

10:20 – 10:35 *Re-irradiation in Recurrent Disease*

Assoc. Prof. Dr. V. Popov

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:20 FIFTH PLENARY SESSION****Systemic Strategies in Cervical Cancer**Chair: *Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Konsulova*

11:00 – 11:15 Precision Systemic Strategies Based on Molecular Targets

Dr. R. Mangaljev

11:20 – 11:35 Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy – Prior to Chemoradiotherapy or Radical Surgery

Dr. K. Koynov

11:40 – 11:55 Adjuvant Chemotherapy – Evidence and Controversies

Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Konsulova

12:00 – 12:15 Systemic Strategies in Neuroendocrine Cervical Carcinoma

*Dr. T. Zlatanova***12:20 – 12:35 Official Ceremony: Presentation of the Annual BJCN–MORE Award for Contributions to Bulgarian Clinical Oncology****12:35 – 13:35 Lunch****13:35 – 14:35 Industry-Supported Symposium – Swixx BioPharma****14:40 – 15:20 Industry-Supported Symposium – Varia-3**Chair: *Dr. R. Mangaljev*14:40 – 15:00 Corporate Presentation – *Astellas*15:00 – 15:20 Corporate Presentation – *Johnson & Johnson***15:25 – 17:00 THIRD JOINT BJCN SESSION****The GRADE Approach: Contextualization and Adaptation in National Oncology Guidelines**Moderator: *Prof. Dr. A. Julianov*

15:25 – 15:55 Keynote Lecture 1: The GRADE Approach – What Is New and How It Will Evolve

Prof. H. Schünemann

15:55 – 16:25 Keynote Lecture 2: GRADE and the BJCN Guidelines

Prof. G. Guyatt

16:25 – 16:40 A Patient-Oriented, GRADE-Based AI Assistant for Multidisciplinary Tumor Board Decision-Making: Design and Validation

H. Ivanov

17:40 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee Break**17:30 – 18:30 BJCN General Assembly****18:30 – 18:40 Official Closing Ceremony****19:30 Official Dinner**