

LATAM MasterCourse 2025 PROGRAM

April 1 to 5, 2025 (Montevideo, Uruguay) | LIVE PROGRAM

MODULE 2: BRAIN AND OTHER SOLID TUMORS

COURSE DAY 1: Brain and spinal tumors

8:15 – 8:30	Welcome and opening	Guillermo Chantada (FPS) Ney Castillo (FPS) Gertjan Kaspers (PMC)
08:30 – 09:00	Challenges for practising pediatric neuro-oncology in Latin America	Andrea Cappellano (SLAOP President)
09:00 – 09:15	Circulation to different rooms	

EXPERT SESSIONS:

Neuroimaging | **Henrique Lederman** (GRAACC)
Radiotherapy | **John Lucas** (SJCRH) and **Geert Janssens** (PMC)
Gliomas | **Andrea Cappellano** (GRAACC) and **Daniel Moreira** (SJCRH)
Medulloblastoma | **Sidnei Epelman** (TUCCA) and **Lorena Baroni** (HPG)

09:15 – 10:00	🟡 Session 1	
10:00 – 10:45	🟡 Session 2	

For expert sessions, the attendees will break-out in small groups. Each group will sit in a room to discuss topics of interest in the proposed area with one of the experts.

Three challenging questions will be prepared by the expert to discuss in an informal and interactive manner. In the subsequent expert sessions, the group will stay in the same room, whereas the experts will rotate to the other groups. These sessions are highly interactive and no Powerpoint slides are usually prepared. Discussions can be in Spanish if the expert is a Spanish-speaking person.

10:45 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:15	Interactive lecture: “Immune therapy in brain tumors”	Esther van Mastrigt (PMC) – online

Interactive lectures provide an overview and state-of-the-art update of the proposed topics with active participation of the attendees.

12:15 – 13:00	🟡 Session 3	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:15 – 15:00	🟡 Session 4	
15:00 – 15:05	Circulation	
15:05– 17:00	Multidisciplinary case discussion	Moderator: Lenneke Schrier (PMC) Expert panel: all faculty day 1 + 2

Three patient cases of spinal or brain tumors with a challenging diagnosis or treatment will be presented by the attendees (max 8 min) and discussed by the expert panel. Each case will take up to 30 minutes.

17:00– 17:45	Interactive lecture: Late effects of the treatment of CNS tumors	Ofelia Cruz (SJD)
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COURSE DAY 2: Brain and spinal tumors

08:30 - 08:35	Welcome and opening	
08:35 - 09:30	Neurological complications of the treatment of CNS tumors	Janneke van der Bergen (PMC)
09:30 - 09:50	PED Talk: The blood brain barrier	Dannis van Vuurden (PMC) online
<i>Comparable to a "TED Talk", during this PED (PEdiatrics) session valuable new knowledge, innovative research or implementation is shared in 18 minutes or less during a session which is meant to inspire attendees to improve care</i>		
09:50 - 10:10	PED Talk: How to connect health systems to improve care for patients with LGG?	Daniel Moreira (SJCRH)
10:10 - 10:30	PED Talk: Challenges for the pediatric neuro-oncologist in Latin America	Lorena Baroni (HPG)
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break	
EXPERT SESSIONS: Embryonal tumors Lorena Baroni (HPG) Germ cell tumors Andrea Cappellano (GRAACC) Ependymoma Ofelia Cruz (HSJD) Craniopharyngioma John Lucas (SJCRH) and Ramiro del Rio (HPG)		
11:00 - 11:45	● Session 1	
11:45 - 12:30	● Session 2	
12:30 - 13:15	● Session 3	
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 14:45	● Session 4	
14:45 - 15:00	Circulation	
15:00 - 15:45	Interactive lecture: Need for multidisciplinary approach, the key role of the neurosurgeon	Ramiro del Río (HPG)
15:45 - 16:30	Leadership session: research	Gertjan Kaspers (PMC)
16:30 - 17:30	Who is the Smartest?	Lenneke Schrier (PMC)

In a TV contest show format, attendees are invited to relax and have fun while testing what they have learned so far (and compete in groups :-)

COURSE DAY 3: Extracranial solid tumors

08:00 – 08:10	Welcome and opening	
08:15– 09:00	Keynote lecture (extracranial solid tumors): Immunotherapy in solid tumors	Lieve Tytgat (PMC)
09:00 – 10:00	Clinical and therapeutic advances in the management of Plexiform Neurofibromas in NF1	Héctor Salvador (SJD) . Sponsored by Alexion
10:00 – 11:00	Tumor board: Sarcomas (2 patient cases)	Moderator: Lenneke Schrier (PMC) ; TB members tbd (for RMS: Rutger Knops (PMC) , Miguel Ayerza (HIBA) , Claudio Silveri (CHPR))

During this simulated tumor board session, a group of pathologists, radiologists, (orthopedic) surgeons, radiotherapists, and pediatric oncologists review and discuss two new and complex cancer cases. The goal of a tumor board review is to decide as a group on the best individualized treatment plan for these patients.

11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
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EXPERT SESSIONS:

- Rhabdomyosarcoma** | **Rutger Knops (PMC)**
- Radiotherapy of bone sarcomas** | **John Lucas (SJCRRH)** and **Geert Janssens (PMC)**
- Surgery of bone sarcomas** | **Miguel Ayerza (HIBA)** and **Claudio Silveri (CHPR)**
- Hereditary cancer** | **Héctor Salvador (SJD)**

11:30 – 12:15	● Session 1	
12:15 – 13:00	● Session 2	
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 – 15:00	● Session 3	
15:00– 15:50	● Session 4	
16:00 – 16:30	Interactive lecture: Diagnostic and therapeutic challenges of head-and-neck tumors	Rutger Knops (PMC) and Geert Janssens (PMC)
16:30 – 17:30	Q&A session	Moderator: Gertjan Kaspers (PMC) ; all faculty day 3 & 4

During the Q&A session, participants can ask questions to the expert panel about any of the webinars about extracranial solid tumors.

COURSE DAY 4: Extracranial solid tumors

08:30 - 08:35	Welcome and opening	
08:35 - 10:00	Multidisciplinary case discussion	Moderator: Gertjan Kaspers (PMC) Expert panel: all faculty day 3 & 4
<i>Three patient cases of extracranial solid tumors with a challenging diagnosis or treatment will be presented by the attendees (max 8 min) and discussed by the expert panel. Each case will take up to 30 minutes.</i>		
10:00 - 10:10	Circulation	

EXPERT SESSIONS

Diagnosis of neuroblastoma: Imaging | **Henrique Lederman** (GRAACC) – **Biological factors** | **Lucia D’Andrea** (FPS)
Treatment of neuroblastoma | **Lieve Tytgat** (PMC)
Diagnosis of Wilms tumor | **Laura Galluzzo** (HPG)
Treatment of Wilms tumor | **Marry vd Heuvel** (PMC)

10:10 - 11:00	● Session 1	
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 - 12:15	● Session 2	
12:15 - 13:00	● Session 3	
13:00 - 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 - 15:00	● Session 4	
15:00 - 15:45	Treatment of neuroblastoma in the age of in the age of immunotherapy	Jaume Mora (SJD) online
15:45 - 16:30	Interactive lecture: Real-life results in the treatment of neuroblastoma in Latin America	Fabiana Morosini (FPS)
16:30 - 17:30	Keynote lecture: Current controversies in the treatment of Wilms tumor	Marry vd Heuvel (PMC)


During this workshop, attendees are presented with different assignments which they will first discuss and review in a small group and then present to all attendees (with expert input).

COURSE DAY 5: Overlapping themes

08:30 - 08:35	Welcome and opening	
08:35 - 09:30	Technological and implementational challenges for modern radiotherapy in middle-income countries.	John Lucas (SJCRH) and Geert Janssens (PMC)
09:30 - 11:00	Workshop: Critical care in patients with solid tumors	Silvio Torres (HUA)
<i>Three patient cases of extracranial solid tumors with a challenging diagnosis or treatment will be presented by the attendees (max 8 min) and discussed by the expert panel. Each case will take up to 30 minutes.</i>		
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 - 12:30	Interactive lecture: Myths and facts of palliative care, end-of-life decisions and euthanasia	Arjanne van Norel (PMC) online; Ernesto Gil Deza (IOHM) online. Moderators Ney Castillo (FPS)
12:30 - 13:00	Interactive lecture: Advanced care planning (Co-Impact)	Lenneke Schrier (PMC)
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch and farewell	

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