

EULVIC 2020

2nd European Large Vessel Vasculitis Imaging Course

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EULAR Endorsed Course



Dear Colleagues,

Large vessel vasculitis (LVV) is the most common form of primary vasculitis comprising giant cell arteritis (GCA) and Takayasu arteritis (TA).

While a positive temporal artery biopsy has been the gold standard for the diagnosis of GCA for long time, and conventional angiography was used to diagnose TA, recent EULAR recommendations for the use of imaging in LVV point out the importance of imaging as a first-line test for diagnosing LVV. Imaging modalities used in LVV include ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), 18F-FDG positron emission tomography (PET) and computed tomography (CT).

The objective of this course is to improve the competency of rheumatologists and other professionals across the world to use these imaging techniques to assess patients with (suspected) LVV. In addition, skills to read histopathology of temporal arteries should be improved. This course is targeted at all professionals investigating and/or managing patients with LVV.

Apart from theoretical lectures, the course will contain live demonstrations and practical workshops. In practical ultrasound workshops, healthy individuals and LVV patients will be examined under supervision of tutors; in practical workshops on MRI, PET and CT, participants will work under supervision to analyse images. Histopathology will be taught in a theoretical and practical session.

Looking forward to welcome you to EULVIC 2020 in the Heart of the Alps!

Best regards

Christina Duftner and Christian Dejaco

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Course structure

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Participants

The number of participants is limited to 60.

Registration

The course is open to participants from all EULAR countries. Participants from other countries are equally welcomed.

“EULVIC” is a targeted program for rheumatologists and other professionals with an interest in large vessel vasculitis (LVV), particularly giant cell arteritis (GCA) and Takayasu arteritis (TA). Total participation will be limited due to venue capacity.

Registration fee of 990,- Euros includes

- Participation in the whole scientific program
- Conference material
- All coffee breaks, lunch and welcome reception
- Accommodation for a maximum of two nights

CME accreditation

We will claim 17 European CME credits (ECMEC[®]s) from the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME[®]), as well as 17 educational points (DFP) from the Austrian Medical Chamber.

Sponsorship

Ultrasound machines will be requested (for free) from ultrasound companies like Canon, GE and Samsung. The sponsors have no influence on the program, its content or speakers.

Evaluation

The meeting will be evaluated online after the meeting.

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Scientific program – DAY 1

October 15, 2020

15.00	Start of registration	
16.00	Welcome	Christian Dejaco
Imaging in the diagnosis and monitoring of LVV		
16.10	Giant cell arteritis – need for early diagnosis and therapy	Christian Dejaco
16.40	Diagnostic challenges of Large vessel vasculitis – GCA and Takayasu arteritis	Bhaskar Dasgupta
17.10	Imaging for monitoring and prognosis of LVV	Valentin Schäfer
17.40	Secondary large vessel vasculitis in rheumatoid arthritis and other rheumatic diseases	Cristina Ponte
18.10	End of day 1	

Scientific program – DAY 2

October 16, 2020 - Morning

Ultrasound in LVV		
8.30	How to correctly adjust your ultrasound equipment to perform a vascular ultrasonographic examination	Christina Duftner
8.50	Ultrasound of the temporal arteries: Technique, pitfalls and pathological findings	Wolfgang Schmidt
9.15	Acute versus chronic lesions in LVV - current available definitions	Stavros Chrysidis
9.30	<i>Live Demonstration:</i> Ultrasound of temporal arteries	Wolfgang Schmidt
9.40	<i>Workshop:</i> Ultrasound of temporal arteries in healthy individuals and patients with GCA	All faculty
11.10 Coffee break		
11.30	Ultrasound of peripheral large arteries: Techniques, pitfalls and pathological findings	Andreas Diamantopoulos
11.50	<i>Live Demonstration:</i> Ultrasound of peripheral large arteries	Andreas Diamantopoulos
12.00	<i>Workshop:</i> Ultrasound of peripheral large arteries in healthy individuals and patients with LVV (GCA and TA)	All faculty
13.30 Lunch break		

Scientific program – DAY 2

October 16, 2020 - Afternoon

PET in LVV		
14.30	PET technology for the assessment of arteries and the aorta	Riemer Slart
14.50	PET scoring methodologies for the assessment of LVV	Riemer Slart
15.10	PET for diagnosis and assessment of LVV, differential diagnoses and pitfalls	Riemer Slart
15.30	<i>Workshop:</i> Assessment of PET images under the supervision of the tutor	Riemer Slart
16.30	Coffee break	
MRI in LVV		
16.45	MRI techniques for assessment of cranial and peripheral arteries and the aorta	Thorsten Bley
17.15	MRI for the assessment of cranial and peripheral arteries as well as the aorta in LVV, differential diagnoses and pitfalls	Thorsten Bley
17.45	<i>Workshop:</i> Assessment of MRI images under the supervision of the tutor	Thorsten Bley
19.00	End of day 2	

Scientific program – DAY 3

October 17, 2020

Histopathology in GCA		
9.00	Histology of normal arteries and pathological findings in patients with GCA	Alberto Cavazza
9.30	<i>Workshop:</i> Assessment of histological sections of normal arteries and sections from patients with GCA	Alberto Cavazza
10.30	Coffee break	
CT in LVV		
11.00	CT techniques for the assessment of arteries and the aorta	Thorsten Bley
11.20	CT for diagnosis and assessment of LVV, differential diagnoses and pitfalls	Thorsten Bley
11.45	<i>Workshop:</i> Assessment of CT images under the supervision of the tutor	Thorsten Bley
13.00	Concluding remarks and course end	Christian Dejaco
13.30	End of the course	

Welcome to Innsbruck

Innsbruck is the capital city of Tyrol in western Austria and the fifth-largest city in Austria. Located in the heart of the alps between high mountains Innsbruck hosted the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics as well as the first Winter Youth Olympics in 2012.

The name Innsbruck translates as „Inn bridge“

Arriving by plane

Many people say that the flight over the Tyrolean Alps to Innsbruck is one of the most spectacular anywhere in the world. Innsbruck Airport is served by frequent scheduled flights from major cities like Frankfurt, London, Amsterdam and Vienna.

The airport is located in the west in close proximity to the city. Bus line F takes travellers to the city centre „ANICHSTRASSE/RATHAUSGALERIE“ (and close to the venue) in around 5 minutes. A taxi ride costs about 15.- €

Arriving by train

The main train station Innsbruck Hauptbahnhof is 10 min. walking distance from the venue. As an alternative you can take the buses A, B, R or 504. Austrian Federal Railways provide frequent connections to all major Austrian cities, Vienna International Airport, to Germany via Munich, and to Italy via Verona

Arriving by car

Innsbruck is located at the motorway intersection of A12 (Inntalautobahn) from Germany (Rosenheim) and the A13 (Brennerautobahn) from Italy.

Please note: for all Austrian motorways a toll-sticker is required, for the Brennerautobahn additional toll fees apply

Venue address for your navigation system:

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