

EULVIC 2025

7th European Large Vessel Vasculitis Imaging Course

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Program

Short version

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Dear Colleagues,

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

For a long time, a positive temporal artery biopsy was considered the gold standard for diagnosing GCA, while conventional angiography was used for TA. However, the recent updated EULAR recommendations on imaging in LVV emphasize the importance of imaging as a first-line diagnostic tool. Imaging modalities applied in LVV include ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), 18F-FDG positron emission tomography (PET), and computed tomography (CT).

There is also increasing recognition of the overlap between GCA and polymyalgia rheumatica (PMR), and imaging is gaining importance for both the diagnosis and monitoring of PMR.

The objective of this course is to enhance the skills of rheumatologists and other healthcare professionals worldwide in using these imaging techniques for the assessment of patients with (suspected) LVV. In addition, the ability to interpret temporal artery histopathology will be strengthened. Furthermore, we have included scientific sessions and workshops focusing on the role of imaging in the diagnosis and follow-up of PMR.

This course is designed for all professionals involved in the investigation and/or management of patients with LVV. In addition to theoretical lectures, it will feature live demonstrations and hands-on workshops. In the practical ultrasound workshops, healthy volunteers as well as patients with LVV and PMR will be examined under tutor supervision. In the MRI, PET, and CT workshops, participants will analyze images under expert guidance. Histopathology will be taught through both theoretical and practical sessions.

We look forward to an inspiring and enjoyable time together at EULVIC 2025 in the Heart of the Alps!

Best regards,

Christian Dejaco, Christina Duftner, and Wolfgang Schmidt

GENERAL INFORMATION

European Large Vessel Vasculitis Imaging Course (EULVIC)

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Course opening	Thursday, October 2nd, 2025 - h 12 30
Course closing	Saturday, October 4th, 2025 - h 13 30
Participants	The number of participants is limited to 60. The course is open to participants from all EULAR countries.
CME accreditation	We will claim 17 educational points.
Official language	English
Congress Venue	AC Hotel - Marriott Salurner Str. 15, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria https://www.marriott.de/hotels/travel/innac-ac-hotel-innsbruck/
Course structure	Apart from theoretical lectures, the course will contain live demonstrations and practical workshops. In practical ultrasound workshops, healthy individuals and LVV ($\pm$ PMR) patients will be examined under supervision of tutors; in practical workshops on MRI, PET and CT, participants will work under supervision on tablets to analyze images. Histopathology will be taught in a theoretical and practical session.
Registration fee	Fee for participation is 1190,- Euros <i>Registration fee includes:</i> - Participation in the whole scientific program - Conference material - All coffee breaks, lunch and welcome reception - Accommodation for a maximum of two nights
Evaluation	The meeting will be evaluated online afterward.
Sponsorship	Unrestricted grants for support has been granted from AbbVie, Novartis, Sanofi, Alfasigma and Fresenius. Ultrasound machines will be provided free of charge by Canon, Samsung and KMT. The sponsors have no influence on the program, its content or speaker.
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PROGRAM

Thursday, October 2, 2025

12.00 Registration

13.00 Welcome Christian Dejaco

Imaging in the diagnosis and monitoring of LVV

13.10 Imaging for the diagnosis of LVV: international recommendations Christian Dejaco

13.40 Imaging for monitoring of disease activity of LVV Luca Seitz

14.05 Imaging for monitoring of damage in LVV Sara Monti

14.30 Secondary large vessel vasculitis in Rheumatoid arthritis and other rheumatic diseases Cristina Ponte

14.50 Acute versus chronic lesions in LVV – current available definitions Stavros Chrysidis

15.20 Coffee break

Ultrasound in LVV (Part 1)

15.40 How to correctly adjust your ultrasound equipment to perform a vascular ultrasonographic examination Christina Duftner

15.50 Ultrasound of the temporal arteries: Technique, pitfalls and pathological findings Wolfgang Schmidt

16.05 **Live Demonstration:** Ultrasound of temporal arteries Alojzija Hocevar

16.30 **Workshop:** Ultrasound of temporal arteries and other cranial arteries in healthy individuals All faculty

17.30 Coffee break

17.50 Ultrasound of peripheral large arteries: Techniques, pitfalls and pathological findings in patients with LVV and PMR Andreas Diamantopoulos

18.10 **Live Demonstration:** Ultrasound of peripheral large arteries Berit Dalsgaard Nielsen

Late Afternoon Symposium supported by Sanofi

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Advancing PMR Management: New Guidelines and Case-Based Insights

18.45 New PMR-Guidelines from Germany, Austria and Switzerland Günter Weiss

to Case presentation Wolfgang Schmidt

19.15 Take Home message Wolfgang Schmidt and Günter Weiss

19:45 Get Together at Pippilotta

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Friday, October 3, 2025

PET in LVV

8.30	PET technology for the assessment of arteries and the aorta	Riemer Slart
8.45	PET for diagnosis and assessment of LVV, differential diagnoses and pitfalls, PET-scoring of LVV	Riemer Slart
9.10	Workshop: Assessment of PET images under the supervision of the tutor	Riemer Slart

10.20 Coffee break

Ultrasound in LVV (Part 2)

10.45	Workshop: Ultrasound of temporal arteries and other cranial arteries in patients with GCA	All faculty 
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Lunch Symposium supported by Abbvie

12.00	Discuss a giant cell arteritis (GCA) management approach to achieving remission	Sara Monti
to	Evaluate glucocorticoid-sparing strategies and emerging GCA therapies	Sara Monti
13.00	Apply approaches for monitoring and maintaining treatment response	Sara Monti

Ultrasound in LVV (Part 3)

13.15	Workshop: Ultrasound of peripheral large arteries in healthy individuals and patients with LVV (GCA and TA)	All faculty
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Imaging in the diagnosis and monitoring of PMR

14.45	Value of imaging for the diagnosis and monitoring of PMR – the evidence	Victoria Konzett
15.05	Characteristic ultrasound findings in patients with PMR	Kornelis van der Geest
15.25	Live Demonstration: Shoulder ultrasound in a patient with PMR	Wolfgang Schmidt
15.45	Workshop: Ultrasound of shoulders and hips in patients with PMR and healthy controls	All faculty

16.45 Coffee break

MRI in PMR

17.00	Characteristic MRI findings in patients with PMR	Martin Fruth
17.25	Workshop: Assessment of MRI images under the supervision of the tutor	Martin Fruth

18.30 Conference Dinner at Restaurant Seegrube

Saturday, October 4, 2025

MRI in LVV

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| 8.45 | MRI for the assessment of cranial and peripheral arteries as well as the aorta in LVV, differential diagnoses and pitfalls | Konstanze Guggenberger |
| 9.15 | Workshop: Assessment of MRI images under the supervision of the tutor | Konstanze Guggenberger |

Histopathology in GCA

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| 10.15 | Histology of normal arteries and pathological findings in patients with GCA ($\pm$ PMR) | Alberto Cavazza |
| 10.45 | Workshop: Assessment of histological sections of normal arteries and sections from patients with GCA | Alberto Cavazza |

11.45 Coffee break

CT in LVV

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| 12.00 | CT for diagnosis and assessment of LVV, differential diagnoses and pitfalls | Konstanze Guggenberger |
| 12.30 | Workshop: Assessment of CT images under the supervision of the tutor | Konstanze Guggenberger |
| 13.30 | Concluding remarks and course end | Christian Dejaco |

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