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INTERCEPTION OF ORAL CANCER DEVELOPMENT

4th OPMDay Annual Congress

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Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders Day

A two-day conference to investigate Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders, with experts from various disciplines, including biomolecular researchers, pathologists, surgeons, dentists, medical oncologists, patient representatives, and experts in medico-economics, from Europe and beyond.

KEY TOPICS

- ✓ Day 1 – INTERCEPTOR Day
 - Working Group sessions
 - Management Committee meeting
- ✓ Day 2 – OPMDay conference

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University of Zagreb, School of Dental Medicine –
 Zagreb – Croatia, June 12th–13th

DAY 1 – 12 th of June 2025 – INTERCEPTOR Day		
	Topic	Who
08:30-08:45	Registration and check-in	
08:45-09:00	Welcome & objectives of the day	
09:00-10:30	Working Group plenary session - Summarize past initiatives (30min) - Discuss the next steps and activities (STSMs, TS, Dissemination grants...)	Sequentially: - WGs 1, 2, 3 and 6 (15') - WGs 4,5 (15') - WG7 (15')
10:30-11:00	**coffee break**	
11:00-12:00	Poster Session 1 - 6 short talks (10') <i>Moderator: Prof. Ana Andabak Rogulj</i>	
12:00-13:30	**lunch break**	
13:30-14:45	OPMDBBoard <i>Moderator: Prof. Merva Soluk Tekkesin</i>	
14:45-15:45	Poster Session 2 - 20 Short talks (3') <i>Moderator: Prof. Ana Andabak Rogulj</i>	
15:45-16:15	**coffee break**	
16:15-17:00	Poster Session 3 - 15 Short talks (3') <i>Moderator: Prof. Ana Andabak Rogulj</i>	
17:00-18:00	Management Committee / Core group meeting	
19:30	**Dinner**	

DAY 2 – 13th of June 2025 – OPMDay

	Topic	Who
08:00- 08:30	Venue and Registration	
08:30- 09:00	Opening Session: OPMD in Croatia With Prof. Danica Vidović Juras and Assist.prof. Petar Ozretić and welcome message by Prof. Pierre Saintigny and Prof. Senada Koljenović, Chair and Co-Chair of INTERCEPTOR; Prof. Marin Vodanović, Dean of the University of Zagreb School of Dental Medicine and The current status of coding of OPMD by Prof. Saman Warnakulasuriya- WHO Collaborating Centre for Oral Cancer and Precancer	
09:00- 10:30	Biomarkers and biological mechanisms <i>Moderators: Assist.prof. Petar Ozretić & Bruno Špiljak, DMD</i>	
09:00- 09:30	Keynote 1: Understanding oral precancer to cancer transition at single cell resolution	Dr. Silvio Gutkind (USA)
09:30- 09:50	Epigenetics in OPMDs: gaps in knowledge and opportunities	Dr. Katarina Strati (CY)
09:50- 10:10	Genetic evolution of normal looking mucosa	Dr. Pierre Martinez (FR)
10:10- 10:30	The oral microbiome and OPMDs: driver or bystander?	Dr. Gary Moran (IE)
10:30- 10:45	Pre-clinical review on OPMDs	Izge Shanliturk (CY)
10:45 - 11:15	<i>**coffee break**</i>	
11:15- 12:30	Patient voices <i>Moderators: Prof. Danica Vidović Juras & Prof. Božana Lončar Brzak</i>	
12:30 - 14:00	<i>**lunch break**</i>	
14:00- 15:30	Clinical and Pathological Diagnosis <i>Moderators: Prof. Mark Lingen & Prof. Keith Hunter</i>	
14:00- 14:30	Keynote 2: AI and dysplasia	Prof. Ali Khurram/Dr. Hanya Mahmood (UK)
14:30- 14:50	Defining essential criteria for the diagnosis of OED	Prof. Senada Koljenović (BE)/ Prof. Ali Khurram (UK)
14:50- 15:10	Recurrence in OPMDs: Frequency, associated parameters and clinical significance	Prof. Nikolaos G.Nikitakis (GR)
15:10- 15:30	E-health scoping review from WG3	Dr. Anneze Odendaal (ZA)/ Dr. Gennaro Musella (IT)
15:30- 15:50	Diagnosis and Management of Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders: Clinical Insights, Challenges, and Best Practices from Brazil	Prof. Pablo Vargas (BR)
15:50 - 16:20	<i>**coffee break**</i>	
16:20- 18:00	Disease care management <i>Moderators: Prof. Vlaho Brailo & Prof. Ivan Alajbeg</i>	
16:20- 16:50	Keynote 3: Overview on clinical care and Fanconi tumor board	Dr. Eunike Velleuer (DE)
16:50- 17:05	Clinical PI on a French clinical trial named FANCORAL	Dr. Arnaud Beddok (FR)
17:05- 17:20	Clinical review (prevention, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment)	Dr. Bojan Poposki (MK)
17:20- 17:40	The human side of chemoprevention: Patient insights from the SAVER Clinical Trial	Dr. Caroline McCarty (UK)
17:40- 17:55	What is the role of immunotherapy in the management of OPMD?	Dr. Luigi Lorini (IT)
17:55-18:15	Poster award- Wrap-up and closing remarks	

Location & Venue

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