

WBMT SYMPOSIUM ON CELL THERAPY

November 21 – 22, 2025

Ramaiah Medical College Auditorium,
Bengaluru, India | Hybrid

Program Booklet

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Welcome to the **WBMT Symposium on Cell Therapy, Bengaluru 2025!**

On behalf of the Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (WBMT) and Ramaiah Medical College, it is our great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all delegates, speakers, and partners to the WBMT Symposium on Cell Therapy. This international scientific convention will be held in the vibrant city of Bengaluru, India, on the 21st and 22nd of November 2025 at the Ramaiah Memorial Hospital.

The WBMT is a global NGO in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) uniting international societies, registries, and organizations in hematopoietic cell transplantation and cellular therapies. Its mission is to promote excellence in patient care, education, and research, and to foster equitable worldwide access to life-saving treatments.

This symposium is dedicated to exploring the rapidly evolving landscape of cellular therapies. Over two days, we will engage in a comprehensive scientific program covering ground-breaking topics from the global perspective of cellular therapies to the practicalities of establishing a CAR-T program. We will delve into low- cost manufacturing models, including the Indian experience, navigate complex regulatory frameworks, and discuss the latest advances in hematopoietic cell transplantation.

Our sessions will feature leading international experts discussing the role of these novel therapies in treating conditions from B-cell lymphomas and myeloma to sickle cell disease and thalassemia. The program is designed to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange among clinicians, scientists, nurses, data managers, and all healthcare professionals dedicated to advancing patient care through cellular therapy.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bengaluru for an enriching and stimulating scientific meeting.

With best regards,

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Time	Activity / Topics	Speakers
08:30 AM – 08:35 AM	Introductory Note from Ramaiah Hospital BMT Director	Santhosh K. Devadas (India)
	Inaugural Program / Welcome Messages	
08:35 AM – 08:40 AM	Ramaiah Anthem & Lamp Lighting	Ramaiah & Government Officials
08:40 AM – 08:45 AM	WBMT President	Damiano Rondelli (USA)
08:45 AM – 08:50 AM	Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences – Vice Chancellor	Kuldeep Kumar Raina (India)
08:50 AM – 08:55 AM	Chairman – Gokula Education Foundation and Chancellor, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences	M. R. Jayaram (India)
08:55 AM – 09:00 AM	Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare Services, Karnataka	K. B. Sivakumar, IAS (India)
09:00 AM – 09:05 AM	Ramaiah Memorial Hospital – COO	Madan Gaekwad (India)
09:05 AM – 09:10 AM	Ramaiah Medical College – Dean	Shalini Chandrashekar Nooyi (India)
09:10 AM – 09:25 AM	Coffee Break	
	Introduction Program	
09:25 AM – 09:35 AM	Results of the WBMT Cellular Therapies Survey	Mickey Koh (UK)
SESSION I:	Country Presentations: Landscape of CAR-T and Other Cellular Therapies in Individual Countries	Moderators: Dietger Niederwieser (Germany) Santhosh K. Devadas (India)
09:35 AM – 09:45 AM	CAR-T in China	Peihua (Peggy) Lu (China)*
09:45 AM – 09:55 AM	CAR-T in Southeast Asia	Mickey Koh (UK)
09:55 AM – 10:05 AM	CAR-T in Japan	Koji Kato (Japan)*
10:05 AM – 10:15 AM	CAR-T in EMRO (includes Pakistan & Bangladesh)	Mahmoud Aljurf (Saudi Arabia)
10:15 AM – 10:25 AM	CAR-T in Latin America	Adriana Seber (Brazil)
10:25 AM – 10:35 AM	CAR-T in India	Hasmukh Jain (India)

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10:35 AM – 10:45 AM	CAR-T in Developed Countries including USA	Christian Chabannon (France)
10:45 AM – 10:55 AM	CAR-T in Australia/ New Zealand	Nada Hamad (Australia)*
10:55 AM – 11:10 AM	eGTR including the New Cellular Therapy Registry	Helen Baldomero (Switzerland)
11:10 AM – 11:20 AM	eGTR - an Open and Modular Framework for Multinational Studies and Registries	Daniel Neumann (Germany)*
SESSION II:	Setting up a CAR-T Program: A Framework for Delivery	Moderators: Syed Osman Ahmed (Saudi Arabia) Reetu Jain (India)
11:20 AM – 11:35 AM	Essential Elements for the Establishment of a CAR-T Program – Clinical Aspects	Vikram Mathews (India)
11:35 AM – 11:50 AM	Essential Elements for Manufacturing CAR-T Cells	Nina Worel (Austria)
11:50 AM – 12:10 PM	<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Abhijit Baheti (India) Pawan Kumar Boyella (India) Girish Badarkhe (India)
12:10 PM – 12:40 PM	Lunch	
12:40 PM – 01:10 PM	Lunchtime Satellite Symposium No. 1 - Novartis Ask the STAMP experts - Panel discussion	Moderator: Sharat Damodar Panelists: Anoop P, Swetha, Smitha Saldanha
01:10 PM – 01:40 PM	Lunchtime Satellite Symposium No. 2 - ImmunoACT	Chairperson: Mobin Paul (India) Seetharam Anandram (India)
	1. Innovation with Hope Speaker: Simpson Emmanuel (10 min)	
	2. Real World Evidence and updates on NexCAR19 - World's First Humanized CAR T Cell Therapy Speaker: Pawan Kumar Boyella (20 min)	

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SESSION III:	The Current Role of Hematopoietic Cell Transplants in the Era of CAR-T Therapies	Moderators: Mahmoud Aljurf (Saudi Arabia) Hasmukh Jain (India)
01:40 PM – 02:00 PM	ALL	Sebastian Galeano (Uruguay)
02:00 PM – 02:20 PM	Myeloma	Laurent Garderet (France)*
02:20 PM – 02:50 PM	<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Madhav Dantala (India) Sanjeev (India) Ranjith Kumar C. S. (India)
02:50 PM – 03:05 PM	Coffee Break	
03:05 PM – 03:35 PM	Afternoon Satellite Symposium No. 3 - Roche	Chairperson: Anoop P. (India) Padmaja Lokireddy (India)
	1. Role of Polatuzumab in 1st Line Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) Speaker: Sharat Damodar (15 min)	
	2. Improving Outcomes in Transplant ineligible Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DBCL) Patients Speaker: Nataraj K. S. (15 min)	
SESSION IV:	Current Advances in Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation: Conditioning, GvHD and Infections	Moderators: Damiano Rondelli (USA) Hari Menon (India)
03:35 PM – 03:50 PM	Selection of Conditioning Regimen	Ananth Gokarn (India)
03:50 PM – 04:05 PM	Novel Therapies for GvHD	Hildegard Greinix (Austria)
04:05 PM – 04:20 PM	Complication on Stem Cell Transplantation	Satyendra Katewa (India)
04:20 PM – 04:40 PM	Post-transplant Maintenance and Relapse Management	Dietger Niederwieser (Germany)
04:40 PM – 05:10 PM	<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Rasmi Palassery (India) Akash Jha (India) Stalin Ramprakash (India)

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SESSION V:	Early and Late Complications after CAR-T Cell Therapy and its Management	Moderators: Mickey Koh (UK) Prashant Mehta (India)
05:10 PM – 05:25 PM	CRS and ICANS	Sharat Damodar (India)
05:25 PM – 05:40 PM	Aplasia and secondary Tumors and other Complications	Dietger Niederwieser (Germany)
05:40 PM – 06:25 PM	<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Ganesh Jaishetwar (India) Christian Chabannon (France) Mahmoud Aljurf (Saudi Arabia)
06:25 PM – 07:40 PM	Student Quiz	Quiz Masters: G. Vasu Babu (India) Uday Kulkarni (India) Thejeswar Prakasham (India)

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Time	Activity / Topics	Speakers
SESSION VI:	CAR-T Manufacturing	Moderators: Dietger Niederwieser (Germany) Akhil Kumar (India)
08:30 AM – 08:50 AM	Introduction to Current Worldwide Regulatory Frameworks – Differences in Worldwide Regulation and Attempts at Harmonization	Yossi Schwartz (USA)*
08:50 AM – 09:05 AM	Point of Care CAR-T Manufacturing: Barcelona	Álvaro Urbano-Ispizua (Spain)*
09:05 AM – 09:20 AM	Development of Indigenous CAR-T – Indian Experience	Hasmukh Jain (India)
09:20 AM – 09:35 AM	Brazil - The Brazil Experience with CAR-T Manufacturing	Martin Bonamino (Brazil) *
09:35 AM – 10:05 AM	<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Atharva Karulkar (India) Tanveer Ahmed (India) Lakshmikanth Gandikota (India)
10:05 AM – 10:20 AM	Coffee Break	
10:20 AM – 10:35 AM	Morning Satellite Symposium No. 4	
	From Transfusion Dependence to Independence in Frontline MDS: COMMANDING Results with Rojuzda Speaker: Mahesh Rajashekariah	
10:35 AM – 10:50 AM	Morning Satellite Symposium No. 5 - Pfizer	Chairperson: Vishwanath S. (India) Nataraj K. S. (India)
	Role of InO in the Evolving Treatment Landscape of R/R Adult B Cell ALL Speaker: Pawan Kumar Boyella	

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SESSION VII:	Training and Quality Requirements	Moderators: Damiano Rondelli (USA) Santhosh K. Devadas (India)
10:50 AM – 11:05 AM	Training Physicians (Training the Healthcare Team) and Organisational and Operational Changes with Increasing CAR-T Utilization	Christian Chabannon (France)
11:05 AM – 11:20 AM	Parameters Determining Optimal Apheresis Product and How to Harmonize Quality Criteria	Nina Worel (Austria)
11:20 AM – 11:50 AM	<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Sanish Davis (India) Stalin Choudhury Bala (India)
11:50 AM – 12:20 PM	Lunchtime Satellite Symposium No. 6 - Johnson & Johnson	Chairperson: Sanket Shah (India) Sathish Kumar A. (India)
	Changing Landscape in Managing Triple Class Exposed RRMM Patients in Indian Context Speaker: Nikhil Kumar	
12:20 PM – 12:40 PM	Lunchtime Satellite Symposium No. 7 - MSD	Chairperson: Veerendra Patil (India) Vinayak V. Maka (India)
	Role of Keytruda in Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma (CHL) Patients Management KEYNOTE-204 Speaker: Mallikarjun Kalashetty	
12:40 PM – 01:25 PM Lunch		
SESSION IX:	Regulatory Aspects, Biovigilance and Accreditation	Moderators: Adriana Seber (Brazil) Sujitha Kannan (India)
01:25 PM – 01:45 PM	B Cell Lymphomas	Anna Sureda (Spain)
01:45 PM – 02:05 PM	WHO Global Perspective of Cellular Therapies	Mickey Koh (UK)
02:05 PM – 02:25 PM	Inspection and Accreditation	Rizwan Javed (India)

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SESSION X:	Moving beyond CAR-T	Moderators: Mahmoud Aljurf (Saudi Arabia) Rajat Bhattacharyya (India)
02:25 PM – 02:40 PM	Gene Therapy vs Transplant in Sickle Cell Disease	Damiano Rondelli (USA)
02:40 PM – 02:55 PM	Gene Therapy vs Transplant in Thalassemia	Vikram Mathews (India)
02:55 PM – 03:10 PM	Gene Therapy for Hemoglobinopathies	Stephan Kadauke (USA)*
03:10 PM – 03:25 PM	Afternoon Satellite Symposium No. 8 - Zydus	Chairperson: Nishil Gowda (India) G. Vasu Babu (India)
	Topic: 200 days of Letermovir CMV Prophylaxis in HSCT Patients Speaker: Nataraj K. S.	
03:25 PM – 03:40 PM	Coffee Break	
SESSION XI:	Expanding the Landscape for CAR-T Therapies	Moderators: Damiano Rondelli (USA) B. G. Dharmanand (India)
03:40 PM – 03:55 PM	CAR-T Cells for Autoimmune Diseases	Fabian Müller (Germany)*
03:55 PM – 04:10 PM	CAR-T for T Cell Leukaemia/Lymphomas	Marco Ruella (USA)*
04:10 PM – 04:25 PM	CAR-T in Neuroblastoma	Franco Locatelli (Italy)*
04:25 PM – 04:35 PM	Awarding Ceremony for Quiz Winners from the Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences Provost	G. S. Venkatesh (India)
04:35 PM – 04:40 PM	Concluding Remarks from the WBMT President	Damiano Rondelli (USA)

*Virtual Speaker

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Organisers' Information:



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WBMT works to standardize practices, encourage research, and improve access to these life-saving therapies for patients everywhere. **www.wbmt.org**



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Ramaiah Medical College (RMC) is a leading medical institution in India and a constituent college of the Ramaiah University of Applied

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