

WBMT SYMPOSIUM ON CELL THERAPY

An international scientific convention of the Worldwide network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation in partnership with the Ramaiah Medical College of Bengaluru focused on advancing CAR-T and cellular therapies.



November 21-22, 2025

Ramaiah Medical College, Bengaluru, India | Hybrid

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,

For the Local organizing Committee from Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences



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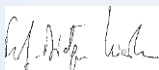
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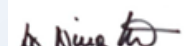
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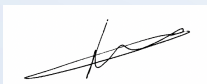
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SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM. Friday, November 21, 2025

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	WBMT President	Damiano Rondelli (USA)
08:40 AM – 08:45 AM	Ramaiah Medical College - Chairman	M R Jayaram (India)
08:45 AM – 08:50 AM	Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences - Vice Chancellor	Kuldeep Kumar Raina (India)
08:50 AM – 08:55 AM	Ramaiah Medical College - Dean	Shalini Chandrashekar Nooyi (India)
08:55 AM – 09:00 AM	Karnataka state official	
	Introduction Program	
09:00 AM – 09:10 AM	Results of the WBMT Cellular Therapies Survey	Mickey Koh (UK)
09:10 AM – 09:25 AM	Coffee Break	
SESSION I:	Country Presentations: Landscape of CAR-T and other cellular therapies in individual countries	Moderators: Dietger Niederwieser (Germany) Rahul Bhargava (India)
09:25 AM – 09:35 AM	CAR-T in China	Peggy Lu (China)*
09:35 AM – 09:45 AM	CAR-T in Southeast Asia	Mickey Koh (UK)
09:45 AM – 09:55 AM	CAR-T in Japan and South Korea	Koji Kato (Japan)*
09:55 AM – 10:05 AM	CAR-T in EMRO (includes Pakistan & Bangladesh)	Mahmoud Aljurf (Saudi Arabia)
10:05 AM – 10:15 AM	CAR-T in Latin America	Adriana Seber (Brazil)
10:15 AM – 10:25 AM	CAR-T in India	Hasmukh Jain (India)
10:25 AM – 10:35 AM	CAR-T in developed countries including USA	Christian Chabannon (France)
10:35 AM – 10:45 AM	CAR-T in Australia/ New Zealand	Nada Hamad (Australia)*
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	eGTR including the new cellular therapy registry	Helen Baldomero (Switzerland)
11:00 AM – 11:10 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)
11:10 AM – 11:25 AM	Essential elements for the establishment of a CAR-T program – Clinical aspects	Vikram Mathews (India)
11:25 AM – 11:40 AM	Essential elements for manufacturing CAR-T cells	Nina Worel (Austria)
11:40 AM – 12:00 PM	Roundtable Discussion	Abhijit Baheti (India) Pawan Kumar Boyella (India)
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Lunch	
12:30 PM – 01:00 PM	Lunchtime Satellite Symposium No. 1 - Novartis Ask the STAMP experts - Panel discussion Moderator: Sharat Damodar Panelists: Anoop P, Swetha, Smitha Saldanha	Chairperson: Girish Badarkhe (India) Mobin Paul (India)
01:00 PM – 01:30 PM	Lunchtime Satellite Symposium No. 2 - ImmunoACT 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: Rahul Bhargava (20 min)	Chairperson: Seetharam Anandram (India)

SESSION III:	<i>The current role of haematopoietic cell transplants in the era of CAR-T therapies</i>	Moderators: Mahmoud Aljurf (Saudi Arabia) Hasmukh Jain (India)
01:30 PM – 01:50 PM	ALL	Sebastian Galeano (Uruguay)
01:50 PM – 02:10 PM	Myeloma	Laurent Garderet (France)
02:10 PM – 02:40 PM	<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Madav Dantala (India) Sanjeev (India) Ranjith Kumar C S (India)
02:40 PM – 02:55 PM	Coffee Break	
02:55 PM – 03:25 PM	Afternoon Satellite Symposium No. 3 - Roche 1. Role of Polatuzumab in 1st line DLBCL - Speaker: Sharath Damodar (15 min) 2. Role of Polatuzumab in relapsed refractory DLBCL Speaker: Nataraj KS (15 min)	Chairperson: Anoop (India) Padmaja Lokireddy (India)
SESSION IV:	Current Advances in Haematopoeitic cell Transplantation: Conditioning, GvHD and Infections	Moderators: Damiano Rondelli (USA) Hari Menon (India)
03:25 PM – 03:40 PM	Selection of Conditioning Regimen	Ananth Gokarn (India)
03:40 PM – 03:55 PM	Novel therapies for GvHD	Hildegard Greinix (Austria)
03:55 PM – 04:10 PM	Complication on Stemm Cell Transplantation	Satyendra Katewa (India)
04:10 PM – 04:30 PM	Post-transplant maintenance and Relapse management	Dietger Niederwieser (Germany)
04:30 PM – 05:00 PM	<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Rasmi Palassery (India) Akash Jha (India) Stalin Ramprakash (India)
SESSION V:	Early and Late complications after CAR-T cell therapy and its management	Moderators: Mickey Koh (UK) Prashant Mehta (India)
05:00 PM – 05:15 PM	CRS and ICANS	Sharath Damodar (India)
05:15 PM – 05:30 PM	Aplasia and secondary tumours and other complications	Dietger Niederwieser (Germany)
05:30 PM – 06:00 PM	<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Ganesh Jaishetwar (India) Christian Chabannon (France) Mahmoud Aljurf (Saudi Arabia)
06:00 PM – 07:15 PM	Quiz for students	Quiz Masters: G Vasu Babu (India) Uday Kulkarni (India) Thejeswar Prakasham (India)

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM. Saturday, November 22, 2025

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 CART -Indian experience	Rahul Purwar (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 - BMS From Transfusion Dependence to Independence in Frontline MDS: COMMANDing Results with Rojuzda Speaker: Mahesh Rajashekariah	Chairperson: Vishwanath S (India) Nataraj K S (India)
10:35 AM – 10:50 AM	Morning Satellite Symposium No. 5 - Pfizer Role of InO in the evolving treatment landscape of R/R adult B cell ALL Speaker: Pawan Kumar Boyela	
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 Organizational 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) Vipul Seth (India)
11:50 AM – 12:20 PM	Lunchtime Satellite Symposium No. 6 - Johnson & Johnson Changing landscape in managing Triple Class Exposed RRMM patients in Indian Context Speaker: Nikhil Kumar	Chairperson: Sanket Shah (India) Mahesh Rajashekariah (India)
12:20 PM – 12:40 PM	Lunchtime Satellite Symposium No. 7 - MSD Role of Immunotherapy in treating relapsed or Refractory Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma Speaker: tbd	Chairperson: Veerendra Patil (India) Vinayak V Maka (India)
12:40 PM – 01:25PM	Lunch	

SESSION IX:	Regulatory aspects, Biovigilance and Accreditation	Moderators: Adriana Seber (Brazil) Manju Sengar (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)
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	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	Coffee Break	
SESSION XI:	Expanding the Landscape for CAR-T therapies	Moderators: Damiano Rondelli (USA) BG Dharmanand (India)
03:25 PM – 03:40 PM	CAR-T cells for autoimmune diseases	Fabian Müller (Germany)*
03:40 PM – 03:55 PM	CAR-T for T cell Leukaemia/Lymphomas	Marco Ruella (USA)*
03:55 PM – 04:10 PM	CAR-T in Neuroblastoma	Franco Locatelli (Italy)*
04:10 PM – 04:20 PM	Awarding ceremony for quiz winners from the Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences Pro Vost	G. S. Venkatesh (India)
04:20 PM – 04:25 PM	Concluding Remarks from the WBMT President	Damiano Rondelli (USA)

Organisers-Information:

The Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (WBMT)



The Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (WBMT) is a global non-profit organization dedicated to promoting excellence in blood and marrow transplantation, cellular therapy, and regenerative medicine. By collaborating with scientific societies, patient organizations, and regulatory bodies across the globe, the 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 Sciences. Demonstrating its commitment to the forefront of advanced medical science, the college is proud to co-host this

international symposium on cell therapy at the Ramaiah Memorial Hospital in Bengaluru, India. The institution is home to a dedicated Department of Medical Oncology and BMT, which provides specialized, state-of-the-art patient care. As a hub for high-quality education, research, and clinical excellence, Ramaiah Medical College is instrumental in advancing specialized medical fields within the region. www.msrmc.ac.in

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