

Lectures / Debates / Workshops

Challenges in diagnosing and treating Parkinson's disease

**AN INTERACTIVE MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMME
DEBATES, WORKSHOPS, AND HANDS-ON TRAINING**

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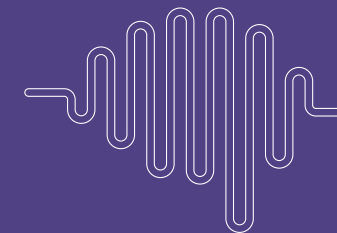


LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the current landscape of biological diagnosis in Parkinson's disease, including fluid biomarkers, magnetic resonance imaging, and molecular imaging
- Recognise clinical biomarkers that differentiate Parkinson's disease from atypical parkinsonisms
- Discuss the relative importance of non-motor versus motor criteria in defining advanced Parkinson's disease
- Evaluate the optimal timing for introducing device-aided therapies and critically compare subcutaneous infusion approaches, deep brain stimulation, and magnetic resonance-guided focused ultrasound
- Apply precision medicine principles — including adaptive deep brain stimulation, subtype-based treatment, and personalised non-pharmacological care — to individual patient management
- Navigate challenging diagnostic and therapeutic questions in Parkinson's disease-related dementia and neuropsychiatric symptoms
- Consolidate knowledge through case-based workshops in differential diagnosis, stage-appropriate treatment planning, and hands-on introduction to device-aided therapies

INTENDED AUDIENCE

NEUROLOGISTS, MOVEMENT DISORDER SPECIALISTS, NEUROSURGEONS, PSYCHIATRISTS, REHABILITATION PHYSICIANS, NURSES, AND ALL CLINICIANS INVOLVED IN THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE OF PATIENTS WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND RELATED PARKINSONISM.



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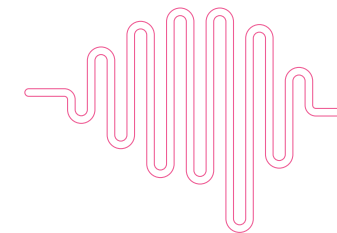
9:00	Introduction
9:15-10:15	Are we ready for biological diagnosis of PD? Availability of biomarkers in biological fluids / Goran Šimić MRI in diagnosing PD / Nataša Katavić Molecular imaging in alpha-synucleinopathies / Tomaž Rus Clinical biomarkers of atypical parkinsonisms / Igor Petrović
10:15-10:45	DEBATE: Should advanced PD diagnosis be defined primarily by non-motor symptoms rather than motor complications? PRO / Prioritise non-motor symptoms / Vanja Vojnović CON / Motor complications should remain primary / Helena Šarac
10:45-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:00	DEBATE: Should device-aided therapies be introduced earlier in the course of PD? PRO / Tobias Warnecke CON / Petra Bago Rožanković
12:00-12:30	DEBATE: Are subcutaneous infusion therapies first-line treatment in advanced PD? PRO / Per Odin CON / Maja Trošt
12:30-13:00	DBS vs MRgFUS MRgFUS: indications and outcomes / Günther Deuschl DBS: indications and outcomes / Fadi Almahariq

13:00-13:45	Precision medicine in PD PD subtype-based treatment / Gordan Džamonja Adaptive DBS / Dejan Georgijev Personalised care beyond medication / Srđana Telarović
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13:45-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:00	DEBATE: Should PD dementia and dementia with Lewy bodies be considered the same disease spectrum rather than separate diagnoses? PRO / Nataša Klepac CON / Sanja Tomasović
15:00-15:30	DEBATE: Is early pharmacological treatment of psychosis in PD preferable to a watchful waiting approach? PRO / Ante Silić CON / Vjekoslav Peitl
15:30-17:30	Workshops 1. Differential diagnosis of PD — presentation of cases Aleksandra Tomić 2. Treatment strategies for different stages of PD — clinical cases / Petra Bago Rožanković 3. Introduction to device-aided therapies in clinical practice Slaven Lasić

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