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Only registered attendees will be admitted to the meeting. The registration fee includes:

- participation in the scientific sessions
- congress kit (badge, notepad, pen)
- coffee breaks and lunches from Nov 29th to Nov 30th

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CONGRESS VENUE:

Aula Magna - Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II Via Partenope 36, Napoli 80121 - Naples



SCIENTIFIC RATIONAL

Over the last years, an extensive research has improved our understanding of tumor immunology and enabled the development of novel treatments that can harness the patient's immune system and prevent immune escape.

Through numerous clinical trials and real-world experience, a large amount of evidence of the potential for long-term survival with immunotherapy agents has been accumulated in various types of malignancy, starting from melanoma to extend to other tumors.

The results of these studies have also highlighted a number of recurring observations with immuno-oncology agents, including their potential for clinical application across a broad patient population and for both conventional and unconventional response patterns.

The clinical success of immune checkpoint blockade with anti-cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated antigen (CTLA)-4 and anti-programmed death (PD)-1/PD-ligand (L)1 inhibitor in melanoma and other cancers has encouraged increasing development of other immunotherapies, particularly monoclonal antibodies with other immune targets, adoptive cell transfer and vaccines. It has been estimated that there are over 3000 immuno-oncology trials ongoing, targeting hundreds of disease and immune pathways. Study results have highlighted a number of recurring observations, including the immunotherapy potential for clinical application across a broad patient population and for both conventional and unconventional response patterns.

The successes of the immune-oncology is strongly correlated with the immune system ability of "memory" and adaptability, to improve the time of survival and without selecting resistant form of tumoral cells. Another advantage is that the efficacy of immunotherapy drugs does not seem to be particularly influenced by histology and mutations.

First session of the congress will be jointly organized with the Society for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer (SITC).

Hence, the state of the art of immunotherapy from the clinical point of view in various types of malignancies will be exhaustively discussed and on targeting cancer through stimulation of innate immunity with intratumorals.

Then the "Great Debate" sessions, where counterpoint views from leading experts on specific controversial clinical issues will be presented and discussed from different points of view.

Conclusions will be drawn after the last session on Neo-Adjuvant therapies in different types of cancer.

Wednesday, Nov 29th, 2023



09:40 am	Welcome Coffee and Registration**
09:55 am	Introduction and objectives Paolo A. Ascierto
	SITC SESSION CELL THERAPIES Chairpersons: Leisha A. Emens, Sofie Wilgenhof
10:00 am	CAR-T Marcela Maus
10:15 am	Q&A
10: <mark>20 am</mark>	Novel CD4 T cell-based therapies Chrystal Paulos
10:35 am	Q&A
10:40 am	Harnessing B cells for novel immunotherapies: where are we headed? Tullia Bruno
10:55 am	Q&A
11:00 am	Myeloid-induced immune deviation in pancreatic cancer Vincenzo Bronte
11:15 am	Q&A
11: <mark>20 am</mark>	CARs and armored CARs: moving cellular therapy forward Renier Brentjens
11:35 am	Q&A
11:40 am	Best of SITC 2023 for clinical development and trials Paolo A. Ascierto
11:55 am	Q&A
12:00 pm	LECTURE - How immunotherapy changed the treatment story for endometrial and cervical cancer Michele Bartoletti
12:30 pm	SYMPOSIUM – New evidences in immunotherapy Chairperson: Paolo A. Ascierto - IO in metastatic non oncogene addicted NSCLC disease: consolidated options to cover the unmet need, Alessandro Morabito - IO combinations in aRCC: new achievements and challenges, Roberto Iacovelli - Immunotherapy in GI cancer: current treatment landscape and challenges, Antonio Avallone *Speakers invited*

Wednesday, Nov 29th, 2023



01:20 pm	Lunch**
	SESSION 2 TRENDS AND BIOMARKERS IN IMMUNOTHERAPY Chairpersons: Luigi Buonaguro, Alfredo Budillon
02:15 pm	Head and Neck Cancer: neoadjuvant trial design to develop novel therapies and biomarkers of response Robert L. Ferris
02:30 pm	Q&A
02:35 pm	Engage, Expand, Enable: Combination IO strategy for cold tumors James L. Gulley
02: <mark>50 pm</mark>	Q&A
02:55 pm	Novel biomarkers of ICI in metastatic melanoma Tomas Kirchhoff
03: <mark>10 pm</mark>	Q&A
03:15 pm	Novel insights into the mechanisms of radiation-induced anti-tumor immunity Sandra Demaria
03:30 pm	Q&A
03:35 pm	Teaching lymphoma patients to target their tumor antigens and to prevent antigen escape Joshua Brody
03:50 pm	Q&A
03:55 pm	Non melanoma skin cancers Paolo A. Ascierto
04:10 pm	Q&A
04:15 pm	Spatial omics in immunotherapy trials: unpacking the challenges Carlo Bifulco
04:30 pm	Q&A
04:35 pm	Updates on Radiation and Immunotherapy Silvia Formenti
04:50 pm	Q&A
04:55 pm	Coffee break**

Wednesday, Nov 29th, 2023



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Chairpersons: Paolo A. Ascierto, Leisha A. Emens, Igor Puzanov

Are MDSC important in affecting cancer progression? 05:10 pm

Pawel Kalinski VS Brahm Segal

Discussion 05:40 pm

Cancer vaccines Vs Adoptive Cell therapy Pawel Kalinski VS Allison Betof Warner 05:50 pm

06:20 pm Discussion

Bispecific VS combination therapy 06:30 pm

James L. Gulley VS Akash Patnaik

Discussion 07:00 pm

Thursday, Nov 30th, 2023

01:30 pm Discussion



	SESSION 3 ORGAN SPECIFIC IMMUNE RESPONSE Chairpersons: Omid Hamid, Paul Nathan
09:15 am	Surviving in the Lymphoma Microenvironment: a tough challenge for CAR T cells Marco Ruella
09:30 am	Efforts to achieve immune mediated tumor eradication in the CNS Bart Neyns
09:45 am	Activating Innate Immunity in Prostate Cancer: From Bedside-to-Bench and Back Akash Patnaik
10:00 am	Immunotherapy for hepatocellular carcinoma: current status and future perspectives Piera Federico
10:15 am	Innovating immunotherapy for gastrointestinal cancers Gregory B. Lesinski
10:30 am	What's new in Immunotherapy: Lung and Mesothelioma Alessandro Morabito
10:45 am	Emerging Predictive Immune Biomarkers in Breast Cancer Leisha A. Emens
11:00 am	New Developments in Immunotherapy for Ovarian Cancer Kunle Odunsi
11:15 am	Discussion
11:30 am	Coffee break**
	GREAT DEBATE SESSION Chairpersons: Paolo A. Ascierto, Leisha A. Emens, Igor Puzanov
11:40 am	Neo-antigens VS alternative antigens Stephen Schoenberger VS Cristina Puig-Saus
12:10 pm	Discussion
12:20 pm	Immunoscore VS Genes signature Jerome Galon VS Christian Blank
12:50 pm	Discussion
01:00 pm	TCR engagers VS CAR-T Rom Leidner VS Renier Brentjens

Thursday, Nov 30th, 2023



01:40 pm	Lunch**
	SESSION 4 NEOADJUVANT IMMUNOTHERAPY Chairpersons: Paolo A. Ascierto, Elizabeth Burton
02:40 pm	Fine-Tuning Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy for Triple Negative Breast Cancer Leisha A. Emens
02:55 pm	Advances in Neoadjuvant and Perioperative Immunotherapy for Resectable Non-small Cell Lung Cancer Tina Cascone
03:10 pm	Harnessing the power of neoadjuvant immunotherapy for colorectal cancer Myriam Chalabi
03:25 pm	Skin Cancers: Melanoma, Georgina Long Non melanoma skin cancer, Neil Gross
03:55 pm	Multiplex immunofluorescence assays for predicting response to anti-PD-1-based therapies Janis Taube
04:10 pm	Validation of a pan-tumor scoring system of pathologic response to neoadjuvant immunotherapy: update on SITC effort Julie Stein Deutsch
04:25 pm	Discussion

Conclusions
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