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Best of ESMO Gastrointestinal Conference

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5th– 7th of September 2025,
Bucharest, Romania



Dear Colleagues,

The National Society of Medical Oncology of Romania (S.N.O.M.R.) invites you to take part in “Best of ESMO Gastrointestinal Cancers 2025”, an event organized under ESMO license, marking the conclusion of our 2025 educational series dedicated to oncological localizations.

The event will bring together, in a hybrid format (in-person and online), the most renowned Romanian and international specialists in digestive oncology, to discuss and analyze the latest scientific updates presented at the ESMO Gastrointestinal Cancers Congress 2025.

The event is addressed to senior physicians, specialists, and residents in medical oncology, as well as professionals from other specialties interested in the management of oncology patients with digestive diseases.

Conference coordinators:

**Prof. Dr. Adina Croitoru
Dr. Radu Vidra**

President of S.N.O.M.R.:

Dr. Răzvan Ovidiu Curcă

Vice President of S.N.O.M.R. and
Events Coordinator

Prof. Dr. Laura Mazilu



DAY 1 - Friday, 5th of September 2025

09:30-12:30 • AstraZeneca Satellite Symposium

Welcome and Introductions

Răzvan Curcă

Gastrointestinal Cancers in Romania: Incidence, Mortality, and Our Place in the Global Landscape

Șerban Negru

Evolving Treatment Landscape in Management of Gastrointestinal Cancers

Adina Croitoru

Endoscopic Techniques Supporting the Management of BTC

Sfarti Victor

Advancing BTC Outcomes with Immunotherapy and Clinical Experience

Radu Vidra

Q&A BTC Session

Răzvan Curcă

Navigating the Dynamic Landscape of HCC: Challenges and Opportunities

Liana Gheorghe

Current and Future Advances in HCC Treatment and Clinical Experience

Bogdan Gafton

Q&A HCC Session

Diagnosis and Biomarker Testing in GI Cancer

Ovidiu Pop

How Will the Treatment Landscape Evolve for Patients with Metastatic GC?

Răzvan Curcă

Q&A & Closing Remarks

Răzvan Curcă

12:30-13:30 • Lunch

13:30-13:35 • Welcome Best of ESMO GI:

Chairs: Răzvan Ovidiu Curcă, Adina Croitoru, Radu Vidra



DAY 1 - Friday, 5th of September 2025

13:35-14:30 • Upper GI Cancer (I)

Chairs: Dorel Popovici, Dragoş Predescu

13:35-13:50 **Surgical Management of Esophageal Cancer in 2025: Timing, Technique, and Integration with Systemic Therapy**
Dragoş Predescu

13:50-14:05 **Radiotherapy in Esophageal Cancer: Optimizing Integration in the Multimodal Strategy**
Gabriel Kacso

14:05-14:20 **Systemic Therapy in Esophageal Cancer: From Neoadjuvant Strategies to Biomarker-Driven Metastatic Care**
Dorel Popovici

14:20-14:30 **Q&A**

14:30-15:30 • Industry Symposia

Chairs: Dorel Popovici, Răzvan Ovidiu Curcă

14:30-14:50 **AstraZeneca Symposium**
Innovation in Gastric Cancer: Spotlight on Enhertu Treatment
Dorel Popovici

14:50 15:10 **Amgen Symposium**
Anti-EGFR Therapy in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer – Multiple Perspectives, Personalized Solutions
Răzvan Ovidiu Curcă

15:10-15:30 **Liquid Biopsy in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer: Capturing Tumor Evolution to Guide Therapy**
Clara Montagut Viladot

15:30-15:50 • Coffee Break



DAY 1 - Friday, 5th of September 2025

15:50-16:50 • Upper GI Cancer Session II

Chairs: Sorin Alexandrescu, Radu Vidra

15:50-16:10 **Locally Advanced Esophageal and Gastric Cancer**
Andreas Cervantes

16:10-16:25 **Primary Surgery vs Neoadjuvant Approach 2 Eras One Team**
Sorin Alexandrescu

16:25-16:40 **Key Notes: Gastric Cancer**
Rille Pihlak

16:40-16:50 **Q&A**

16:50-18:20 • Industry Symposia

Chairs: Arndt Vogel, Clara Montagut Viladot

16:50-17:20 **MSD Symposium**
Keynote-859. Shaping the Future of 1L Therapy in HER2- Gastric and GEJ Adenocarcinoma
Arndt Vogel

17:20-17:50 **Merck Symposium**
The Evolving Treatment Landscape for BRAF V600E mt mCRC
Clara Montagut Viladot

17:50-18:20 **Servier Symposium**
New Perspectives on IDH1-Positive Locally Advanced or Metastatic Cholangiocarcinoma: The Importance of Molecular Testing in Locally Advanced or Metastatic Cholangiocarcinoma
Cornelia Nițipir

Efficacy and Safety Data for Ivosidenib in IDH1-Mutant Cholangiocarcinoma
Iulia Gramaticu

19:30

• Dinner

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DAY 2 – Saturday, 6th of September 2025

09:00-10:20 • Lower GI Cancers Session (I)

Chairs: Adina Croitoru, Radu Vidra

09:00-09:15 **Biomarkers in Colorectal Cancer: From Risk Stratification to Targeted Therapy**
Adelina Birceanu

09:15-09:35 **Adjuvant Therapy in Colon and Rectal Cancer**
Julien Taieb

09:35 09:55 **Modern Therapy in Rectal Cancer**
Erika Martinelli

09:55 10:10 **Staging and Restaging in Rectal Cancer: The Evolving Role of Imaging**
Radu Dumitru

10:10 10:20 **Q&A**

10:20-10:40 • Coffee Break

10:40-12:10 • Lower GI Cancers Session (II)

Chairs: Bogdan Gafton, Sorin Alexandrescu

10:40-11:00 **Targeted Therapies in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer**
Chiara Cremolini

11:00-11:20 **Local Liver Directed Therapies in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer: HAI, TACE, TARE, and SBRT**
Rachael Safyan



DAY 2 – Saturday, 6th of September 2025

11:30-11:45 **MDT Multimodal Management of Metastatic CRC in a Young Patients: A Case with Hepatic and Peritoneal Spread and Discordant BRAF Status**

Sorin Alexandrescu

11:45-12:05 **To Resect or Not to Resect: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Liver-Confined Recurrence in mCRC**

Adina Croitoru

12:05-12:15 **Q&A**

12:15-13:10 • Lunch

13:10-14:30 • Pancreatic Session

Chairs: Sara Lonardi, Gabriel Kacso, Adrian Saftoiu

13:10-13:25 **Resectable and Borderline Pancreatic Cancer: Surgical Challenges in 2025**

Traian Dumitraşcu

13:25-13:45 **The Treatment Strategy for Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer**

Sara Lonardi

13:45-14:05 **What is New in Artificial Intelligence for Pancreatic Imaging**

Adrian Săftoiu

14:05-14:20 **Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT) in Pancreatic Cancer: Current Evidence and Future Directions**

Gabriel Kacso

14:20-14:30 **Q&A**



DAY 2 – Saturday, 6th of September 2025

14:30-15:30 ● BMS Symposium

Chairs: Radu Vidra

Open session - Immunotherapy Revolution in mCRC: Redefining Standards with Opdivo and Yervoy

Adina Croitoru, Sara Lonardi, Michael Schenker, Radu Vidra

CheckMate 142 - Immunotherapy Beyond the First Line: The BMS Legacy in mCRC Continues

Adina Croitoru

Redefining Survival in mCRC: The CM 8HW Breakthrough in MSI-H Patients

Michael Schenker

One or Two? CM 8HW Answers the Immunotherapy Question in MSI-H mCRC

Sara Lonardi

Beyond the data: Final Thoughts, Bold Questions & Unfiltered Insights

Adina Croitoru, Michael Schenker, Sara Lonardi, Radu Vidra

15:30-16:00 ● Coffee Break

16:00-16:30 ● AstraZeneca Symposium

Chairs: Adina Croitoru, Irina Cazacu

Imfinzi: Advancing Immunotherapy in Hepatobiliary Cancers

Adina Croitoru

Imfinzi in Hepatobiliary Cancers: Clinical Experience

Irina Cazacu



DAY 2 – Saturday, 6th of September 2025

16:30-18:15 • Hepatobiliary Cancer

Chairs: Adina Croitoru, Arndt Vogel, Mugur Grasu

16:30-16:45 **An Overview of Approved and Upcoming Therapies in Advanced HCC**

Bogdan Gafton

16:45-17:00 **HCC Case Discussion**

Rille Pihlak

17:00-17:15 **The Role of Locoregional Therapies in HCC – Beyond the Intermediate Stage**

Mugur Grasu

17:15-17:35 **The Current Approach to Advanced Cholangiocarcinoma – 1st Line, 2nd Line, and Beyond**

Arndt Vogel

17:35-17:45 **Q&A**

17:45-18:00 **Key Notes – Colon Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer**

Rachael Safyan

18:00-18:15 **Key Notes – Cholangiocarcinoma, Hepatocarcinoma**

Arndt Vogel

19:00

• Dinner

Restaurant Brasserie, H. Pullman - 10 Montreal Square, București 011469



DAY 3 – Sunday, 7th of September 2025

09:00-10:45 • Young Oncologists Session

Chairs: Rille Pihlak, Irina Cazacu, Radu Vidra

09:00-09:05 **Opening**

09:05-09:20 **The Tumor, the Patient, and the Treatment: Challenging Decisions in Gastric Cancer**
Vlad Afrăsănie

09:20-09:35 **MSI-High Rectal Cancer on Crohn's Disease: A Case Presentation**
Alexandra Hoza

09:35-09:50 **Hyperprogression under Immunotherapy in a Patient with MSI-high CRC**
Irina Cazacu

09:50-10:05 **Cholangiocarcinoma Treated with Chemo-Immunotherapy: Real-World Challenges and Toxicities**
Ana Ciurea

10:20-10:35 **Real-Life Management and Treatment Challenges of Hepatocellular Carcinoma-Case Reports**
Vlad Croitoru

10:35-10:45 **Q&A**

10:45-12:30 • Industry Symposia

Chairs: Laura Mazilu, Adina Croitoru

10:45-11:00 **Synevo Symposium**
The New Genomic Era in Diagnosis and Management of Gastrointestinal Cancers. The Importance of Pre and Post-Test Genetic Counseling
Ileana-Delia Săbău



DAY 3 – Sunday, 7th of September 2025

- 11:00-11:15 **Accord Symposium**
**Nano Albumin Bound-Paclitaxel in Pancreatic Cancer:
Current Evidences and Directions**
Ana Ciurea
- 11:15-11:55 **AstraZeneca Symposium**
**Evolving Resectable GC Landscape
Current Treatment Landscape of Resectable GC**
Adina Croitoru
IO and the Perioperative Setting in Resectable GC
Laura Mazilu
- 11:55-12:15 **Roche Symposium**
**MANIFEST-HCC-RO: Multi-Centric, Retrospective Real-World Study
on First-Line Therapy with Atezolizumab plus Bevacizumab for
Advanced or Unresectable Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Romanian
Population**
Radu Vidra
- 12:15-12:30 **Affidea Symposium**
**From Diagnosis to Therapy: How Patient Navigation Simplifies
the Pre-Treatment Pathway in Gastrointestinal Cancer Care**
George Preda
- 12:30-12:40 **Keynotes Talks & Closing**
Adina Croitoru, Radu Vidra

12:40-13:40 | **Lunch**





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