

2nd Anniversary Multidisciplinary Symposium

Challenges in Rectal Cancer



Dear colleagues,

To celebrate the 2nd anniversary of our H.U.B departments, we are delighted to invite you to a symposium dedicated entirely to the multidisciplinary management of rectal cancer.

The management of this disease is constantly evolving and increasing in complexity, this posing important challenges in the decision making for both patients and multidisciplinary teams. With the help of local and international experts, we will discuss the most relevant advances in the field, alternating lectures, presentations of challenging cases, and sparkling debates on hot topics.

We look forward to seeing you there on the 28th of September!

Yours sincerely,

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Jean-Luc Van Laethem**

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

08.30 - 08.55 Registration and **Breakfast**
08.55 - 09.00 Welcome and Introduction
J.-L. Van Laethem and G. Liberale

Chair: Gabriel Liberale

09.00 - 09.20 Endoscopic resection of early-stage rectal lesions: novel indications and techniques
A. Lemmers, H.U.B

09.20 - 09.40 The new frontiers of robotic surgery for rectal cancer
A. Buggenhout, H.U.B

09.40 - 09.45 Clinical case (early-stage tumour)
A.-M. Bucalau, H.U.B

09.45 - 10.00 Q&A and panel discussion

Chair: Jean-Luc Van Laethem

10.00 - 10.20 Redefining the role of radiotherapy for rectal cancer: from treatment omission to dose-escalation
P. Martinive, H.U.B

10.20 - 10.40 Making sense of the recent data on total neoadjuvant therapy and immune checkpoint inhibitors for rectal cancer
F. Sclafani, H.U.B

10.40 - 10.45 Clinical case (locally advanced tumour)
I. Assaf, H.U.B

10.45 - 11.00 Q&A and panel discussion

11.00 - 11.20 **Coffee break**

Chair: Alexis Buggenhout

11.20 - 11.40 Predictive/prognostic biomarkers, and evaluation of treatment response: how the pathologist can guide management choices for rectal cancer
M. Svrcek, Saint-Antoine Hospital, Paris

11.40 - 12.00 Standard criteria and novel tools for the radiological assessment of clinical complete response and detection of local regrowth
R. Beets-Tan, The Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam

12.00 - 12.40 Watch & wait is standard of care for rectal cancer after clinical complete response
pro: *G. Beets, The Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam*
con: *F. Sclafani, H.U.B*

12.40 - 12.45 Clinical case *L. Mans, H.U.B*
12.45 - 13.00 Q&A and panel discussion

13.00 - 13.05 Closing remarks
F. Sclafani

13.05 - 14.15 **Lunch**