

EADV MASTERCLASS

Bullous Diseases and Connective Tissue Disorders: from Children to the Elderly

Residents Course | 9 May 2026 | Athens, Greece

Description

This masterclass is designed to provide dermatology residents with a comprehensive and clinically oriented overview of autoimmune bullous diseases and connective tissue disorders across all age groups, from childhood to the elderly.

The course will cover the pathogenesis, immunological mechanisms, and clinical spectrum of major autoimmune bullous diseases, including pemphigus, bullous pemphigoid and its variants, linear IgA bullous dermatosis, and epidermolysis bullosa acquisita, with special attention to age-specific presentations and management challenges in pediatric and elderly patients.

In the second part, the masterclass will focus on connective tissue diseases relevant to dermatological practice, addressing key pathogenic concepts and the dermatological manifestations of lupus erythematosus, localized and systemic scleroderma, and dermatomyositis. Adult and pediatric perspectives will be presented in parallel to highlight similarities and differences in disease expression, diagnosis, and clinical approach.

The program combines state-of-the-art lectures with interactive discussion of clinical cases, encouraging active participation and reinforcing practical decision-making skills relevant to daily clinical practice.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this masterclass, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the immunopathogenesis of autoimmune bullous diseases and connective tissue disorders.
2. Recognize the clinical features and variants of major autoimmune bullous diseases in adults, elderly patients, and children.
3. Differentiate age-related presentations and diagnostic challenges in pediatric versus adult dermatology.
4. Identify key dermatological manifestations of lupus erythematosus, scleroderma, and dermatomyositis.
5. Distinguish localized from systemic connective tissue diseases and understand their implications for dermatological care.
6. Apply a structured diagnostic approach, integrating clinical findings, immunological data, and histopathology.
7. Improve clinical reasoning and management strategies through interactive case discussions.

Faculty

Chair: Yolanda Gilaberte, Carmen Salavastru, Aikaterini Patsatsi

Speakers: TBC

Programme

Saturday, 9 May 2026

08.30-09.00 Participant Check-in

09.00-09.15 Welcome & Introduction

PART 1. AUTOIMMUNE BULLOUS DISEASES

09.15-09.45 Pathogenesis and Immunology of Autoimmune Bullous Diseases
TBC

Autoimmune Bullous Diseases in Adults

09.45-10.15 Pemphigus Group

TBC

10.15-10.45 Bullous Pemphigoid and Pemphigoid Variants • Elderly focus
TBC

10.45-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15-11.45 Other Autoimmune Bullous Diseases in Adults and Elderly

- Linear IgA bullous dermatosis
- Epidermolysis bullosa acquisita

TBC

Pediatric Bullous Disorders

11.45-12.15 Autoimmune bullous disease in children

TBC

12.15-14.00 Lunch break

PART 2. CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES

14.00-14.30 Pathogenesis and autoimmunity of connective tissue diseases
TBC

14.30-15.10 Lupus Spectrum in Dermatology

- Adults 20 minutes
- Paediatric 20 minutes

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15.10-15.50 Localized vs Systemic Scleroderma

- Adults 20 minutes
- Paediatric 20 minutes

TBC

15:50-16:20 Coffee Break

16.20-17.00 Dermatomyositis

- Adults 20 minutes
- Paediatric 20 minutes

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Marie Aleth Richard, Florent Amatore

17.00-17.45 Interactive questions and clinical cases
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17:45-19:30 Networking cocktail with faculty and participants

The programme might be subject to changes.

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