

Autoimmune bullous diseases

Combined Course (Residents & Specialists) | 17-19 November 2027 | Florence, Italy

Description

Autoimmune bullous diseases (AIBDs) comprise a diverse group of rare, potentially life-threatening disorders characterized by autoantibody-mediated blistering of the skin and mucous membranes. Despite major advances in the understanding of their immunopathogenesis, as well as improvements in diagnostic and therapeutic modalities, these diseases remain complex and demanding for practicing dermatologists.

This course provides a comprehensive and clinically oriented overview of AIBDs, integrating current scientific knowledge with practical management strategies. Key areas covered include:

1. Classification and main points regarding the pathogenesis of AIBDs
2. Classic and atypical clinical manifestations across different age groups and clinical settings
3. Histopathological, immunopathological, and serological diagnostic techniques, including direct and indirect immunofluorescence and ELISA-based assays
4. Evidence-based treatment strategies, including conventional immunosuppressive therapies, biologics, and emerging targeted treatments

The course emphasizes clinical reasoning, diagnostic accuracy, and individualized patient management.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize both common and less typical clinical presentations of pemphigus, pemphigoid diseases, and related disorders
 2. Select and interpret appropriate diagnostic tests for AIBDs
 3. Develop evidence-based treatment plans tailored to disease type, severity, patient comorbidities, and risk factors
 4. Evaluate the role of novel and targeted therapies in the management of AIBDs
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Faculty

Chairs: Emiliano Antiga, Marzia Caproni
Speakers: Enno Schmidt, Katerina Patsatsi, Pascal Joly
Tutors: Roberto Maglie, Alice Verdelli, Lavinia Quintarelli
Assistants: Carlo Pipitò, Maria Efenesia Baffa

Programme

Wednesday, 17 November 2027

13:00 - 14:00	Registration
14:00 - 14:15	Introduction Emiliano Antiga, Marzia Caproni
14.15 - 15.15	Classification of autoimmune bullous diseases Emiliano Antiga
15.15 - 16.15	Autoimmune bullous diseases: diagnostic approach Enno Schmidt
16:15 - 16:45	Coffee Break
16.45 - 18.30	Case presentation from participants

Thursday, 18 November 2027

09:00 - 09:45	Treatment of autoimmune blistering diseases: general principles Marzia Caproni
09:45 - 10:30	Pemphigus group: clinical features and diagnosis Katerina Patsatsi
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10.45-11.30	Pemphigus group: treatment Pascal Joly
11.30 - 12.30	Interactive cases (All faculty) or case presentation from participants
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 14.30	Bullous pemphigoid: clinical features and management Enno Schmidt
14.30 - 15.30	Mucous membrane pemphigoid: clinical features and management Marzia Caproni
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16.00 - 18.00	Case presentation from participants
20:00	Networking Dinner with participants and faculty members

Friday, 19 November 2027

09:00 - 09:45	Linear IgA bullous dermatosis: clinical features and management Emiliano Antiga
09:45 - 10:30	Epidermolysis bullosa acquisita: clinical features and management Katerina Patsatsi
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 - 11:30	Autoimmune blistering diseases: rare and difficult cases Pascal Joly
11.30 - 12.30	Autoimmune blistering diseases: differential diagnoses (interactive cases) all faculty
12.30 - 13.00	Conclusions

The programme might be subject to changes.