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Hematology Update in MDS | Sunday, 23rd November 2025

Lecture 1: 10.45 am (IST)

From transfusion dependence to independence in
frontline MDS: COMMANDing results with Rojuzda



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Lecture 2: 11.30 am (IST); 7.00 am (Italian time)

How to use luspatercept and erythropoiesis-
stimulating agents in low-risk myelodysplastic syndrome ?



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Areas of interest: BMT & Management of Acute Leukemia, Lymphoma Myeloma and Transplant & has published articles in various journals and textbooks.

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Dr. Valeria Santini is Director, MDS Unit, Associate Professor of Hematology at the University of Florence Medical School in Florence, Italy, where she received her degree in Medicine and Postgraduate diploma in hematology (cum laude).

She worked as an EORTC fellow in experimental hematology from 1988 to 1991 at the Dr. den Hoed Kliniek, Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

In 1999, she worked in the Department of Leukemia at MD Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas, Houston.

Her scientific interests and publications are focused on maturation induction and therapeutic targeting of epigenetics modifications, myeloid leukemias and myelodysplastic syndromes.

At present, she is responsible for the MDS and chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) program of the Hematology Unit at the University of Florence.

She is a member of European Hematology Association (EHA), MDS Foundation & Italian Society of Experimental Hematology.

She is a member of the Executive Board of the Italian Society of Hematology and the Medical Advisory Board of the Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation.

Chief Guest



Dr. Ragesh R Nair

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Scientific Agenda



Welcome note and introduction of guest speaker
Dr. Amit Khurana, Surat

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Speaker:

Dr. Rahul Arora, Hematologist, Nagpur

Lecture 2

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Speaker

Dr. Valeria Santini, Florence, Italy

Interactive session with Indian discussants

Moderator:

Dr. Amit Khurana, Surat

Discussants:

Dr. Aishwarya Raj, Ahmedabad

Dr. Ajay Gupta, Agra

Dr. Akanksha Garg, Ahmedabad

Dr. Amit Galgali, Bengaluru

Dr. Ashok Meshram, Kolkata

Dr. Ashutosh Walawalkar, Mumbai

Dr. Avinash Kumar Singh, Patna

Dr. Balkrishna Padate, Mumbai

Dr. Basudev Pokhrel, Hyderabad

Dr. Digambar Panchal, Mumbai

Dr. Dipsha Kriplani, Mumbai

Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, Kolkata

Dr. Hnin Mya Thanda, Myanmar

Dr. Jyoti Sawhney, Ahmedabad

Dr. Kripa Bajaj, Hyderabad

**Discussants:**

Dr. Madhupriya Borappa, Bengaluru
Dr. Mir Mohmad Hussain, Srinagar
Dr. Mohd. Taha Ali Khan, Hyderabad
Dr. Mounika Chennareddy, Bengaluru
Dr. Nakul Tikare, Goa
Dr. Parthiv Mehta, Bhavnagar
Dr. Poojitha Reddy, Hyderabad
Dr. Priyadarshini Peram, Bhubaneswar
Dr. Roopam Deka, Guwahati
Dr. Sachin Bansal, Bhopal
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Dr. Sonia Nagyal, Mumbai
Dr. Sushma Baishya, Bengaluru
Dr. T. Ramadevi, Ahmedabad
Dr. Tushar Pandey, Bhubaneswar
Dr. Upendra Sharma, Jaipur
Dr. Yi Mon Thant, Myanmar

Vote of thanks**Dr. Amit Khurana, Surat**

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