



Advances in Pediatric Neuroimmunology

2nd edition

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Expand your knowledge in the field of neuroimmunology

Receive comprehensive and up-to-date training in pediatric neuroimmunology, led by international experts in the field, at the second edition of the course organized by the Pediatric Neuroimmunology Unit of Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona Children’s Hospital.

We offer a hybrid format. We would be delighted to welcome you in person at Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona, while also offering an online option for those of you who are unable to attend in person.

Aimed at

Pediatricians, pediatric neurologists, and neurologists with an interest in pediatric neuroimmunology.

Course Director

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Registration

In-person registration: €220
Online registration: €210
Reduced registration fees are available for residents and participants from countries with special rates. Please check the website for further information.

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Venue

PCCB Auditorium, Sant Joan de Déu Formació
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Thursday, 28 January 2027

08:15 h - 08:30 h	Registration.
08:30 h - 08:45 h	Welcome. Dr. Miquel Pons . Chief Executive Officer, Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona Children’s Hospital; Dr. Carme Fons . Neurology Department Director, Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona Children’s Hospital. Dr. Thaïs Armangué . Head of the Pediatric Neuroimmunology Unit, Neurology Service, Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona Children’s Hospital, and IDIBAPS, Barcelona.
Session 1: Challenges in Autoimmune Encephalitis	
Moderators: Dr. Thaïs Armangué , Paediatric Neurologist, IDIBAPS, Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona Children’s Hospital and Dr. Mar Guasp , Neurologist, IDIBAPS, Hospital Clínic, Barcelona.	
08:45 h - 09:05 h	Update in Pediatric Autoimmune Encephalitis. Dr. Thaïs Armangué , Paediatric Neurologist, Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona Children’s Hospital. IDIBAPS, Barcelona.
09:05 h - 09:25 h	Ten Years After the Autoimmune Encephalitis (AE) Diagnostic Criteria: Are they useful for the diagnosis of seronegative AE? Dr. Francesc Graus , Neurologist, Emeritus Professor, IDIBAPS-Hospital Clínic Barcelona.
09:25 h - 09:45 h	CAR T-Cell Therapy in Refractory Autoimmune Encephalitis: From Clinical Practice to Animal Models. Dr. Josep Dalmau , Neurologist, IDIBAPS, La Caixa Research Institute, Barcelona.
09:45 h - 10:05 h	Insights from Neuropathology in Autoimmune Encephalitis. Dr. Romana Höftberger , Pathologist, Department of Neuropathology, Vienna, Austria.
10:05 h - 10:45 h	Panel Discussion and Q&A.
10:45 h - 11:15 h	Coffee Break
Session 2: Update in Acquired Demyelinating Diseases in Children.	
Moderators: Dr. Yolanda Blanco , Neurologist, Hospital Clínic, Barcelona, and Dr. Maria Sepúlveda , Neurologist, Hospital Clínic.	
11:15 h - 11:35 h	Update in MOGAD and MOGAD-like Phenotypes and Emerging Role of Novel Antibodies. Dr. Thaïs Armangué , Pediatric Neurologist, Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona Children’s Hospital, IDIBAPS, Barcelona.
11:35 h - 12:05 h	AQP4-NMOSD and Double-Seronegative Syndromes. Dr. Kumaran Deiva , Pediatric Neurologist, Paris Le Kremlin-Bicêtre, Paris, France.

12:05 h - 12:25 h	Application of the 2024 McDonald Diagnostic Criteria for Multiple Sclerosis. Dr. Eliañet Fonseca , Neurologist, SJD Children’s Hospital, IDIBAPS, Barcelona. Clínica Universidad de Los Andes, Chile.
12:25 h - 12:45 h	Current and Future Therapies for Multiple Sclerosis. Dr. Rinze Neuteboom , Pediatric Neurologist, Sophia Children’s Hospital - Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
12:45 h - 13:25 h	Panel Discussion and Q&A.
13:25 h - 14:25 h	Lunch Break
Session 3: Treatment-Related Complications and Peripheral Neuroimmunology.	
Moderators: Dr. Andres Nascimento , Pediatric Neurologist, Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona Children’s Hospital and Dr. Eugenia Martínez-Hernández , Neurologist, Hospital Clínic Barcelona.	
14:25 h - 14:45 h	Neurological Complications of CAR T-Cell Therapies. Dr. José María Cabrera , Neurologist, Hospital Clínic Barcelona.
14:45 h - 15:05 h	Guillain-Barré Syndrome, CIDP, and autoimmune nodopathies. Dr. Gemma Olivé , Pediatric Neurologist, Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, Barcelona.
15:05 h - 15:25 h	Pediatric Myasthenia Gravis. Dr. Pinki Munot , Pediatric Neurologist, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, UK.
15:25 h - 16:00 h	Panel Discussion and Q&A.
16:00h - 16:30 h	Coffee Break
Session 4: Clinical cases and Quiz.	
Interactive Quiz and Clinical cases.	
16:30 h - 17:10 h	(Prize: Neuroimmunology, F. Graus & J. Dalmau , Oxford University Press). Moderators: Dr. Mar Guasp , Neurologist, Hospital Clínic Barcelona and Dr. Marina Ascunce , Pediatric Neurologist, Hospital La Paz, Madrid.
17:10 h - 17:50 h	Selected Clinical Cases Presented by Participants from cases submitted in advance (see website for submission guidelines).

Session 5: Epilepsy and autoimmunity	
Moderators: Dr. Thais Armangué , Pediatric Neurologist, IDIBAPS, and Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona; Dr. Alexis Arzimanoglou , Pediatric Neurologist, Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona; and Dr. Maria Centeno , Neurologist, Hospital Clínic, Barcelona.	
09:00 h - 09:20 h	Autoimmune encephalitis as a Cause of Seizures and Epilepsy. Dr. Marianna Spatola , Neurologist, IDIBAPS and Switzerland, Barcelona.
09:20 h - 09:40 h	Rasmussen's Encephalitis: Recent Advances and New International Consensus. Dr. Marios Kaliaktsos , Pediatric Neurologist, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, UK.
09:40 h - 10:10 h	MRI in Rasmussen's encephalitis. Dr. Juan Álvarez Linera , Neuroradiologist, HT Medica-San Rafael, Madrid, Spain.
10:10 h - 10:40 h	FIRES and NORSE. Dr. Aurélié Hanin , Brain Institute, Paris, France.
10:40 h - 11:20 h	Panel Discussion and Q&A.
11:20 h - 11:50 h	Coffee Break
Session 6: Systemic inflammatory diseases and mimickers of CNS autoimmunity	
Moderators: Dr. Thais Armangué , Pediatric Neurologist, IDIBAPS, and Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona, Dr. Jordi Anton , Pediatric Rheumatologist, Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona, and Dr. Laia Alsina , Immunologist, Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona.	
11:50 h - 12:10 h	CNS Vasculitis and Other Rheumatologic disorders with CNS Involvement. Dr. Susan Benseler , Rheumatologist, Children's Health Ireland, Dublin, Ireland.
12:10 h - 12:30 h	Genetic Mimics of Autoimmune Encephalitis and CNS Autoimmunity. Dr. Yael Hacohen , Pediatric Neurologist, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, UK.
12:30 h - 12:50 h	Neurological problems after a tick bite: not always Lyme. Dr. Juan Carlos García-Moncó , Neurologist, Hospital Universitario Basurto, Bilbao, Spain.

12:50 h - 13:20 h	Functional Neurological Disorders Mimicking Autoimmune Encephalitis. Dr. Rob Forsyth , Pediatric Neurologist, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
13:20 h - 14:00 h	Panel Discussion and Q&A.
14:00 h - 15:00 h	Lunch Break
2ª jornada para pacientes y familias con enfermedades neuroinmunológicas pediátricas (spanish language).	
15:00 h - 15:10 h	Bienvenida. Moderadores: Dra. Thais Armangué , Neuropediatra IDIBAPS-La Caixa Research Institute y Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona, Dra. Eliañet Fonseca , Neurologist, SJD Children's Hospital, IDIBAPS, Barcelona. Clínica Universidad de Los Andes, Chile y Dra. Verónica González , Neuropediatra, Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona.
15:10 h - 15:30 h	Enfermedades neuroinmunológicas en la edad pediátrica. Dra. Thais Armangué , Neuropediatra IDIBAPS-La Caixa Research Institute y Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona.
15:30 h - 15:50 h	Impacto en el neurodesarrollo y la cognición de la encefalitis pediátrica. Dra. Roser Colomé , Neuropsicóloga infantil Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona.
15:50 h - 16:10 h	Rehabilitación en encefalitis y enfermedades neuroinmunológicas pediátricas. Maria Garau-Rolandi , Neuropsicóloga, Hospital Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona.
16:10 h - 16:40 h	Mesa redonda - Discusión y preguntas
16:40 h - 17:10 h	Pausa-café.
17:10 h - 17:35 h	Actividad-Coloquio/Proyección (TBC). Dr. Dalmau , Dra. Armangué , pacientes , asociación (TBC).

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