

EKITA & ITN Nephrology Course

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Introduction

A part of the 8th ITN Kidney Transplantation Masterclass, EKITA & ITN Nephrology Course is designed as an intensive update in contemporary transplant nephrology, bringing together leading experts in immunology, rejection, infection, living donation and long-term recipient follow-up. Delivered for the first time, the programme runs in parallel with the surgical track while preserving dedicated nephrology-focused content and selected common plenary sessions. The course aims to provide a compact, high-yield academic environment where delegates can review current evidence, practical consensus documents and emerging clinical strategies relevant to daily transplant practice.

Objectives

- To update participants on core and emerging topics in transplant immunology and nephrology.
- To review current approaches to rejection phenotyping, Banff classification and molecular diagnosis.
- To discuss donor evaluation, living donor follow-up and the nephrology interface of transplant ethics.
- To strengthen evidence-based post-transplant follow-up in infection, metabolic complications and malignancy.
- To explore strategies for expanding the donor pool without compromising recipient outcomes.

Learning Outcomes

- Interpret key immunologic concepts relevant to pre-transplant evaluation and post-transplant monitoring.
- Discuss current frameworks for rejection diagnosis, including Banff and molecular tools.
- Apply updated approaches to transplant infection, living donor care and long-term graft follow-up.
- Review consensus-based management of DSA follow-up, biopsies, diabetes and malignancy after transplantation.
- Assess expanded-criteria and suboptimal kidney use from a nephrology and outcome-oriented perspective



Main Topics

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transplant immunology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post-transplant DSA monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual crossmatch and epitope matching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biopsies and non-invasive biomarkers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-HLA antibodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post-transplant diabetes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allograft rejection and Banff classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Islet transplantation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Molecular diagnosis in transplantation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recurrent glomerulonephritis
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transplant-related infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post-transplant malignancies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living donor evaluation and follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanded donor pool strategies and ECD kidney use

Course Overview

This brochure presents the nephrology-focused academic framework and the final programme prepared under the EKITA & ITN collaboration. Plenary sessions with the surgical track are clearly indicated in the programme.

Chair

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Academic Qualification

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate of accomplishment issued under the EKITA educational framework by the European Society for Organ Transplantation and Turkish Transplant Foundation.

Methodology

The programme combines theoretical lectures, evidence-focused updates, interactive practical sessions, moderated discussion and selected common plenaries with the parallel surgical course.

Addressed to

Transplant nephrologists, nephrology fellows, transplant physicians and multidisciplinary professionals involved in immunology, donor evaluation and post-transplant follow-up.

Venue & Accommodation

Hilton Hotel Kozyatağı, Istanbul-Turkiye

Sahrayı Cedit, Batman Sk. No: 4, 34734 Kadıköy/İstanbul

Length and Language

3 full days, 3-5 September 2026.

Official language: **English**.

Simultaneous **French** and **Russian** interpretation will be provided throughout the course.

Registration

ESOT member*: EUR 600 | **Non-member:** EUR 800 | **Reduced fee**:** EUR 200

* In order to be eligible to register with an ESOT member fee, please note that you must be an active ESOT member at least until the end of the course.

** Addressed to low and lower-middle income countries and Turkiye. Please make sure that your country actually belongs to low and lower-middle income economies by visiting the following webpage: [World Bank classification](#).

The registration fee includes

- Access to scientific sessions
- Educational materials
- Certificate of attendance
- CME credits
- Coffee breaks and luncheons
- Networking dinner (no entertainment)

Airport Transfers

EUR 100 per person/group transfer
EUR 200 private transfer
Airport - Hotel - Airport
(round trip)

Accommodation Package

EUR 600
4 nights, single room and breakfast
[Hilton Kozyatağı Hotel - Istanbul](#)

Invoices

All fees are VAT included. Invoices will be issued for payments made both by credit card and bank transfer.

Cancellation Policy

There will be no refunds once your registration has been confirmed. Refunds will be issued only if the Organiser elects to cancel the event due to force majeure. Should ESOT&Turkish Transplant Foundation decide to cancel in-person courses, this will be communicated to all registered participants a month before the start date of the event.

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Scientific Programme

Day 1 - Thursday, 3 September 2026

Time	Topic	Faculty
08:00 - 09:00	Welcome	
SESSION 1	Transplantation Immunology I Moderators: Marta Crespo & Ondrej Viklicky	
09:00 - 09:20	HLA system in organ transplantation	Jean-Luc Taupin
09:20 - 09:40	Mechanisms of rejection: current perspectives	Kevin Louis
09:40 - 10:00	Pre-transplant immunologic risk evaluation	Marta Crespo
10:00 - 10:30	Discussion	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
SESSION 2	Transplant Immunology II Moderators: TBA & TBA	
11:00 - 11:20	Virtual crossmatch	Corinne Antoine
11:20 - 11:40	Epitope matching	Jean-Luc Taupin
11:40 - 12:00	Non-HLA antibodies	Carmen Lefaucheur
12:00 - 12:30	Discussion	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	

Day 1 - Thursday, 3 September 2026

Time	Topic	Faculty
SESSION 3	Strategies to Increase the Donor Pool I - common session with the surgical course Moderators: E. Barış Akin & Fernanda Ortiz	
14:00 - 14:20	Advances in kidney transplantation: organ perfusion and preservation	Mike Nicholson
14:20 - 14:40	Pushing the boundaries for living donation	Frank Dor
14:40 - 15:00	Are there still surgical barriers to transplantation?	Lucrezia Furian
15:00 - 15:20	Tolerance induction in living donation	Dixon B. Kaufman
15:20 - 15:40	AI in kidney transplantation	Marc Raynaud
15:40 - 16:00	Discussion	
16:00 - 16:20	Coffee Break	
SESSION 4	Strategies to Increase the Donor Pool II – common session with the surgical course Moderators: Lucrezia Furian & Aiko P.J. de Vries	
16:20 - 16:40	Transplantation across HLA borders	Carmen Lefaucheur
16:40 - 17:00	ABO-incompatible transplantation	Aiko P.J. de Vries
17:00 - 17:20	Paired kidney donation	E. Barış Akin
17:20 - 17:40	Xenotransplantation	Lloyd E. Ratner
17:40 - 18:00	Discussion	

Day 2 - Friday, 4 September 2026

Time	Topic	Faculty
SESSION 5	Allograft Rejection Moderators: Aiko P.J. de Vries & Gülay Yilmaz	
09:00 - 09:20	Induction therapies	Caroline Dudreuilh
09:20 - 09:40	Banff classification	Aurélie Sannier
09:40 - 10:00	Interactive practical Banff classification	Aurélie Sannier
		Gizem Kumru
10:00 - 10:30	Present and future of Banff classification	Carmen Lefaucheur
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
SESSION 6	Molecular Diagnosis Moderators: TBA & TBA	
11:00 - 11:20	Molecular diagnosis	Ondrej Viklicky
11:20 - 11:35	Real-world use of molecular diagnosis	Michelle Elias
11:35 - 12:15	Therapeutic strategies for allograft rejection	Carmen Lefaucheur
12:15 - 12:30	Discussion	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	

Day 2 - Friday, 4 September 2026

Time	Topic	Faculty
SESSION 7	Transplantation and Infection Moderators: Andreas Kousios & Elvana Rista	
14:00 - 14:20	HCV and HIV donors	Corinne Antoine
14:20 - 14:40	CMV: update in treatment	Aiko P.J. de Vries
14:40 - 15:00	BK virus infection	Caroline Dudreuilh
15:00 - 15:30	Discussion	
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break	
SESSION 8	Living Donation Moderators: Corinne Antoine & TBA	
16:00 - 16:20	Responsibilities of competent authorities and healthcare professionals in combatting transplant-related crimes	ELPAT / TBA
16:20 - 16:40	Pre-transplant living donor evaluation	Michelle Elias
		Elvana Rista
16:40 - 17:00	When genetic analysis is necessary for living donors	Andreas Kousios
17:00 - 17:20	Living donor follow-up	Fernanda Ortiz
		Gülay Yilmaz
17:20 - 17:30	Discussion	

Day 3 - Saturday, 5 September 2026

Time	Topic	Faculty
SESSION 9	Post-Transplant Follow-Up Moderators: Fernanda Ortiz & Caroline Dudreuilh	
09:00 - 09:30	Post-transplant DSA follow-up / STAR recommendations	Kevin Louis
09:30 - 10:00	Clinical utility of allograft biopsies in stable transplant recipients / TLJ ESOT consensus	Aiko P.J. de Vries
10:00 - 10:30	Non-invasive biomarkers	Carmen Lefaucheur
10:30 - 10:50	Coffee Break	
SESSION 10	Long-Term Outcomes and Complications Up Moderators: TBA & TBA	
10:50 - 11:10	Post-transplant diabetes / international consensus	Aiko P.J. de Vries
11:10 - 11:30	Kidney-islet vs kidney-pancreas transplantation	Michelle Elias
11:30 - 11:50	Recurrent glomerulonephritis after transplantation	Fernanda Ortiz
11:50 - 12:10	Post-transplant malignancies	Adnan Sharif
12:10 - 12:30	Discussion	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	

Day 3 - Saturday, 5 September 2026

Time	Topic	Faculty
SESSION 11	Strategies to Increase the Donor Pool III Moderators: TBA & TBA	
14:00 - 14:20	The use of kidneys of suboptimal quality without compromising recipient outcomes	Andreas Kousios
14:20 - 14:40	CNI-free strategies in ECD kidney transplant recipients	Michelle Elias
		TBA
14:40 - 15:10	Interactive practical ECD session	Andreas Kousios
		YPN
15:10 - 15:40	Interactive living donor session	Elvana Rista
		Michelle Elias
15:40 - 16:00	Managing a Successful Kidney Transplant Program: From Referral to Lifelong Graft Survival	Eyup Kahveci
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 - 17:00	Certification, award of fellowship and closing	

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