



10th WBMT SYMPOSIUM

An international scientific symposium of the Worldwide network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation in collaboration with the Latin American Blood and Marrow Transplantation group and the Sociedad Panameña de Hematología.



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Welcome Address

About the Symposium and the Role of the WBMT

The Symposium aims to guide physicians in optimizing their current hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HCT) practices and to help Panama and other countries strengthen their capabilities, expand access to life-saving therapies, and improve the quality of care.

It will address the most important topics related to the HCT procedure and its complications, as well as raise awareness about the importance of new cellular therapies (CT) and how to improve their accessibility in developing countries.

The WBMT is a non-profit organization of twenty-one international societies involved in HCT around the world, with a primary mission of establishing broad standards and assisting countries with limited resources in planning, development, and performance of this activity.

The purpose of this cooperation is to engage exclusively in charitable, scientific, and educational activities and endeavors by promoting and fostering the exchange and diffusion of information and ideas relating to HCT and CT and encouraging investigations on these matters. The focus of the Network is to collaboratively advance the field of HCT and CT while not pre-empting the activities of its member societies.

We cordially extend this invitation to join us at the WBMT SYMPOSIUM, and we hope you enjoy your stay in Panama,



Mickey Koh

WBMT President



Ninotchka Mendoza

Local Organizing Committee



Germán Espino

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SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM. Saturday, 27 June 2026

Time	Topics	Chairs /Speakers
	Inaugural Program / Welcome Messages	
08:00 AM - 08:05 AM	WBMT President	Mickey Koh
08:05 AM - 08:10 AM	Sociedad Panameña de Hematología President	Carlos Montero
08:10 AM - 08:20 AM	LABMT President	Juliana Martinez-Rolón
Session I:	Transplant Strategies in 2026	<i>Chairpersons:</i> Cristóbal Frutos (Paraguay) Ninotchka Mendoza (Panama)
8:20 AM - 8:35AM	Emerging therapies before transplantation	Andrés Gómez-De León (Mexico)
8:35 AM - 8:50 AM	Role of Haploidentical HCT and complications (cardiac, hemorrhagic cystitis)	Adriana Seber (Brazil)
8:50 AM - 9:05 AM	Optimal GvHD prophylaxis	Hildegard Greinix (Austria)
9:05 AM - 9:25 AM	Panel discussion:	Damiano Rondelli (USA) Marlene Chávez (Costa Rica) Al Avila (Panama)
9:25 AM - 9:55 AM	Breakfast Satellite Symposium No. 1 Terumo - 30 min  Introduction (1 min) 1. Experience with Apheresis in Panama (8 min) 2. Challenges to tailor apheresis to multiple applications in hematology and oncology (8 min) 3. Automated processing of collected blood mononuclear cells with the Quantum device (8 min) Q&A and Wrap-up (5 min)	<i>Chairperson:</i> Nina Worel (Austria) Carlos Omar Montero Osorio (Panama) Christian Chabannon (France) Gloria Bernal (México)
9:55 AM - 10:10 AM	Coffee Break	
Session II:	HCT in Hematological Malignancies	<i>Chairpersons:</i> Sebastian Galeano (Uruguay) Dimas Quiel (Panama)
10:10 AM - 10:25 AM	Myeloid malignancies (AML/MDS)	Dietger Niederwieser (Germany)
10:25 AM - 10:40 AM	Multiple Myeloma	Laurent Garderet (France)
10:40 AM - 10:55 AM	Lymphoma	Anna Sureda (Spain)
10:55 AM - 11:10 AM	Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia	Julia Palma (Chile)
11:10 AM - 11:30 AM	Panel discussion:	Mohamed Kharfan-Dabaja (USA) Juliana Martínez-Rolon (Argentina) Hilze Rodríguez (Panama)
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunchtime Satellite Symposium No. 2 Therakos - 60 min  1. Current status of GvHD management in Latin and South America (15 min) 1. Evolving role of ECP in the management of acute and chronic GvHD (30 min) Discussion (15 min)	<i>Chairperson:</i> Mickey Koh (UK/Singapore) Cristóbal Frutos (Parguay) Hildegard Greinix (Austria)
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch Break	

Session III:	HCT in non-malignant diseases	<i>Chairpersons:</i> Adriana Seber (Brazil) Diana Cedeño (Panama)
1:30 PM - 1:50 PM	HCT in autoimmune diseases and aplastic anemia	John Snowden (UK)
1:50 PM - 2:10 PM	HCT in Haemoglobinopathies: sickle cell and thalassemia	Damiano Rondelli (USA)
2:10 PM - 2:30 PM	Panel discussion:	Mickey Koh (Singapore/UK) Amado Karduss (Colombia) Ana Cooke (Panama)
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM 	Afternoon Satellite Symposium No. 3 Johnson & Johnson - 30 min Frailty Assessment: Optimizing Transplantation and New Therapies in Multiple Myeloma	Eugenia Riggi (Argentina)
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM 	Afternoon Satellite Symposium No. 4 AstraZeneca - 30 min Mantle Cell Lymphoma: How far have we come by 2026?	Carolina Mahuad (Argentina)
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Coffee Break	
Session IV:	Complications of HCT	<i>Chairpersons:</i> Daniel Weisdorf (USA) Abdiel Quintero (Panama)
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Management of Infections and immunizations	Sebastian Galeano (Uruguay)
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Managing relapse after allogeneic HCT	Mohamed Kharfan-Dabaja (USA)
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Endothelial disorders: TA-TMA, hepatic and pulmonary complications	Adriana Seber (Brazil)
4:30 PM - 4:45 PM	Late complications & follow-up and survivorship, role of the primary physician.	Amado Karduss (Colombia)
4:45PM - 5:15 PM	Panel discussion:	Hildegard Greinix (Austria) Juliana Martínez-Rolon (Argentina) Alexis Pinto (Panama)
Session V:	Emerging immunotherapies in Hematological Malignancies	<i>Chairpersons:</i> Dietger Niederwieser (Germany) Germán Espino (Panama)
5:15 PM - 5:30 PM	CAR-T or bispecific antibodies in NHL	Anna Sureda (Spain)
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Implementing a CAR T program in countries: Essential elements and considerations	Christian Chabannon (France)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	ICANS and CRS	Marcelo Pasquini* (USA)
6:00 PM - 6:20 PM	Panel discussion:	Mohamed Kharfan-Dabaja (USA) Lineth López (Panama) Benito Castillo (Panama)
6:20 PM - 6:30 PM	Closing remarks	Mickey Koh (UK/Singapore)

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