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Course Director

Dear colleagues,

Join us for the Vienna Lung Failure and Transplantation Symposium 2025!

The Department of Thoracic Surgery and the Comprehensive Center for Chest Diseases at MedUni Vienna/ University Hospital Vienna are excited to invite you to our upcoming two-day international symposium focused on “Lung Failure and Transplantation.”

This symposium aims to address all treatment aspects of end-stage lung failure, including lung transplantation, within an international interdisciplinary setting. We will bring together physicians and scientists from around the globe to share their expertise and insights.

Looking forward to welcoming you to an interesting and exciting event!

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Topics include
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease,
Interstitial Lung Disease, Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, Perioperative Management,
Pediatric Lung Failure, Pulmonary Hypertension,
Innovative and experimental approaches

Target Audience
Pulmonologists, Thoracic Surgeons, Physicians,
Anesthesiologists, Critical Care Physicians



Registration
Online registration closes Monday,
9th June 2025. Only on-site registration
will be available thereafter.

Online registration fees (incl. VAT)
One day registration (26th or 27th June 2025) €200,–
Full registration (26th and 27th June 2025) €400,–

On-site registration fees (incl. VAT)
One day registration (26th or 27th June 2025) €250,–
Full registration (26th and 27th June 2025) €500,–

The registration fee includes:

- Access to all scientific sessions and the industry exhibition area
- Lunch, refreshments and coffee break each day
- Symposium info package (symposium bag, programme folder, name badge)
- Certificate of attendance

Symposium participation for MedUni Vienna/ University Hospital Vienna students and staff is free.

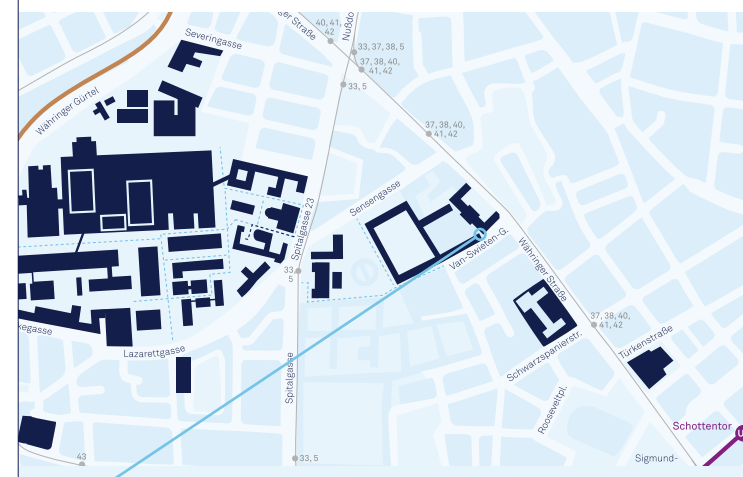


This event is approved by the Austrian Medical Chamber with 16 DFP- Points.

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DEPARTMENT OF THORACIC SURGERY



Programme

Thursday, 26th June 2025

8.00 – 8.45 am
Registration

8.45 – 9.00 am
Welcome
Clemens Aigner, Course Director
Markus Müller, Rector, MedUni Vienna
Gabriela Kornek, Medical Director, University Hospital Vienna

9.00 – 11.00 am
Parenchymal issue: COPD
Chair: Clemens Aigner, Daniela Gompelmann, Didier Schneider

- **Medical treatment in COPD IV**
Claus Franz Vogelmeier

- **Bronchoscopic treatment with valves**
Daniela Gompelmann

- **Lung volume reduction surgery**
Alexis Slama

- **Pushing the limits in LVRS**
Didier Schneider

- **Transplantation for COPD – a matter of survival or QoL?**
Alberto Benazzo

11.00 – 11.30 am
Coffee break

11.30 am – 1.00 pm
Parenchymal issue: ILD
Chair: Marco Idzko, Stefan Schwarz, Helmut Prosch

- **Imaging in pulmonary fibrosis**
Helmut Prosch

- **Novel treatments on the horizon?**
Andreas Günther

- **ICU Diagnostics in patients with acute exacerbation**
Thomas Staudinger

- **Lung transplantatation in ILD – Allocation algorithms**
Stefan Schwarz

01.00 – 2.00 pm
Lunch break

2.00 – 3.00 pm
Parenchymal issue: ARDS
Chair: Edda Tschernko, John Granton

- **Preventing harm from ventilation in the failing lung**
Mark J. Schultz

- **ECMO therapy in ARDS – the surgical perspective**
Thomas Schweiger

- **Transplantation in ARDS – Lessons learned from COVID 19**
Stefan Schwarz

3.00 – 4.00 pm
Pediatric Lung Failure
Chair: Edith Nachbaur, Zsolt Szepefalusi, Peter Faybik

- **Lung failure in neonates**
Gerald Schlager

- **Rare end stage lung disease in children**
Caroline Hutter

- **Cystic fibrosis and the failing lung**
Edith Nachbaur

4.00 – 4.40 pm
Pioneering Lung Transplantation
Chair: Clemens Aigner, Alberto Benazzo, Peter Jaksch

- **Building up lung transplantation in Vienna**
Walter Klepetko

- **Current challenges and solutions in establishing lung transplantatation in Serbia**
Maja Ercegovac

Friday, 27th June 2025

9.00 – 11.00 am
Pulmonary Hypertension
Chair: Shahrokh Taghavi , Christian Gerges

- **Pathophysiology of PAH**
Christian Gerges

- **Treatment algorithms in PAH**
Olivier Sitbon

- **Bridging and transplantation for PAH**
Alberto Benazzo

- **BPA in the treatment of CTEPH**
Irene Lang

- **PEA – innovations in multidisciplinary treatment**
Bernhard Moser

- **Intraoperative anaesthesiological management of PAH patients**
Edda Tschernko

- **Fostering European collaboration in pulmonary hypertension**
Pisana Ferrari

- **Patient Journey and the Alliance for Pulmonary Hypertension**
Alena Adarbehova

11.00 – 11.30 am
Coffee break

11.30 am – 12.30 pm
Airway
Chair: Thomas Schweiger, Doris-Maria Denk-Linnert , Paulo Cardoso

- **Airway stenosis**
Clemens Aigner

- **Tracheobronchomalacia and EDAC**
Thomas Schweiger

- **Long term ventilation and tracheostomy management**
Paulo Cardoso

12.30 – 1.30 pm
Lunch break

1.30 – 2.10 pm
Perioperative Management
Chair: Stefan Schaller, Alexis Slama

- **Rapid extubation in the OR**
Julien Fessler

- **The management of patients with pulmonary hypertension in the intensive care unit**
John Granton

2.10 – 4.15 pm
Innovative and experimental approaches
Chair: Clemens Aigner, Thomas Wekerle, Alberto Benazzo

- **Genetic modification of donor lungs**
Laurens Ceulemans

- **Novel approaches in DCD organ donation**
Laurens Ceulemans

- **Future of personalized medicine in lung transplantation**
Peter Jaksch

- **Xenotransplantation**
Robert Montgomery

4.15 pm
Farewell