

EPOS BAT Advanced Course

Porto, Portugal: 5-6 February 2026



Paediatric Bone & Joint Infection

Highlights

- Key Knowledge on Bone and Joint Infection
- Septic Arthritis
- Acute, Subacute and Chronic Osteomyelitis
- Surgical Site Infection
- Management of Sequelae
- Large Bone Defects
- What To Do With Implants

Methods of education

- Theoretical lectures
- Clinical case discussions
- Brains-on workshops

Welcome

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that we invite you to join us in the EPOS BAT Advanced Course – Pediatric Bone and Joint Infection in the beautiful city of Porto, February 5-6, 2026.

Bone and joint infections affect many children of different ages and may have devastating consequences. A sound understanding of the pathology, diagnosis, and treatment is key to decreasing the morbidity and achieving the best outcomes. We will dedicate 1.5 days to sharing their insights and expertise in a comprehensive program including theoretical lectures, case discussions, and workshops.

We are proud to join speakers from EBJIS, EPOS, and ESPID, with different backgrounds, including pediatrics, orthopaedics, radiology, pathology, and infectious diseases. This unique and collaborative faculty will allow us to offer diverse and updated perspectives, bringing pearls and pitfalls of interdisciplinary management that will certainly be useful for all healthcare professionals who take care of children with bone and joint infections.

We encourage you to actively participate in this course, which will enable the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (EPOS) to continue leading the way in paediatric orthopaedic education throughout Europe in a stimulating and engaging atmosphere.

See you in Portugal!

Warm regards,



Cristina Alves
EPOS Education Committee
Chair and Course Co-chair



Bartek Kowalczyk
Course Co-chair



Andreas Krieg
Course Co-chair



Dror Ovadia
EPOS President 2025–2026

This course will be delivered in collaboration with the European Bone & Joint Infection Society.



Program

Thursday 5 February

Wednesday 4 February
at Holiday Inn Porto Gaia

16:00-18:00

Pre-registration (optional)

Schedule	Topic	Faculty
08:00	Registration	
08:30	Opening remarks	Cristina Alves Bart Kowalczyk

Session 1: THE BASICS

Moderator: Bart Kowalczyk

08:40	Epidemiology of Bone and Joint Infections in Children	Catarina Gouveia
09:05	Septic Arthritis: Key Points for Diagnosis and Management	Inês Balacó
09:25	Acute Osteomyelitis: Key Points for Diagnosis and Management	Marta Salom
09:40	Spondylodiscitis: Key Points for Diagnosis and Management	Federico Canavese
10:00	Discussion	
10:20	Coffee Break	

Session 2: DIAGNOSTICS IN SEPTIC ARTHRITIS AND OSTEOMYELITIS

Moderator: Marta Salom

10:50	Should We Have a Radiograph?	Henrique Donato
11:05	How Good is Ultrasound?	Cristina Alves
11:20	MRI: When and Why Is It Important	Henrique Donato
11:35	New Lab Techniques for Identifying Microorganisms	Anália Carmo
11:50	Discussion	
12:10	Brains-On Workshop Rotation 1	
13:00	Lunch	

Session 3: CONTROVERSIES

Moderator: Dimitri Ceroni

14:00	Antibiotic, Route and Duration	Catarina Gouveia
14:15	Osteomyelitis: Is a Biopsy Needed?	Bart Kowalczyk
14:30	Septic Arthritis: Arthrocentesis, Arthroscopy or Arthrotomy?	Ignacio Sanpera
14:45	Differential Diagnosis: What Not to Miss	Ismat Ghanem
15:00	Discussion	
15:20	Brains-On Workshop Rotation 2	
16:00	Coffee Break	

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Session 4: SPECIAL PATIENTS, SPECIAL CASES

Moderator: Ismat Ghanem

16:30	Newborns	Marta Salom
16:45	Kingella Kingae	Dimitri Ceroni
17:00	PVL+ S Aureus	Deborah Eastwood
17:15	Discussion	
17:35	Brains-On Workshop Rotation 3	
18:15	End of Day 1	

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Friday 6 February

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Session 5: MANAGING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS

Moderator: Federico Canavese

08:30	Subacute Osteomyelitis	Dimitri Ceroni
08:45	Chronic Osteomyelitis	Inês Balacó
09:00	Sequelae of Osteomyelitis and Septic Arthritis	Ismat Ghanem
09:15	Discussion	

Session 6: SURGICAL SITE INFECTION

Moderator: Inês Balacó

09:35	How to Prevent It	Ignacio Sanpera
09:50	Antibiotic Prophylaxis: Getting It Right	Deborah Eastwood
10:05	Sutures and Dressing: Does It Make a Difference?	Cristina Alves
10:20	Beyond SSI: Modern Criteria for Diagnosis	Willem-Jan Metsemakers
10:40	Discussion	

11:00	Coffee Break	
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Session 7: PEARLS AND PITFALLS ON DIFFICULT SCENARIOS

Moderator: Cristina Alves

11:30	Infected Non-Unions	Willem-Jan Metsemakers
11:45	Infected Limb Prosthesis	Ricardo Sousa
12:00	Infected Spine with Implants	Federico Canavese
12:15	Large Bone Defects	Bart Kowalczyk
12:30	Discussion	
12:50	Closing of the Course	Bart Kowalczyk

Course fees

EPOS VAT number 980.673.429, exempt transaction under article 9 (14) of the Portuguese VAT Code.

Early registration*

(Valid until Sunday 4th of January s)

Participants

EUR 450.00

EPOS & FEPOS members**

EUR 350.00

Residents**

EUR 300.00

Late registration fees

(Valid as of Monday 5th January 2026.

No onsite registration!)

Participants

EUR 550.00

EPOS & FEPOS members**

EUR 450.00

Residents**

EUR 400.00

Registration fees include

- Participation in all course educational activities
- Lunches & coffee breaks

Expenses related to flights, accommodation, airport transfers, dinners etc. are at the participants' own expense.

Cancellation policy

- 4 weeks or less prior to the starting date: 50% of the registration fees will be charged.
- More than 4 weeks prior to the starting date: Administrative fee of 50 EUR will be charged.

* The early registration fee is only valid when the payment is made before the early registration deadline

** Proof needs to be uploaded depending on the registration category chosen

Course language

English – no translation

Opening hours

Wednesday 4 February: 16:00-18:00 (pre-registration, optional)

Thursday 5 February: 07:30-18:00

Friday 6 February: 08:00-13:00

Contact

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Venue

Holiday Inn Porto Gaia

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Accommodation

If you'd like to stay at the venue hotel, Holiday Inn are offering a [preferential room rate for course attendees](#).

Course Faculty

- Cristina Alves – Coimbra, Portugal
- Inês Balacó – Coimbra, Portugal
- Federico Canavese – Genova, Italy
- Anália Carmo – Coimbra, Portugal
- Dimitri Ceroni – Geneva, Switzerland
- Henrique Donato – Coimbra, Portugal
- Deborah Eastwood – London, United Kingdom
- Ismat Ghanem – Beirut, Lebanon
- Catarina Gouveia – Lisbon, Portugal
- Willem-Jan Metsemakers – Leuven, Belgium
- Bart Kowalczyk – Krakow, Poland
- Marta Salom – Valencia, Spain
- Ignacio Sanpera – Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- Ricardo Sousa – Porto, Portugal

Upcoming Events

Future EPOS Educational Events:

9th EPOS BAT INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE TRILOGY

Part II

Speising Orthopedic Hospital, Vienna, Austria | Dates: 12-13 March 2026

44th EPOS Annual Meeting

Sevilla, Spain | 08-10 April 2026

EPOS BAT ADVANCED COURSE

Paediatric Upper Limb

Helsinki, Finland | 25-26 June 2026

EPOS BAT ADVANCED COURSE

Genetic & Metabolic Bone Diseases

Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli, Bologna, Italy | 17-18 September 2026

9th EPOS BAT INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE TRILOGY

Part III

Speising Orthopedic Hospital, Vienna, Austria | 25-27 November 2026

EPOS BAT ADVANCED COURSE

Paediatric Sports Medicine & Arthroscopy, Cadaver Lab Course 4th Edition

Venue TBC | 22-23 June 2028

Workshops

Brains-On Workshops (Rotation System)

	Workshop	Faculty
A	Acute Osteomyelitis and Septic Arthritis	Cristina Alves Catarina Gouveia Dimitri Ceroni Marta Salom Henrique Donato
B	Sequelae of Chronic Bone and Joint Infections	Inês Balacó Ismat Ghanem Bart Kowalczyk Willem-Jan Metsmakers
C	Surgical Site and Post-Operative Infection	Anália Carmo Deborah Eastwood Federico Canavese Ricardo Sousa Ignacio Sanpera

Workshops schedule and content subject to last-minute changes.

Disclaimer: Please note that there is a variety of different similar products available that can be used beyond the ones provided at this event.