

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



Wednesday 4 February at Hotel Porto Palacio

16:00-18:00 Pre-registration (optional)

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

Session 1: THE BASICS

Moderator: Bart Kowalczyk

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| 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 | Sponylodiscitis: Key Points for Diagnosis and Management | Federico Canavese |
| 10:00 | Discussion | |
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| 10:20 | Coffee Break | |

Session 2: DIAGNOSTICS IN SEPTIC ARTHRITIS AND OSTEOMYELITIS

Moderator: Marta Salom

| 10:50 | Should We Have a Radiograph? | Henrique Donato |
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| 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 | |
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| 12:10 | Brains-On Workshop Rotation 1 | |
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| 13:00 | Lunch | |

Session 3: CONTROVERSIES

Moderator: Dimitri Ceroni

| 14:00 | Antibiotic, Route and Duration | Catarina Gouveia |
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| 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 | |
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| 15:20 | Brains-On Workshop Rotation 2 | |
| 16:00 | Coffee Break | |



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| | SPECIAL PATIENTS, SPECIAL CASES derator: 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 | |

Program Friday 6 February

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Session 5: MANAGING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS

Moderator: Federico Canavese

| 08:30 | Subacute Osteomyelitis | Dimitri Ceroni |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | |
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| 11:00 | Coffee Break | |

Session 7: PEARLS AND PITFALLS ON DIFFICULT SCENARIOS

Moderator: Cristina Alves

| 11:30 | Infected Non-Unions | Willem-Jan Metsemakers |
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| 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 |

Workshops

Brains-On Workshops (Rotation System)

| | Workshop | Faculty |
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| A | Acute Osteomyelitis and Septic Arthritis | Cristina Alves Catarina Gouveia Dimitri Ceroni Marta Salom Henrique Donato |
| В | Sequelae of Chronic Bone and Joint Infections | Inês Balacó Ismat Ghanem Bart Kowalczyk Willem-Jan Metsemakers |
| С | 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.