



Take a closer look at the reality of SpA



Spondyloarthritis Scientific Forum 04–05 December 2015

DAY 1: 04 DECEMBER

08.00–09.00 Registration and coffee

09.00–09.05 Welcome from the Spanish Society of Rheumatology

S Muñoz-Fernández – Past-President of the Spanish Society of Rheumatology (Spain)

09.05–09.15 Chair's welcome and introduction

P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

Session 1:
Understanding the spectrum and pathophysiology of spondyloarthritis

Session chairs:
P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

09.15–10.25 Defining the spectrum of spondyloarthritis: recent advances & clinical implications

F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

Understanding the pathophysiology of spondyloarthritis

D Elewaut (Belgium)

Q&A session

Moderators: P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

10.25–10.45 Coffee break

Session 2:
Psoriatic arthritis: diagnosis, assessment, and principles of management

Session chairs:
P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

10.45–13.00 Challenges and opportunities in the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis: the rheumatologist's perspective

G Ferraccioli (Italy)

A holistic approach to psoriatic arthritis: the dermatologist's perspective

W Boehncke (Switzerland)

Treating to target and treatment guidelines in psoriatic arthritis: updates, consensus, and controversies

P Nash (Australia)

Q&A session

Moderator: F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

Management of psoriatic arthritis: current and future perspectives

D Baeten (Netherlands)

Debate: methotrexate should remain a cornerstone of psoriatic arthritis treatment algorithms

Pro: G Ferraccioli (Italy)
Contra: P Nash (Australia)
Moderators: P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

Q&A session

Moderators: P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

13.00–14.00 Lunch

Session 3:

Parallel workshop sessions: optimizing the management of spondyloarthritis in clinical practice

(Delegates will attend 2 workshops, each 45 mins in length, with 10 mins allowed to move between breakout rooms)

14.00–15.40 Workshop sessions:

1. Practical guidance on using biologics in spondyloarthritis
2. Early diagnosis and treatment of spondyloarthritis
3. Treating to target and aligning regional treatment practices with international guidelines: challenges and perspectives
4. What can dermatologists learn from rheumatologists, and vice-versa?
5. Imaging in spondyloarthritis: what to look for and pitfalls to avoid

D Baeten (Netherlands), J Cañete (Spain)
F Van den Bosch (Belgium), D Elewaut (Belgium)
P Nash (Australia)

G Ferraccioli (Italy), W Boehncke (Switzerland)
P Emery (UK), M Østergaard (Denmark)

15.40–16.00 Coffee break

Session 4:

Hot topics and challenges in spondyloarthritis

Session chairs:
P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

16.00–17.00 Panel discussion:

1. How can we optimize the patient's journey through the spondyloarthritis treatment pathway?
2. How should we classify disease modification in spondyloarthritis?
3. What is the cost of treating spondyloarthritis optimally?

Moderators: P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

D Baeten (Netherlands), J Cañete (Spain)
P Nash (Australia), G Ferraccioli (Italy)

Q&A session

Moderators: P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

Summary and close of Day 1

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DAY 2: 05 DECEMBER

08.00–08.30 Coffee

08.30–08.35 Welcome and overview of Day 2

P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

Session 5:

Advances in the management of axial spondyloarthritis

Session Chairs:

P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

08.35–10.00 Understanding axial spondyloarthritis: where are we now and where do we need to get to?

D Poddubnyy (Germany)

Debate: Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis: a part of the disease spectrum that should be managed aggressively

Pro: J Sieper (Germany)
Contra: M Østergaard (Denmark)
Moderators: P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

Treating to target in axial spondyloarthritis: concepts, evidence, and challenges

J Smolen (Austria)

Q&A session

Moderators: P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

10.00–10.20 Coffee break

10.20–11.25 Targeted therapies in axial spondyloarthritis: current options and future perspectives

J Sieper (Germany)

Radiographic progression: the new target for treatment?

D Poddubnyy (Germany)

Q&A session

Moderators: P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

Session 6:

Parallel workshop sessions: optimizing the management of spondyloarthritis in clinical practice

(Delegates will attend 1 workshop of 45 mins in length, with 10 mins allowed to move from/to the plenary room.

The most popular workshops from Day 1 will be run again on Day 2 to allow all delegates to attend)

11.25–12.20 Workshop sessions:

1. Practical guidance on using biologics in spondyloarthritis

J Cañete (Spain), D Poddubnyy (Germany)

2. Early diagnosis and treatment of spondyloarthritis

P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

3. Treating to target and aligning regional treatment practices with international guidelines: challenges and perspectives

J Sieper (Germany), P Nash (Australia)

4. Imaging in spondyloarthritis: what to look for and pitfalls to avoid

M Østergaard (Denmark)

Closing Session:

12.20–13.00 Keynote lecture: personalized medicine in inflammatory rheumatic conditions

J Smolen (Austria)

Summary and meeting close

P Emery (UK), F Van den Bosch (Belgium)

13.00–14.00 Lunch



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