

# CDP MEETING 2026

The overarching goal of this meeting is to discuss how we can accelerate the path to clinical application for a cell therapy as a functional cure for diabetes.

We will cover the current status quo of cadaveric islet cell transplantation using immunosuppression and discuss next generation cell products with a focus on cell sources and encapsulation technologies.

## SPEAKERS

**Lucrezia Furian**, University of Padova

**Jose Oberholzer**, University of Zurich

**Alessandro Csermely**, University of Verona

**Berit Løkensgard Strand**, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

**Carlo De Riva**, Ulss 3 Serenissima, Venezia

**Carlo Moretti**, Azienda Ospedale Università Padova

**Caterina Di Bella**, University of Padova

**Fabio Ausania**, University of Barcelona

**Gian Paolo Fadini**, University of Padova

**Jason Doppenberg**, University of Leiden

**Julie Kerr-Conte**, University of Lille

**Laura Bordon**, Ulss 5 Polesana, Rovigo

**Laura Nollino**, Ulss 2 Marca Trevigiana, Treviso

**Matt Bochenek**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

**Peter Girman**, Institute for Clinical and Experimental Medicine (IKEM)

**Riccardo Calafiore**, University of Perugia

**Roberto Trevisan**, University of Milano

**Sonja Schrepfer**, Cedars-Sinai, Los Angeles

**Teresa Mezza**, University Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano

**Veisheh Omid**, Rice University

**Verdiana Ravarotto**, University of Padova

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

### Scientific Program

- 09:00 – 09:15** Welcome and introduction at Centro per la Terapia Cellulare del Diabete (TCD). **Jose Oberholzer**
- 09:15 – 09:45** State of the art of the TCD. **Lucrezia Furian**
- 09:45 – 10:15** Coffee break
- 10:15 – 10:45** Standard of care in islet transplantation- a new islet isolation and purification methods. **Jason Doppenberg**
- 10:45 – 11:15** The Lille experience in islet transplantation and future islet purification without the Cobe Cell Separator. **Julie Kerr-Conte**
- 11:15 – 11:45** Microencapsulation from bench to the clinic. **Riccardo Calafiore**
- 11:45 – 12:15** Update on macroencapsulation devices. **Matt Bochenek**
- 12:15 – 13:30** Lunch break
- 13:30 – 15:00** TCD site tour
- 15:30 – 16:00** New developments in alginate-based biomaterials. **Berit Løkensgard Strand**
- 16:00 – 16:30** Lessons learned from clinical trials in encapsulated cell therapy. **Veisheh Omid** (via Zoom)
- 16:30-17:00** Conclusions. **Jose Oberholzer**
- 19:00** Dinner

## THURSDAY JUNE 4

### Scientific Program

- 09:00 – 09:30** Islet and pancreas Transplantation in Spain: what are the opportunities? **Fabio Ausania**
- 09:30 – 10:00** Islet shipment: collaboration between the Country. **Peter Girman**
- 10:00 – 10:30** Coffee break
- 10:30 – 11:00** Autologous Transplantation: Verona experience **Alessandro Csermely**
- 11:00 – 11:30** Upscaling Lantidra. **José Oberholzer**
- 11:30 – 12:00** Microencapsulated trial. The Italian Experience. **Verdiana Ravarotto, Caterina Di Bella**
- 12:00 – 12:15** Discussion
- 12:15 – 13:30** Lunch break
- 13:30 – 14:00** Alternative islet cell source. **José Oberholzer**
- 14:00 – 15:45** Endocrinologist roundtable: indication for islets and pancreas transplantation **Gian Paolo Fadini, Roberto Trevisan, Carlo De Riva, Teresa Mezza, Laura Nollino, Carlo Moretti, Laura Bordon**
- 15:45 – 16:00** Coffee break
- 16:00 – 16:40** Evading the immune system: The Evolution and Clinical Translation of Hypoimmune Cells **Sonja Schrepfer** (via Zoom)
- 16:40 – 17:00** Conclusions. **Jose Oberholzer**
- 17:00** Farewell apero