



MEETING ECM

Perspectives and Research AdvancemenTs in Oncology

PRATO 
3rd EDITION ——— *breast*

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OBJECTIVES

Without a doubt, the breast cancer community has witnessed in the last years the most important advancements in the medical treatment for all breast cancer subtypes since decades. Such advancements embrace the whole spectrum of breast cancer care and include the introduction of new drugs, the complete redefinition of treatment decision-trees, and the introduction of new diagnostic tools. All these changes are fueled by new acquisitions coming from both fundamental, translational and clinical research at an unprecedented speed and we can foresee that, at this pace, even more profound changes could come in the following years. In this evolving scenario, it is essential to keep a critical eye on the knowledge generated by the scientific literature, to carefully put new data in the context of the established knowledge, and to look at this changing landscape trying to anticipate potential future avenues. It is also very important that, as these changes happen, we are fully aware of the many implications that they may carry, starting from the practical aspects of introducing these novelties in our daily routine and including those aspects related to the communication with the patients and their caregivers. As members of a community dedicated to breast cancer care, we also have the imperative of understanding what is the current role of all the different players concurring to the development of new breast cancer therapies. In particular, it is urgent to reflect on the current status of independent research worldwide and on the role that this is going to have in the near future. Building on the success of the past two editions, the 2026 PRATO breast cancer symposium will gather experts in the breast cancer field to share their views on these concepts and discuss them in an open and interactive way. We will initiate the meeting with a visionary lecture on future perspectives in the treatment of early-stage luminal breast cancer. We will then continue the scientific talks by tackling the different breast cancer subtypes in separate sessions. In each session we will have two experts, each summarizing the news in the adjuvant and metastatic setting, respectively, followed by a panel discussion which will aim to put the new data in the context of the current practice. We will also have a moment to reflect on the complex task of communication with patients in the era of social media. This year the meeting will also host an exceptional guest: Prof Meredith Regan from Harvard Medical School. Prof. Regan is an eminent Statistician and a world renowned expert in breast cancer research who has contributed to seminal clinical trials that have shaped breast cancer care trough the last decades. As co-Chair of the ETOP-IBCSG, one of the most important cooperative groups in breast cancer worldwide, and stemming from her longstanding experience in the field, she will share her views on the importance of independent research in breast cancer, its past and current role, with a look to the future. During the meeting, Prof. Regan will receive the 2026 Angelo Di Leo award in recognition of her work and achievements.

With the endorsement of:



- 09.00 *Registration*
- 09.30 **Opening and meeting introduction**
Laura Biganzoli
- 09.40 *Welcome by the Authorities*
- 09.30 **INTRODUCTORY LECTURE**
Future Perspectives in the treatment of adjuvant ER positive HER2 negative EBC
Giuseppe Curigliano

SESSION 1**RE-THINKING THE CURRENT TREATMENT DECISION-TREE FOR TRIPLE-NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER**

Chairs: Francesca Martella, Erica Moretti

- 10.20 **Early setting**
Valentina Guarneri
- 10.40 **Advanced setting**
Carmen Criscitiello
- 11.00 **PANEL DISCUSSION**
Discussion lead by: Fabio Puglisi and Claudio Zamagni
Expert panel members: Grazia Arpino, Laura Biganzoli, Saverio Cinieri, Laura Cortesi, Lucia Del Mastro, Michelino De Laurentiis, Serena Di Cosimo, Maria Vittoria Dieci, Alessandra Fabi, Ornella Garrone, Alessandra Gennari, Mario Giuliano, Luca Malorni, Elisabetta Munzone, Antonino Musolino, Loredana Pau, Paolo Vigneri, Alberto Zambelli
- 11.40 *Coffee Break*
- 12.00 **"ANGELO DI LEO LECTURE 2026"**
The Future of Academic Research: are we going to face BIG problems?
Presenter: Laura Biganzoli
Speaker: Meredith Regan (Dana-Farber Cancer Institute – Harvard University Medical School)
- 12.30 **ANGELO DI LEO AWARD 2026 to M. Regan**
Laura Biganzoli, Giovannella Pitigliani Sini
- 13.00 *Light lunch*

- 14.00 **LECTURE**
Communication in the age of social media
Gabriella Pravettoni

SESSION 2

ER+/HER2- BREAST CANCER: THE IMPACT OF NEW MOLECULES IN OUR CLINICAL STRATEGIES

Chairs: Carmelo Bengala, Luca Livraghi

- 14.20 **Early setting**
Michelino De Laurentiis

- 14.40 **Advanced setting**
Grazia Arpino

15.00 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Discussion lead by: Luca Malorni, Alberto Zambelli

Expert panel members: Laura Biganzoli, Saverio Cinieri, Carmine De Angelis, Lucia Del Mastro, Serena Di Cosimo, Alessandra Fabi, Ornella Garrone, Alessandra Gennari, Mario Giuliano, Francesca Martella, Elisabetta Munzone, Antonino Musolino, Loredana Pau, Emanuela Risi, Paolo Vigneri

- 15.40 *Coffee Break*

SESSION 3

HER2+ BREAST CANCER: AN EVER-CHANGING SCENARIO

Chairs: Emanuela Risi, Ilaria Pastina

- 16.00 **Early setting**
Lucia Del Mastro

- 16.20 **Advanced setting**
Carmine De Angelis

16.40 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Discussion lead by: Laura Biganzoli, Serena Di Cosimo

Expert panel members: Grazia Arpino, Carmelo Bengala, Saverio Cinieri, Carmine De Angelis, Michelino De Laurentiis, Alessandra Fabi, Ornella Garrone, Mario Giuliano, Luca Malorni, Erica Moretti, Elisabetta Munzone, Antonino Musolino, Loredana Pau, Paolo Vigneri, Alberto Zambelli

- 17.20 **Final remarks**
Luca Malorni

- 17.30 *Adjourn*

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- professions/specializations should correspond to those which have been;
- attendance at the 90% of the meeting;
- the completion of the Meeting evaluation online form;
- completion of the final test (at least 75% of correct answers). 1 attempt admitted.

The test and the meeting evaluation form must be completed within 3 days from the end of the event.

Participation in the course is free, places available are limited.

It is possible to register online at by April 14.

Registration will be accepted in the chronological order of arrival and will be confirmed by e-mail.

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