

AGORA PRS - Winter & Spring 2026
Auditorium Paternot / AGORA building - level 02 - room 101

DATE	SCHEDULE	SPEAKER	TITLE	RESEARCH GROUP & INSTITUTION	PLACE
February 3	11.30 - 12.00	Luis Castillo	OAcGD2 targeting CAR T cells enables in vivo tumor control while avoiding GD2-associated neurotoxicity	Migliorini lab, HUG & UNIGE	Paternot auditorium
February 10	11.30 - 12.00	Maylis Touya	Continuous monitoring and prediction of fatigue in patients with Glioblastoma	Hottinger lab, CHUV	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Dr.Tania Wyss	Translating Data into Discovery - A Tour of the Bioinformatics Possibilities offered by the Biomedical Data Science Facility	Biomedical Data Science Facility, UNIGE & SIB	
March 3	11.30 - 12.00	Elodie Marcandalli	Engineering iPSC-Derived Dendritic Cells for Off-the-Shelf Cancer Immunotherapy	De Palma lab, EPFL	Paternot auditorium
March 9	11.30 - 12.30	Prof. Leila Akkari	From Diversity to Dependency: Plasticity and State Evolution of Myeloid Cells in Cancer	Netherlands Cancer Institute	Paternot auditorium
March 17	11.30 - 12.00	Eleni Lamprou	The role of autophagy in modulating immune responses across various tumor types	Hanahan lab, EPFL	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Dr. Jort van der Schans	Co-engineering T cells and dendritic cells for cancer immunotherapy	De Palma lab, EPFL	
March 24	11.30 - 12.30	Prof. Jean-Philippe Gratton	Rewiring angiogenic signaling to modulate tumor endothelial cell identity and tumor immunity	Université de Montréal	Paternot auditorium
March 31	11.30 - 12.00	Agata Lesniewska	Genetic engineering of myeloid cells to reprogram the tumor microenvironment	Gentner lab, CHUV	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Konstantina Georgakopoulou	Chromatin evolution and heterogeneity in Whole Genome Doubling	Oricchio lab, EPFL	
April 21	11.30 - 12.00	Dr. Déborah Lécuyer	Mitochondria-enriched tumor-associated neutrophils	Meylan-Perentes lab, CHUV	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Greta Bordin	Deciphering CD8+ T Cell Regulatory Networks: from Canonical to Enhanced States for Adoptive Cell Therapy	Coukos-Corria lab, UNIL	
April 28	11.30 - 12.00	Alexandros Sifis	Evaluation of neoantigen-specific T cell responses in pleural carcinosis managed by Pressurized IntraThoracic Hyperthermic Aerosol Cisplatin (PITHAC)	Meylan-Perentes and Bassani labs, CHUV	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Dr. Benoît Duc	Integrated single-cell analysis reveals a novel perforin function in pericytes of human brain tumors	Joyce lab, UNIL	
May 5	11.30 - 12.00	Dr. Maria Lozano-Rabella	Circulating Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes in Melanoma: Dynamics and Clinical Relevance	Harari lab, UNIL & CHUV	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Dr. Simge Yücel	Elucidating the roles of stromal FMRP expression in the programming of CAFs to support immune evasion	Hanahan lab, EPFL	
May 12	11.30 - 12.00	Dr. Julie Mazet	Unlocking CD8+ T cell antitumor activity in brain metastasis	Joyce lab, UNIL	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Dr. Alexandre Benechet	Elucidating the complexity of the tumor microenvironment through advanced imaging	In Vivo Imaging Facility – IVIF	
May 19	11.30 - 12.00	Asli Kasapoglu	Blocking PSMB9 prevents cancer cell adaptation to inflammation and increases the activity of NKG2D-CAR NK cells	Oricchio lab, EPFL	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Dr. Julien Racle	Accurate models of HLA-II specificities refine donor selection criteria for hematopoietic stem cell transplantation	Gfeller lab, UNIL	
May 26	11.30 - 12.00	Dr. Matthew Bell	Engineered myeloid cell therapy for ovarian cancer	Gentner lab, CHUV	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Dr. Sheri McDowell	A day in the life of a T cell	Pittet lab, UNIGE	
June 2	11.30 - 12.00	Eduardo Roman Camacho	Epigenetics and T cell Stemness: Modulating the epigenetic regulatory layer in ACT products to increase their stemness potential	Coukos-Corria lab, UNIL	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Dr. Darel Martínez Bedoya	Addressing glioma heterogeneity with tetra-specific RNA-based CAR-T cells	Migliorini lab, HUG & UNIGE	
June 9	11.30 - 12.00	Dr. Martin Pedard	Perioperative myeloid remodeling shapes CAR T-cell efficacy in glioblastoma	Migliorini lab, HUG & UNIGE	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Mehdi Hicham	Studying tumor cell death by intravital microscopy	Pittet lab, UNIGE	
June 16	11.30 - 12.00	Gianluca Corsanici	TBA	Schottelius lab, CHUV	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Dr. Ali Ghasemi	TBA	Migliorini lab, HUG & UNIGE	
June 23	11.30 - 12.00	Hélène Koch	TBA	Schottelius lab, CHUV	Paternot auditorium
	12.00 - 12.30	Laura Cabizzosu	TBA	Coukos lab, UNIL	