



**Blood
Cancer**
Network
Ireland

10th Blood Cancer Network Ireland (BCNI) Annual Symposium

Friday, 22nd May 2026 | The Hardiman Hotel, Galway

09:00 – 09:20 Registration & Poster viewing

09:20 – 09:30 Welcome and opening remarks

Session 1: Immune microenvironment and immunotherapies

09:30 – 10:10 **Anastasios Karadimitris** (Imperial College London, UK): Off-the-shelf dual CAR-iNKT cell immunotherapy in high-risk KMT2A-rearranged leukemia

10:10 – 10:50 **Nana Talvard-Balland** (University Medical Center Freiburg, Germany): Immune escape in AML

10:50 – 11:10 Coffee break & poster viewing

11:10 – 11:50 **Johannes Schetelig** (Technical University, Dresden, Germany): Eradication of measurable residual myeloid disease after allogeneic haematopoietic cell transplantation

11:50 – 12:30 **Sara Gandolfi** (University of Helsinki, Finland): Functional and genomic determinants of natural killer cell functionality in blood cancers

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch & poster viewing

Session 2: Cell origins of blood cancers

13:45 – 14:25 **Rodger Tiedeman** (University of Auckland, New Zealand): Identifying and characterising the cells of origin in multiple myeloma

14:25 – 14:35 **Micheal O'Dalaigh** (University of Galway, Ireland): Cell(s) of origin in blood cancers: biological insights and clinical implications

Session 3: Real-world evidence and outcomes research

14:35 – 15:05 **Anita Souza** (Medical College of Wisconsin, USA): Use of real-world data to drive rare haematologic disease research: challenges, lessons learned, opportunities

15:05 – 15:15 **Eleona Piazza** (University of Galway, Ireland): Establishing a national, voluntary blood cancer registry

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:05 **Carrie Thompson** (Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA): Patient versus clinician-reported symptoms in the POLARIX study of DLBCL

16:05 – 16:40 **Sven Borchmann** (University Hospital Cologne, Germany): Circulating tumour DNA for genotyping and MRD determination in lymphoma

Session 4: National perspectives and open discussion

16:40 – 17:30 **Panel discussion:** Translating discovery into patient benefit

17:30 Close of meeting