



ACCELERATE 2023 Annual Conference

9-10 February 2023
Brussels Radisson Collection Hotel
& Virtual

Conference Programme

Day 1 - Thursday 9 February

Central European Time

09h00 – 10h00

Registration

10h00 – 10h15

Welcome and intro

10h15 – 12h00

Session I - Real World and/or Trial data – where are we heading to?

Chair: Pamela Kearns, *University of Birmingham*

- NCI's Childhood Cancer Data Initiative - CCDI
Gregory Reaman, NIH
- European initiatives for access to molecular and Real World Data
Stefan M. Pfister, *KITZ Heidelberg*
- ACCELERATE Long Term Follow Up initiative
Andy Pearson, *ACCELERATE*
- The Data Analysis and Real World Interrogation Network - DARWIN EU
Daniel Morales, *European Medicines Agency*

Panel Discussion

Max Williamson, *Patient Advocate for the ACCELERATE FAIR Trials WG*

Lynley Marshall, *Royal Marsden*

Gregory Reaman, *NIH*

Andy Pearson, *ACCELERATE*

Stefan M. Pfister, *KITZ Heidelberg*

Daniel Morales, *European Medicines Agency*

12h00 – 13h15

Lunch

13h15 – 14h45

Session II - ACCELERATE

Chair: Hubert Caron, *Roche*

13h15 – 13h45

Accelerating Impact for Children with Cancer - Patient Advocates-led session

Nicole Scobie, *Zoé4life*

Susan L. Weiner, *Children's Cancer Cause*

Leona Knox, *Solving Kids' Cancer UK*

Patricia Blanc, *Imagine for Margo*

Joe McDonough, *The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation*

13h45 – 14h45

ACCELERATE at 360

- Education
Teresa de Rojas, *ACCELERATE*

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- **Intercontinental collaboration**
Leona Knox, *Solving Kids' Cancer UK*
- **ACCELERATE access to new medicines initiative**
Gilles Vassal, *ACCELERATE*
- **Fostering Age-Inclusive Research**
Nathalie Gaspar, *Institute Gustave Roussy*

14h45 – 15h15

Coffee break + photo

15h15 – 18h00

Session III – Parallel Breakout sessions

BkS 1 – Paediatric Patient-Reported Outcomes – can we make patient-centred research a reality?

Group A

Leona Knox
Solving Kids' Cancer UK

Lia Gore
Children's Hospital Colorado

Group B

Pamela Kearns
University of Birmingham

Willemijin Plieger
Dutch Childhood Cancer Org

BkS 2 – Paediatric Strategy Forums 2.0

Group A

Susan Weiner
Children's Cancer Cause

Elizabeth Fox
Children's Research Hospital Colorado

Group B

Nicole Scobie
Zoe4life

Chinyere Okpara
Eisai Co., Ltd

BkS 3 – Implementing Mechanism of Action globally

Group A

Elly Barry
Day One Biopharmaceuticals

E. Anders Kolb
Nemours Children's Hospital

Group B

Peter Adamson
Sanofi

Brenda Weigel
University of Minnesota

20h00 – 23h00

Social dinner at the historical Belgian restaurant
«Aux Armes de Bruxelles»

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08h00 – 08h30

Registration

08h30 – 10h00

Session IV - Update on regulatory landscape in Europe and USA

Chair: Delphine Heenen, *KickCancer*

- The RACE for children act at two years – progress in development of MoA targeted paediatric oncology drugs
Martha Donoghue, *U.S. Food and Drug Administration*
- The European Regulatory strategy for supporting childhood cancer therapy developments
Dominik Karres, *European Medicines Agency*
- Update on the Revision of the EU Paediatric Regulation
Fabio D'Atri, *European Commission*
- ACCELERATE Fit for Filing
Pamela Kearns, *University of Birmingham*

10h00 – 10h30

Coffee break

10h30 – 12h00

Session V - Paediatric Patient-Reported Outcomes

Chair: Martha Donoghue, *U.S. Food and Drug Administration*

- Paediatric Patient-Reported Outcomes - US perspective
Bryce B. Reeve, *Duke University School of Medicine*
- Paediatric Patient-Reported Outcomes - EU perspective
David Riedl, *Innsbruck Medical University*
- Report from Breakout session "Paediatric Patient-Reported Outcomes measures – can we make patient-centred research a reality?"

Panel discussion

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Lia Gore, *Children's Hospital Colorado*
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Willemijn Plieger, *Dutch Childhood Cancer Org.*
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Lunch

13h00 – 14h30

Session VI - Pre-clinical prioritisation - which way to go?

Chair: Douglas S. Hawkins, *Seattle Children's Hospital, COG Chair*

- ITCC P4 - Paediatric Preclinical Proof Of Concept Platform
Louis Stancato, *Eli Lilly and Company*
- PIVOT Cancer Preclinical Drug Development Program
Malcolm Smith, *NIH*
- Report from Breakout session "Implementing Mechanism of Action globally"

Panel discussion

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Malcolm Smith, *NIH*

Elly Barry, *Day One Biopharmaceuticals*

E. Anders Kolb, *Nemours Children's Hospital*

Peter Adamson, *Sanofi*

Brenda Weigel, *University of Minnesota*

Angelika Joos, *Merck/EFPIA*

Patricia Blanc, *Imagine4Margo*

14h30 – 15h00

Coffee break

15h00 – 16h00

Session VII - Paediatric Strategy Forums: what next?

Chair: Vickie Buenger, *Coalition Against Childhood Cancer - CAC2*

- Analysis of the impact of Paediatric Strategy Forums
Andy Pearson, *ACCELERATE*
- Report from Breakout session "Paediatric Strategy Forum 2.0"
- Voting the topics of the next Forums

16h30 – 16h45

Wrap-up and 2023 Work Plan

16h45 – 17h00

Conclusions and end of Conference

Breakout session pitches

BKS 1 – Paediatric Patient-Reported Outcomes (PROs) – can we make patient-centred research a reality?

Patient-reported outcomes (PROs) are the gold standard to assess the patients' subjective health status. While both the Food and Drug Administration and European Medicines Agency recommend the use of PROs as endpoints in paediatric clinical trials to support claims for medical product labelling, PRO assessment is extremely rare in paediatric oncology clinical trials. In fact, only 8.2% of childhood cancer trials conducted between 2007 and 2020 used PROs as endpoints, and only 0.6% as the primary endpoint (Riedl, EJC 2021).

Questions

- What are the hurdles to conducting patient-centred research in paediatric oncology? What is the role of PROs measures?
- What are the available tools and ongoing initiatives globally to address PROs in paediatric oncology?
- How can we facilitate implementation of PROs in paediatric trials to guarantee patient-centred research and treatments?

BKS 2 – Paediatric Strategy Forums 2.0

The tenth Paediatric Strategy Forum was held in 2022. In view this it is timely to review the objectives and format of the Forums. They were established to prioritise medicinal products in a landscape of mechanism of-action-driven drug development, where the large number of drug products available for adults exceed the small size of the eligible population of children. They have achieved this goal and some products have been prioritised and others given lower priority. Furthermore, the Forums have made conclusions generally about criteria on prioritisation and helped to frame future discussions between industry and regulators and catalysed the development of platform trials. Living prioritisation was first introduced with the second Forum on anaplastic lymphoma kinase inhibition and second meetings will be held on multi-targeted kinase inhibitors in bone sarcomas and menin inhibitors.

Questions

- How can Paediatric Strategy Forums continue to fulfil unmet needs in paediatric oncology?
- Should the scope of Paediatric Strategy Forums be broadened?
- How can Paediatric Strategy Forums be sustained

Breakout session pitches

BKS 3 – Implementing Mechanism of Action globally

In the US, the Research to Accelerate Cures and Equity (RACE) for Children Act (2020), has implemented a Mechanism of Action (MoA)-based approach, to cancer drug development for children with cancer. This requires paediatric evaluation (submission of paediatric study plan, PSP) of new molecularly targeted drugs and biologics intended for the treatment of adult cancers and directed at a molecular target substantially relevant to the growth or progression of a paediatric cancer.

The ongoing process to propose revisions of both the EU Paediatric and Orphan regulations has the objective to make these regulations and drug development for children and rare diseases more centred on patients' unmet needs. Furthermore, it is envisioned and hoped that these regulations will move to being driven by the MoA, rather than the adult indication.

Questions

- What can be learnt from the implementation of RACE? Has the implementation of mandatory MoA-driven PSPs changed the landscape for paediatric oncology research so far?
- How can we develop high-quality MoA-informed paediatric drug development programmes?
- How can the implementation of MoA be harmonised in Europe, the US, Canada, Australia and Japan?

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