



11<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN  
CONFERENCE on  
INFECTIONS in  
LEUKAEMIA



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Closing session  
September 19, 2026

## Harmonisation of terminology in ECIL recommendations

- **Don't use in the recommendations**
  - “maybe”
  - **NOT for C:**
    - Should be done
    - MUST/Shall
  - **Not for B**
    - Could be considered
- **ONLY FOR**
  - **A** recommendations:
    - “Must”, “shall”, “should be done”:
  - **C** recommendation
    - “Could be considered” “optional\_”
- **For B**
  - **Statement alone** (Consider treatment with ..., performing xx, administer xx, test xx, do weekly PCR, ...)
  - Try to avoid additions (could, should, ..)

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## ECIL 11 working flow

- **Leader/co-leader of the topics**
  - **Post-meeting final slide set** for their publication on the ECIL WEB:  
send please no later than **5 October**
- **Final slide sets** will be published on the ECIL WEB page **on 8 October**
  - They will be available for **public consultation** until **22 October** (2 weeks).
    - Comments will be sent to the leader/co-leader of each group
- **Post-meeting teleconference of the Organising Committee** will be 4-6 weeks after



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# Thanks!!

- **Congress Secretariat: GL Events**

- **Victoire NANIA, Kelly Will, Ashna Keenoo and Jennifer ROSE**

- **Sponsors**

- **MSD**



- **Takeda**



- **Shionogi**



- **Moderna**



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# Thanks!!



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## European Conference on Infections in Leukemia (ECIL)

The ECIL is a common initiative of (2005):

- the Infectious Diseases Working Party of the **EBMT**
- the Infectious Diseases Group of **the EORTC**
- the Supportive Care group of the **European LeukemiaNet**
- the International ImmunoCompromised Host Society (**ICHS**)



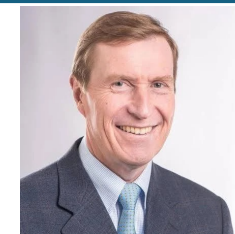
**Founders: Prof. Catherine Cordonnier**

Department of Hematology, Henri Mondor Hospital ; UPEC (Paris-Est Créteil University), Créteil, France



**Founders: Prof. Thierry Calandra**

Infectious Diseases Service at the Lausanne University Hospital Lausanne, Switzerland.



- **OBJECTIVES:** **Elaborate evidence-based guidelines** for management of infectious complications in patients with hematological malignancies or those who have received a HSCT

**to avoid** having different guidelines for the management of ID in haematology patients from different societies

- **Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> ECIL: sept 2005 10<sup>th</sup> ECIL Sept 2024

- **Publications in peer reviewed journals:** 45
- **Slide sets:** 68

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<https://www.ecil-leukaeia.com/en/>

## European Conference on Infections in Leukemia (ECIL)

- **Establish on 11-October 2016 as a non-profit organization**

### Executive Committee (ExCom) 2016-2024

- **Thierry Calandra** (Switzerland)
- **Simone Cesaro** (Italy) **Treasurer**
- **Catherine Cordonnier** (France)
- **Joseph Peter Donnelly** (United Kingdom)
- **Hermann Einsele** (Germany)
- **Raoul Herbrecht** (France)
- **Per Thore Ljungman** (Sweden)
- **Johan Maertens** (Belgium). **President**
- **Georg Maschmeyer** (Germany)
- **Jan Styczynski** (Poland) **Vice-president**
- **Claudio Viscoli** (Italy)

### Executive Committee (ExCom) 2024-

- **President:** Rafael de la Cámara
- **Vice-president:** Malgorzata Mikulska
- **Treasurer:** Johan Maertens
- **Secretary:** Frederic Lamothe
- **Member:** Dina Averbuch



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## European Conference on Infections in Leukemia (ECIL)

### ***The aims of the association are:***

- ***to elaborate guidelines on diagnosis, prophylaxis, and treatment of infectious complications in patients with haematological malignancies and stem cell transplant recipients***
- ***to define new areas of research in the field*** and promote clinical, biochemical and translational research aimed at improving our understanding of the epidemiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of infectious complications occurring in patients with haematological malignancies and stem cell transplant recipients
- ***to promote international collaborations*** between universities/hospitals/institutions/centres active in the field
- ***to promote communication, educational activities and scientific exchanges*** at national and international levels, in particular among societies/groups active in the field
- ***to develop partnership/collaborations between*** members of the association, government bodies, societies and pharmaceutical companies to fulfil the aims of the association.



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# ECIL: working process

1. **The steering committee** select **the topics** to be addressed at each Conference
2. **Each topic is reviewed by a Working group**, that has a **Leader/co-leader**
  - **Members of each group** (involving different countries and specialities) are **proposed by** the leader/co-leader of each topic **and approved by** the Steering Committee
  - The Working Groups are formed at least **6 months prior** to the Conference
  - The Working Group **elaborates recommendations** which are graded according to a grading system, and **distributed pre-meeting** to all participants
3. **Conferences:** every 2 years
  - **The recommendations are discussed until a consensus** emerges (**If necessary, voting** is performed on the proposals), and **a final set of slides** is approved by all participants (available on the website of ECIL for **public consultation**)
4. **Finally, a manuscript is sent for publication**

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# ECIL Evidence-based medicine grading system

## Strength of a recommendation (SoR)

- Grade A:** ECIL **strongly** supports the recommendation for use  
**Grade B:** ECIL **moderately** supports the recommendation for use  
**Grade C:** ECIL **marginally** supports the recommendation for use  
**Grade D:** ECIL supports a recommendation against use

## Quality of evidence (QoE)

**Level I:** evidence from at least one properly designed, randomised, controlled trial (orientated on the primary endpoint of the trial)

**Level II\*:** Evidence from at least 1 well-designed clinical trial (including secondary endpoints), without randomisation; from cohort or case-controlled analytic studies (preferably from >1 centre), from multiple time series, or from results of uncontrolled experiments

**Level III:** Evidence from opinions of respected authorities, based on clinical experience, descriptive case studies, or reports of expert committees

## \* Added index for source of level II evidence

- r:** Meta-analysis or systematic review of randomised controlled trials  
**t:** Transferred evidence, that is, results from different patient cohorts, or a similar immune status situation  
**h:** Comparator group is a historical control  
**u:** Uncontrolled trials  
**a:** Published abstract (presented at an international symposium or meeting)

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## Members of ECIL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE (≥2 editions)

|                                                   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|---------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| <b>Thierry Calandra</b> (Lausanne, Switzerland)   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| <b>Catherine Cordonnier</b> (Créteil, France)     | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| <b>Per Ljungman</b> (Stockholm, Sweden)           | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| <b>Johann Maertens</b> (Leuven, Belgium)          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| <b>Claudio Viscoli</b> (Genova, Italy) †          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   |    |    |
| <b>Hermann Einsele</b> (Würzburg, Germany)        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |
| <b>Raoul Herbrecht</b> (Strasbourg, France)       | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |
| <b>Simone Cesaro</b> (Verona, Italy)              |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| <b>Peter Donnelly</b> (Nijmegen, The Netherlands) |   |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| <b>George Maschmeyer</b> (Postdam, Germany)       |   |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |
| <b>Jan Styczynski</b> (Bydgoszcz, Poland)         |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| <b>Oscar Marchetti</b> (Lausanne, Switzerland)    |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   |   |    |    |
| <b>Malgorzata Mikulska</b> (Genova, Italy)        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| <b>Livio Pagano</b> (Roma, Italy)                 |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |
| <b>Rafael de la Camara</b> (Madrid, Spain)        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| <b>Hans Hirsch</b> (Basel, Switzerland)           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |

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|                                          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| <b>Murat Akova</b> (Ankara, Turkey)      |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| <b>Stéphane Bretagne</b> (Paris, France) |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| <b>Andreas Groll</b> (Múnster, Germany)  |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| <b>Werner HEINZ</b> (Würzburg, Germany)  |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| <b>Russel Lewis</b> (Bologna, Italy)     |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |    |    |
| <b>Vincent Mallet</b> (Paris, France)    |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |    |    |



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**Ordinary members of ECIL 11** (alphabetical order): 50 from **17 countries** from **5 continents**

| Name       | surname                | Country     |
|------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Murat      | <b>Akova</b>           | Turkey      |
| Thiery     | <b>Calandra</b>        | Switzerland |
| Simone     | <b>Cesaro</b>          | Italy       |
| Catherine  | <b>Cordonnier</b>      | France      |
| Roberta    | <b>Di Blasi</b>        | France      |
| Lubos      | <b>Drgona</b>          | Slovakia    |
| Sigrun     | <b>EINARSDOTTIR</b>    | Sweden      |
| Irene      | <b>Garcia Cardenas</b> | Spain       |
| Lidia      | <b>Gil</b>             | Poland      |
| Carlota    | <b>Gudiol</b>          | Spain       |
| Anna       | <b>Jabłońska</b>       | Poland      |
| Eleftheria | <b>Kampouri</b>        | Switzerland |
| Nina       | <b>Khanna</b>          | Switzerland |
| Frederic   | <b>Lamoth</b>          | Switzerland |
| Thomas     | <b>Lehrnbecher</b>     | Germany     |
| Jessica    | <b>Little</b>          | US          |
| Johan      | <b>Maertens</b>        | Netherlands |
| Oriol      | <b>Manuel</b>          | Switzerland |
| Malgorzata | <b>Mikulska</b>        | Italy       |
| Agnieszka  | <b>Piekarska</b>       | Poland      |
| Kai        | <b>Rejeski</b>         | Germany     |
| Mauricio   | <b>Sanguinetti</b>     | Italy       |
| Jan        | <b>Stycznski</b>       | Poland      |
| Ben        | <b>Teh</b>             | Australia   |
| Carla      | <b>Walti</b>           | Switzerland |

| Name        | Surname             | Country     |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Dina        | <b>Averbuch</b>     | Israel      |
| Elio        | <b>Castagnola</b>   | Italy       |
| Roy         | <b>Chemaly</b>      | US          |
| Rafael      | <b>de la Camara</b> | Spain       |
| Roberta     | <b>di Blasi</b>     | France      |
| Christiane  | <b>EBERHARDT</b>    | Switzerland |
| Christopher | <b>Fox</b>          | UK          |
| Lidia       | <b>Gil</b>          | Poland      |
| Galia       | <b>Grisaru-Soen</b> | Israel      |
| Joshua      | <b>Hill</b>         | US          |
| Eleftheria  | <b>Kampouri</b>     | Switzerland |
| Nina        | <b>Khanna</b>       | Switzerland |
| Gloria      | <b>Lacoboni</b>     | Spain       |
| Thomas      | <b>Lehrnbecher</b>  | Germany     |
| Per         | <b>Ljungman</b>     | Sweden      |
| Oriol       | <b>Manuel</b>       | Switzerland |
| Malgorzata  | <b>Mikulska</b>     | Italy       |
| Marcio      | <b>Nucci</b>        | Brazil      |
| Jose-Luis   | <b>PINANA</b>       | Spain       |
| Christine   | <b>Robin</b>        | France      |
| Anat        | <b>Shteren</b>      | Israel      |
| Jan         | <b>Stycznski</b>    | Poland      |
| Daniel      | <b>Teschner</b>     | Germany     |
| Ellen       | <b>Walsh</b>        | Ireland     |
| Alienor     | <b>Xhaard</b>       | France      |

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## ECIL 11 Organising Committee (alphabetical order):

| Name       | surname      | Country     |
|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Dina       | Averbuch     | Israel      |
| Thiery     | Calandra     | Switzerland |
| Rafael     | de la Camara | Spain       |
| Catherine  | Cordonnier   | France      |
| Lidia      | Gil          | Poland      |
| Erika      | Kampouri     | Switzerland |
| Frederic   | Lamoth       | Switzerland |
| Per        | Ljungman     | Sweden      |
| Johan      | Maertens     | Netherlands |
| Oriol      | Manuel       | Switzerland |
| Malgorzata | Mikulska     | Italy       |
| Jan        | Stycznski    | Poland      |

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## 4 Topics of ECIL 11

### **Vaccination group** (Regular vaccines / Covid-19 / others / HCT/ CAR T and bispecifics)

- **Leader:** *Catherine Cordonnier*. **Co-leader:** *Per Ljungman*

**Members:** Catherine Cordonnier (France), Per Ljungman (Sweden), Simone Cesaro (Italy), Rafael de la Camara (Spain), Roberta Di Blasi (France), Christiane EBERHARDT (Switzerland), Sigrun EINARSDOTTIR (Sweden), Galia Grisaru-Soen (Israel), Thomas Lehrnbecher (Germany), Jose-Luis PINANA (Spain), Christine Robin (France), Ellen Walsh (Ireland), Roberta di Blasi (France), Oriol Manuel (Switzerland), Lidia Gil (Poland), Jan Styczynski (Poland), Malgorzata Mikulska (Italy), Eleftheria Kampouri (Switzerland)

### **Antibacterial prophylaxis**

- **Leader:** *Malgorzata Mikulska*. **Co-leader:** *Dina Averbuch*

**Members:** Malgorzata Mikulska (Italy), Johan Maertens (Netherlands), Dina Averbuch (Israel), Mauricio Sanguinetti (Italy), Anat Shteren (Israel), Carlota Gudiol (Spain), Daniel Teschner (Germany), Agnieszka Piekarska (Poland), Lubos Drgona (Slovakia), Elio Castagnola (Italy), Maria Stamouli (Greece), Murat Akova (Turkey)



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## 4 Topics of ECIL 11

### CAR T and bispecifics

- **Leader:** *Eleftheria Kampouri* **Co-leader:** *Lidia Gil*

**Members:** Eleftheria Kampouri (Switzerland), Lidia Gil (Poland), Nina Khanna (Switzerland), Carla Walti Simonejoelle (Switzerland), Ben Teh (Australia), Kai Rejeski (US), Jessica Little (US), Thomas Lehrnbecher (Germany), Gloria Lacoboni (Spain), Joshua Hill (US), Roy Chemaly (US), Catherine Cordonnier (France), Per Ljungman (Sweden), Oriol Manuel (Switzerland), Jan Styczynski (Poland), Malgorzata Mikulska (Italy), Gloria lacoboni (Spain)

### EBV

- **Leader:** *Jan Styczynski* **Co-leader:** *Oriol Manuel*

**Members:** Jan Styczynski (Poland), Oriol Manuel (Switzerland), Catherine Cordonnier (France), Per Ljungman (Sweden), Simone Cesaro (Italy), Irene Garcia Cardenas (Spain), Alienor Xhaard (France), Anna Jabłońska (Poland), Christopher Fox (UK), Nina Khanna (Switzerland), Rafael de la Camara (Spain), Lidia Gil (Poland), Malgorzata Mikulska (Italy), Eleftheria Kampouri (Switzerland)



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## ECIL 11 program

### Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> (restricted meetings for the groups)

14:30 – 16:00: **EBV group meeting**

**Chairs:** Johan Maetens (Netherlands) + Lidia Gil (Poland)

16:15 – 17:45: **Antibacterial group**

**Chairs:** Livio Pagano (Italy) + Nina Khanna (Switzerland)

16:15 – 17:45: **Vaccination group**

**Chairs:** Thierry Calandra (Switzerland) + Ben Teh (Australia)

18:00 – 19:30: **CAR T group**

**Chairs:** Genovefa Papanicolaou (USA) + Dina Averbuch (Israel)



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## ECIL 11 program

Friday September 18th

### Open meeting for all ECIL participants

- 8:30 - 8:45 Introduction (Rafael de la Cámara)
- 8:45 – 10:30 **CAR T and bispecifics** (105 min)  
**Chairs:** Genovefa Papanicolaou (USA) + Dina Averbuch (Israel)
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 12:45 **Update on Vaccination** (105 min)  
**Chairs:** Thierry Calandra (Switzerland) + Ben Teh (Australia)
- 12:45 - 14:00 *Lunch break. (Photo of the group)*
- 14:00 - 15:00 **Update on EBV** (60 min)  
**Chairs:** Johan Maertens (Netherlands) + Lidia Gil (Poland)
- 15:00 PM - 16:30 **Antibacterial prophylaxis** (90 min)  
**Chairs:** Livio Pagano (Italy) + Nina Khanna (Switzerland)
- 16:30 - 17:00 *Coffee break*

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- 17:00 - 19:00 **Restricted meetings for guidelines revision**
- 20:00 **Dinner**



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## ECIL 11 program

**Saturday September 19th**

### **Open meeting for all ECIL participants**

9:00 – 10:00 Presentation of the revised guidelines

**Chairs:** Johan Maertens + Dina Averbuch

**CAR T and bispecifics** (35 min) Eleftheria Kampouri / Lidia Gil

**Update on EBV** (25 min) Jan Styczynski / Oriol Manuel

10:00 – 10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30 – 11:30 Presentation of the revised guidelines

**Chairs:** Thierry Calandra + Livio Pagano

**Update on Vaccination** (35 min) Catherine Cordonnier / Per Ljungman

**Antibacterial prophylaxis** (25 min) Malgorzata Mikulska / Dina Averbuch

11:30 – 11:45 Conclusion (Rafael de la Cámara)

12:00 End of the meeting. Lunch on site



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## Topics for ECIL 12 (2028)

- **CAR-T and bispecifics:** update of ECIL-11 recommendations
- **Invasive fungal diseases** (new antifungals (treatment, prophylaxis), diagnostics, etc.), including specific recommendations for children and adults
- **Infectious complications of targeted drugs and biotherapies** in acute leukemia (last update was in ECIL-9: Maschmeyer G et al. Leukemia. 2022;36(5):1215–26)
- **New antivirals:** several are at least in phase II of development (resistant HSV (pritelivir); CMV (IV brincidofovir; filociclovir?); respiratory viruses (RSV, influenza); SARS-CoV-2; hepatitis B/D, etc.)
- **BK virus / JC virus / adenovirus:** current guidelines are outdated (BK virus guidance dates back around 10 years); even without new antivirals, an update reflecting new epidemiological data and management approaches would be valuable.  
For BK, several drugs are in phase I and II for BK nephropathy in kidney transplant recipients (SOT). IV brincidofovir is being studied for adenovirus.
- **Immunotherapy for viral infections** (VSTs - Virus-Specific T-cells) and **other infections (fungal?)**
- **Immunoglobulins for prophylaxis and therapy** (respiratory infections): a complex topic, likely supported by low-level evidence, but nonetheless of interest

**Please send your proposals/input !**

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