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DAY 1 - 12th November, 2026 | Thursday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
12.30 Hrs	**Registration and Lunch**	
14.00 Hrs	**Welcome and Introduction**	**Course Directors**
	Session 1: The Landscape of Stroke Treatment Chairpersons: **Dr. P.N. Sylaja, Dr. Jan Gralla**	
14.00 - 14.20 Hrs	The global burden of stroke and the burden in Asia	**Dr. Jeyaraj Pandian**
14.20 - 14.45 Hrs	Evidence and challenges of stroke treatment 2026 - IV thrombolysis	**Dr. Urs Fischer**
14.45 - 15.10 Hrs	Evidence and challenges of stroke treatment 2026 - Endovascular treatment	**Dr. Jan Gralla**
15.10 - 15.30 Hrs	Certification of stroke centers - Global status	**Dr. Jeyaraj Pandian**
15.30 - 15.45 Hrs	Discussion	
15.45 - 16.15 Hrs	**Tea Break**	
	Session 2: Prehospital, Stroke units and Imaging Chairpersons: **Dr. Urs Fischer, Dr. C. Kesavadas**	
16.15 - 16.40 Hrs	Prehospital stroke management	**Dr. Mirjam Heldner**
16.40 - 17.05 Hrs	Organization of a stroke center and in-hospital management	**Dr. Carlos Molina**
17.05 - 17.30 Hrs	Acute stroke imaging: what do we need for treatment decisions? (CT/MRI)	**Dr. Bijoy Menon**
17.30 - 17.55 Hrs	New Imaging capabilities in the angio suite	**Dr. Johannes Kaesmacher**
17.55 - 18.10 Hrs	Discussion	

DAY 2 - 13th November, 2026 | Friday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
	Session 3: Intravenous Thrombolysis Chairpersons: **Dr. Mugundhan .K, Dr. P.C. Gilvaz**	
08.00 - 08.20 Hrs	Intravenous thrombolysis - Who should and should not be treated	**Dr. Eva Mistry**
08.20 - 08.40 Hrs	No fear: IVT in patients with prior anticoagulation	**Dr. P.N. Sylaja**
08.40 - 09.00 Hrs	IVT prior to thrombectomy in patients with MeVO and LVO	**Dr. Urs Fischer**
09.00 - 09.20 Hrs	IVT in extended window	**Dr. Dheeraj Khurana**
09.20 - 9.30 Hrs	Discussion	

DAY 2 - 13th November, 2026 | Friday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
	Session 4: Endovascular Stroke Treatment Chairpersons: **Dr. Bijoy Thomas, Dr. Sampath Kumar**	
09.30 - 09.50 Hrs	All about techniques	**Dr. Blaise Baxter**
09.50 - 10.10 Hrs	Current guidelines of endovascular treatment in acute ischemic stroke	**Dr. Ajay Garg**
10.10 - 10.30 Hrs	Limits of endovascular therapy: who should not be treated?	**Dr. Michael D Hill**
10.30 - 10.50 Hrs	Endovascular treatment in acute ischemic stroke and ICAD	**Dr. Tran Chi Cuong**
10.50 - 11.00 Hrs	Discussion	
11.00 - 11.30 Hrs	**Tea Break**	
11.30 - 12.00 Hrs	**Session 5: Debates - Part 1** Moderators: **Dr. Eva Mistry, Dr. Nasli Ichaporia**	
	Patients with low NIHSS/non disabling stroke DAPT better than IVT Debate - 2 speakers Yes - 10 mins No -10 mins Rebuttal - 2 mins each Open discussion - 6 mins	**Dr. Monika Singla** - Yes **Dr. Pawan Ojha** - No
12:00 - 12:30 Hrs	Moderators to Debate: **Dr. Jan Gralla, Dr. Trilochan Srivastava**	
	Patients with tandem occlusions should receive emergency stenting during endovascular therapy	Short Lecture 14 Minutes **Dr. Chirag Ahuja**
12.30 - 13.00 Hrs	Moderators: **Dr. Blaise Baxter, Dr. Bobby Varkey**	
	Basilar artery occlusion should only receive endovascular therapy if NIHSS > 10 Debate - 2 speakers Yes - 10 mins No - 10 mins Rebuttal - 2 mins each Open discussion - 6 mins	**Dr. Piyush Ojha** - Yes **Dr. Jayanta Roy** - No
13.00 - 13.45 Hrs	**LUNCH**	
14:00 - 16:00	**Session 6** **Parallel Sessions - Hall B** **Neurointervention Workshop** Endovascular basics Step by step workflow in EVT Trouble shooting in EVT Failed EVT	Faculty **Dr. Jan Gralla** **Dr. Blaise Baxter** **Dr. Jayadevan ER** **Dr. Johannes Kaesmacher** **Dr. Tran Chi Cuong**

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
14.00 - 16.00 Hrs	**Interesting case discussion for Neurologists and Interventionalists** Moderators: **Dr. Gigy Kuruttukulam, Dr. Urs Fischer** **Dr. Tariq Matin**	
14.00 - 14.15 Hrs	A case of tandem occlusion	**Dr. Kaushik Sundar**
14.15 - 14.30 Hrs	A case of ICAD & EVT	**Dr. Adarsh Anilkumar**
14.30 - 14.45 Hrs	Intervention in venous infarct	**Dr. Shyamkumar N. Keshava**
14.45 - 15.00 Hrs	A failed thrombectomy	**Dr. Deep Pillai**
	Moderators: **Dr. Rajsrinivas Parthasarathy, Dr. Vinita Mani** **Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha**	
15.00 - 15.15 Hrs	Recurrent vertebro basilar stroke in young hidden cause	**Dr. Jineesh V**
15.15 - 15.30 Hrs	A medium vessel thrombectomy	**Dr. Githin George**
15.30 - 15.45 Hrs	A cervical artery dissection	**Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha**
15.45 - 16.00 Hrs	Discussion	
16.00 - 16.30 Hrs	**Tea Break**	
16:30 - 18:00 Hrs	**Parallel sessions - Hall B`** Neurointervention workshop	Faculty **Dr. Jan Gralla** **Dr. Blaise Baxter** **Dr. Jayadevan ER** **Dr. Johannes Kaesmacher** **Dr. Tran Chi Cuong** **Dr. Jineesh V**
16:30 - 18:00 Hrs	**Parallel sessions** **Secondary prevention** Chairpersons: **Dr. Chithra P, Dr. Salil Uppal**	
16.30 - 16.45 Hrs	Diagnosis and treatment of PFO and stroke	**Dr. Mirjam Heldner**
16.45 - 17.00 Hrs	Factor XI inhibitors in stroke prevention	**Dr. Amit Kulkarni**
17.00 - 17.15 Hrs	ESUS - Lessons learnt and management	**Dr. Sapna Erat Sreedharan**
17.15 - 17.30 Hrs	Role of Ticagrelor in secondary prevention of stroke	**Dr. VG. Pradeep Kumar**
17.30 - 17.45 Hrs	Medical management of ICAD	**Dr. Deepti Vibha**
17.45 - 18.00 Hrs	Discussion	
18.30 Hrs	**Inauguration** followed by Dinner	

DAY 3 - 14th November, 2026 | Saturday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
	Session 7 - Endovascular Therapy Chairpersons: **Dr. Jayadevan ER, Dr. Deepak Arjundas**	
08:00 - 08.20 Hrs	Intracranial stenting in ICAD-Individualized decision making	**Dr. Gaurav Goel**
08.20 - 08.40 Hrs	Endovascular embolization of subdural haematoma	**Dr. Chandrajith Prasad**
08.40 - 09.00 Hrs	Anesthetic management in EVT	**Dr. Manikandan S**
09.00 - 09.10 Hrs	Discussion	
	Session 8 - Intracerebral Haemarrhage Chairpersons: **Dr. Carlos Molina, Dr. H.V. Easwar**	
09.10 - 09.30 Hrs	Care bundle approach to management of spontaneous ICH	**Dr. Michael D Hill**
09.30 - 09.50 Hrs	Haemostatic therapies in ICH – Lessons learnt	**Dr. Nasli Ichaporia**
09.50 - 10.10 Hrs	Minimally invasive surgery for ICH - Current evidence	**Dr. Girish Menon**
10.10 - 10.20 Hrs	Discussion	
10.20 - 10.50 Hrs	**Tea Break**	
	Session 9 - Complications Chairpersons: **Dr. Ajay Prasad Hrishi P, Dr. Reji Thomas**	
10.50 - 11.10 Hrs	Complications of IVT and management	**Dr. Eva Mistry**
10.10 - 11.30 Hrs	Complications of EVT and management	**Dr. Jan Gralla**
11.30 - 11.40 Hrs	Discussion	
	Session 10 - Debates part 2 Moderators: **Dr. Jan Gralla, Dr. Tran Chi Cuong**	
11.40 - 12.10 Hrs	Endovascular therapy for medium and distal vessel occlusion is dead Debate - 2 speakers yes - 10 mins No - 10 mins Rebuttal - 2 mins each Open discussion - 6 mins	**Dr. Aravind HR** - No **Dr. Rajsrinivas Parthasarathy** - Yes
12.10 - 12.40 Hrs	Moderators to Debate: **Dr. Urs Fischer, Dr. Michael D Hill** IA lytics for incomplete reperfusion is standard of care	Short lecture (14 min) **Dr. Johannes Kaesmacher**
12.40 - 13.10 Hrs	Moderators: **Dr. Soumya Darshan, Dr. Carlos Molina** There are strict blood pressure targets after endovascular therapy Debate - 2 speakers Yes - 10 mins No - 10 mins Rebuttal - 2 mins each Open discussion - 6 mins	**Dr. Bobby Varkey** -Yes **Dr. Dileep Ramachandran** - No
13.10 - 14.00 Hrs	**LUNCH**	

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14:00 - 16:00 Hrs	**Session 11** **Parallel sessions - Hall B** **Neurointervention workshop** Endovascular basics Step by step workflow in EVT Trouble shooting in EVT Failed EVT	Faculty **Dr. Jan Gralla** **Dr. Blaise Baxter** **Dr. Rashmi Ranjan** **Dr. Ajay Alex** **Dr. Anoop Ayyappan**
14:00 - 16:00 Hrs	**Parallel sessions** **Interesting case discussion for Neurologists and Interventionalists** Chairpersons: **Dr. Urs Fischer, Dr. Gaurav Goel, Dr. Shailesh B Gaikwad**	
14.00 - 14.15 Hrs	My difficult case	**Dr. Biplap Das**
14.15 - 14.30 Hrs	Basilar artery occlusion	**Dr. Santhakumar**
14.30 - 14.45 Hrs	Intracranial stenting in ICAD	**Dr. Sabarish S.S**
14.45 - 15.00 Hrs	EVT in chronic carotid artery occlusion	**Dr. Jan Gralla**
	Chairpersons: **Dr. Eva Mistry, Dr. Shaji CV**	
15.00 - 15.15 Hrs	EVT beyond 24 hours after symptom onset	**Dr. Tran Chi Cuong**
15.15 - 15.30 Hrs	Haemorrhagic stroke and AF	**Dr. Sucharita Ray**
15.30 - 15.45 Hrs	M1 occlusion with low NIHSS	**Dr. Navin Mulimani**
15.45 - 16.00 Hrs	Large core stroke in thrombectomy	**Dr. Mukesh Kumar**
16.00 - 16.30 Hrs	**Tea Break**	
16:30 - 18:00 Hrs	**Parallel sessions - Hall B** Neurointervention workshop	Faculty **Dr. Jan Gralla** **Dr. Blaise Baxter** **Dr. Rashmi Ranjan** **Dr. Ajay Alex** **Dr. Anoop Ayyappan**
16:30 - 18:00 Hrs	**Parallel sessions** Chairpersons: **Dr. S. Gopi, Dr. Shirish M. Hastak**	
16.30 - 16.45 Hrs	Capsular warning syndrome - Management	**Dr. Sajith Sukumaran**
16.45 - 17.00 Hrs	CVT - diagnosis and management	**Dr. Vijaya P**
17.00 - 17.15 Hrs	Cardiac imaging in stroke etiological evaluation	**Dr. Anoop Ayyappan**
17.15 - 17.30 Hrs	Atypical presentations of stroke	**Dr. M. Madhusudhanan**
17.30 - 17.45 Hrs	Cervical artery dissection -Diagnosis and management	**Dr. Ivy Sebastian**
17.45 - 18.00 Hrs	Discussion	
19.00 Hrs	**Dinner**	

DAY 4 - 15th November, 2026 | Sunday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
	Session 12 - Subgroup of Stroke Patients Chairpersons: **Dr. R. Lakshmi Narasimhan, Dr. V.T. Haridas**	
08.00 - 08.20 Hrs	Treatment of asymptomatic carotid disease after CREST 2	**Dr. Bijoy Menon**
08.20 - 08.40 Hrs	CEA vs CAS in symptomatic carotid stenosis	**Dr. Shivanesan P**
08.40 - 09.00 Hrs	Acute ischemic stroke in children - EVT and IVT	**Dr. Vivek Nambiar**
09.00 - 09.10 Hrs	Discussion	
09.10 - 09.30 Hrs	Ocular and spinal ischemia - Diagnosis and management	**Dr. Vinit Suri**
09.30 - 09.50 Hrs	IVT and EVT of patients with pre-existing disability	**Dr. Subhash Kaul**
09.50 - 10.10 Hrs	Building stroke care pathway in LMIC	**Dr. Dhamija RK**
10.10 - 10.20 Hrs	Discussion	
10.20 - 10.50 Hrs	**Tea Break**	
	Session 13 - Secondary Prevention after Stroke Chairpersons: **Dr. Sarath Menon, Dr. Mohan Leslie Noone**	
10.50 - 11.10 Hrs	Restarting anticoagulation after ischemic and haemorrhagic stroke	**Dr. Urs Fischer**
11.10 - 11.30 Hrs	Stroke in the young - Evaluation and management	**Dr. Man Mohan Mehindratta**
11.30 - 11.50 Hrs	Moyamoya disease - Diagnosis and management	**Dr. Jayanand Sudhir**
11.50 - 12.10 Hrs	Stroke rehabilitation in LMIC	**Dr. Guhan Ramamurthy**
12.10 - 12.30 Hrs	New treatment strategies on the horizon	**Dr. Carlos Molina**
12.30 - 12.45 Hrs	Discussion	
12.45 Hrs	**Closing & Lunch**	

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