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12th - 15th November 2026

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME



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. Kesava Das	
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
09.30 - 09.50 Hrs	Session 4: Endovascular Stroke Treatment Chairpersons: Dr. Bijoy Thomas, Dr. Sampath Kumar 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 Ohja - No
12:00 - 12:30 Hrs	Moderators to Debate: Dr. Jan Gralla, Dr. Paritosh Pandey Patients with tandem occlusions should receive emergency stenting during endovascular therapy	Short Lecture 14 Minutes Dr. Chiraj 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 Ohja - 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

DAY 2 - 13th November, 2026 | Friday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
14.00 - 16.00 Hrs	Interesting case discussion for Neurologists and Interventionalists Moderators: Dr. Gigy Kuruttukulam, Dr. Urs Fischer	Dr. Kaushik Sundar Dr. Adarsh Anilkumar Dr. Shyam Kumar Dr. Deep Pillai Dr. Jayadevan ER Dr. Githin George Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha
14.00 - 14.15 Hrs	A case of Tandem occlusion	
14.15 - 14.30 Hrs	A case of ICAD & EVT	
14.30 - 14.45 Hrs	A large core thrombectomy	
14.45 - 15.00 Hrs	A failed thrombectomy	
15.00 - 15.15 Hrs	Moderators: Dr. Rajsrinivas Parthasarathy, Dr. Vinita Mani	
15.15 - 15.30 Hrs	Recurrent vertebro basilar stroke in young Hidden cause	
15.30 - 15.45 Hrs	A medium vessel thrombectomy	
15.45 - 16.00 Hrs	A cervical artery dissection 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
16:30 - 18:00 Hrs	Parallel sessions Secondary prevention Chairpersons: Dr. Chithra P, Dr. Salil Uppal	Dr. Mirjam Heldner Dr. Girish Kulkarni Dr. Sapna Erat Sreedharan Dr. VG. Pradeep Kumar Dr. Arvind Sharma
16.30 - 16.45 Hrs	Diagnosis and treatment of PFO and stroke	
16.45 - 17.00 Hrs	Factor XI inhibitors in stroke prevention	
17.00 - 17.15 Hrs	ESUS - Lessons learnt and management	
17.15 - 17.30 Hrs	Role of Ticagrelor in secondary prevention of stroke	
17.30 - 17.45 Hrs	Medical management of ICAD	
17.45 - 18.00 Hrs	Discussion	
18.30 Hrs	Inauguration followed by Dinner	



DAY 3 - 14th November, 2026 | Saturday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00 - 08.20 Hrs	Session 7 - Endovascular therapy Chairpersons: Dr. Jayadevan ER, Dr. Reji Paul Intracranial stenting in ICAD-Individualized decision making	Dr. Gaurav Goel Dr. Chandrajith Prasad Dr. Manikandan S
08.20 - 08.40 Hrs	Endovascular embolization of subdural haematoma	
08.40 - 09.00 Hrs	Anesthetic management in EVT	
09.00 - 09.10 Hrs	Discussion	
09.10 - 09.30 Hrs	Session 8 - Intracerebral Haemorrhage Chairpersons: Dr. Carlos Molina, Dr. H.V. Easwar Care bundle approach to management of spontaneous ICH	Dr. Michael D Hill Dr. Padma Srivastava Dr. Girish Menon
09.30 - 09.50 Hrs	Haemostatic therapies in ICH – Lessons learnt	
09.50 - 10.10 Hrs	Minimally invasive surgery for ICH - Current evidence	
10.10 - 10.20 Hrs	Discussion	
10.20 - 10.50 Hrs	Tea Break	
10.50 - 11.10 Hrs	Session 9 - Complications Chairpersons: Dr. Ajay Prasad Hrishy P, Dr. B. Reghunath Complications of IVT and management	Dr. Eva Mistry Dr. Jan Gralla
10.10 - 11.30 Hrs	Complications of EVT and management	
11.30 - 11.40 Hrs	Discussion	
11.40 - 12.10 Hrs	Session 10 - Debates part 2 Moderators: Dr. Bijoy Menon, Dr. Aravind HR 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. Paritosh Pandey - 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	
12.40 - 13.10 Hrs	Moderators: Dr. Suresh Chandran CJ, 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 My difficult case Basilar artery occlusion Intracranial stenting in ICAD EVT in chronic carotid artery occlusion Chairpersons: Dr. Eva Mistry, Dr. Shaji CV EVT beyond 24 hours after symptom onset Haemorrhagic stroke and AF M1 occlusion with low NIHSS Discussion	Dr. Biplap Das Dr. Santhakumar Dr. Sabarish S.S Dr. Jan Gralla Dr. Tran Chi Cuong Dr. Sucharita Ray Dr. Navin Mulimani
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. K.P. Vinayan Capsular warning syndrome - Management CVT - diagnosis and management Cardiac imaging in stroke etiological evaluation Atypical presentations of stroke Cervical artery dissection -Diagnosis and management Discussion	Dr. Sajith Sukumaran Dr. Vijaya P Dr. Anoop Ayyappan Dr. M. Madhusudhanan Dr. Ivy Sebastian
19.00 Hrs	Dinner	

DAY 4 - 15th November, 2026 | Sunday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00 - 08:20 Hrs	Session 12 - Subgroup of Stroke Patients Chairpersons: Dr. R. Lakshmi Narasimhan, Dr. V.T. Haridas 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 - 09:20 Hrs	Ocular and spinal ischemia - Diagnosis and management	Dr. Vinit Suri
09:20 - 09:40 Hrs	IVT and EVT of patients with pre-existing disability	Dr. Subhash Kaul
09:40 - 10:00 Hrs	Building stroke care pathway in LMIC	Dr. Dhamija RK
10.00 - 10.30 Hrs	Tea Break	
10:30 - 10:50 Hrs	Session 13 - Secondary prevention after stroke Chairpersons: Dr. Sarath Menon, Dr. Sajith Sukumaran Restarting anticoagulation after ischemic and haemorrhagic stroke	Dr. Urs Fischer
10:50 - 11:10 Hrs	Stroke in the young - Evaluation and management	Dr. MM Mehindratta
11:10 - 11:30 Hrs	Moyamoya disease – Diagnosis and management	Dr. Jayanand Sudhir
11:30 - 11:50 Hrs	Stroke rehabilitation in LMIC	Dr. Nirmal Surya
11:50 - 12:10 Hrs	New treatment strategies on the horizon	Dr. Carlos Molina
12:10 - 12:25 Hrs	Discussion	
12.30 Hrs	Closing	

