

Patient Advocacy Seminar 2026

THURSDAY - February 26		meeting room 180+181
15:30 - 16:00	Registration	
16:00 - 16:30	ENGAGE Members Speed Dating	
16:30 - 18:30	General Assembly	
19:00 - 21:00	ENGAGE Dinner	
FRIDAY - February 27		meeting room 180+181
08:30 - 08:45	Opening + ENGAGE Award + group photo	Kim Hulscher, Philippe Morice, Anna Fagotti
	Session 1 - PREVENTION	Murat Gultekin, Anne De Middelaer
	Innovating Against HPV: The Science Driving the Next Generation of Vaccines	Elmar Joura
	Genetic Risk Beyond BRCA: What's New in Hereditary Gynecologic Cancer	Claudia Marchetti
	Q&A	
9:15 - 10:15	Session 2 - SYMPTOMS, DIAGNOSIS	Murat Gultekin, Anne De Middelaer
	Early Detection and Artificial Intelligence: The Future of Gynaecologic Cancer Diagnosis	Frederic Amant
	Rare Gynecologic Cancers: the Importance of Early Detection + Communication	Philippe Morice
	Liquid Biopsy & Blood-Based Screening: The Next Step Toward Non-Invasive Diagnosis	Iain McNeish
	Q&A	
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee & sun break	
10:30 - 12:00	Session 3 - TREATMENT	Philippe Morice, Kim Hulscher
	Current and Future Landscape of Immunotherapy	Alexandra Leary
	Radiotherapy Today: How New Techniques and Brachytherapy Improve Care	Remi Nout
	Precision Markers and Biomarker Testing in Gynecological Cancers	Roman Kocián
	Antibody-Drug Conjugates (ADCs): A New Era in Gynecologic Malignancies	Toon van Gorp
	Treatment Planning and Perioperative Care: Myths, Facts and Practical Applications	Christina Fotopoulou
	Robotic and Minimally Invasive Surgery: Precision, Recovery, and Quality of Life Impact	Andrea Rosati
	Q&A	
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch break	
12:45 - 14:10	Session 4 - RECURRENCE, PALLIATIVE CARE	Houssein El Hajj, Vas James
	Holding on to Hope	Ic6 T6th, Zsuzsanna Ko6s, Vir6g Karai
	Ascites and Beyond: Coping with the Physical and Emotional Burden of Advanced Disease	Thais Baert
	Navigating Chemotherapy: How to Look After Your Body, Mind, and Daily Life	Houssein El Hajj
	Q&A	
14:10 - 14:35	Coffee & fun break	
14:35 - 15:50	Session 5 - QUALITY OF LIFE	Zoia Razumova, Ic6 T6th
	Life After Cancer: How to Monitor Safely Without Losing Peace of Mind	Nadeem Abu Rustum
	Hormonal Treatment After Gynecologic Cancer: Managing Long-Term Toxicities and the Menopause	Maria Kyrgiou
	Prophylactic Surgery & Quality of Life	Zoltan Novak
	Digital Health for Survivorship: Apps, Wearables, and Tele-Monitoring	Zoia Razumova
	Q&A	
16:15 - 17:15	ENGAGE Scientific session: Optimising the Patient-Physician Communication in a Shared Decision and Integrative Patient Care	Kim Hulscher, Houssein El Hajj, Annemijn Aarts, Vesna Kesic
17:20 - 18:20	Poster walk	
SATURDAY - February 28		
7:30 - 8:30	ESGO Awareness Run / Walk	
9:00 - 10:00	ENGAGE Scientific Session: Beyond Survival: Redefining Success Through Quality of Life in Gynaecological Oncology	Ic6 T6th, Philippe Morice, Kathrin Kirchheiner, Nadeem Abu Rustum
10:00 - 10:25	Coffee & sun break	
10:25 - 12:15	Session 6 - Quality of Life WORKSHOP	Ic6 T6th
12:15 - 13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 - 14:00	Session 7 - How can PAGs be involved in ENGAGE projects	
	ENGAGE Projects 2026	Anne de Middelaer
	ENGAGE website	
	ENGAGE Campaigns + Patient Committees	Patient Committees Representatives
	World GO Day 2026	Elisabetta Ricotti
	ENGAGE TEENs	Zoia Razumova + TEENs members
14:00 - 14:15	Coffee break	
14:15 - 15:45	Session 8 - Clinical trials WORKSHOP	Anne de Middelaer
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 - 17:15	Session 9 - Advocacy Best Practice Sharing	
	When Data Meets Humanity: The New Role of Patient Representatives in HTA	Frederick Martinez
	Social Media and Communication: The Power of Patient Voices Online	Vasanthi James
	Building Capacity for Patient Representation in ENGAGE	Kim Hulscher, Anne De Middelaer
	Projects from ENGAGE Members	ENGAGE members
17:15 - 17:35	Evaluation + closing	