TREAT-NMD® Neuromuscular Network

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Spinal Muscular Atrophy Masterclass

Barcelona, Spain | 11 - 12 December 2026

Programme



Event Objectives

1. Enhance clinician knowledge and confidence in the diagnosis and early recognition of SMA and other neuromuscular diseases
To provide healthcare professionals with up-to-date, evidence-based education on diagnostic pathways, early clinical signs, genetic considerations, and the evolving natural history of SMA and related neuromuscular conditions, enabling earlier and more accurate identification of patients.

2. Strengthen understanding of internationally recognised standards of care and multidisciplinary management approaches
To equip clinicians, physiotherapists, and allied health professionals with practical, multidisciplinary knowledge that supports consistent, high-quality care across respiratory, nutritional, orthopaedic, functional, and psychosocial domains throughout the patient lifespan.

3. Facilitate peer-to-peer learning, shared problem-solving, and exchange of real-world experience
To create an interactive environment where participants can discuss challenges, share best practices, and learn from case-based scenarios, improving confidence and consistency in delivering optimal care for individuals with SMA and other neuromuscular diseases.

4. Appreciate the specificity and complexity of specific situation in the life of patients with SMA
To explore the changing clinical, functional, and psychosocial needs of individuals with SMA at different life stages, including diagnosis, treatment decision-making, transition of care, adulthood, relationships, and family planning, enabling healthcare professionals to deliver more coordinated and person-centred care.

Friday 11th December | Day One

Time	Duration	Session Overview	
09.30-10.00 Registration, Coffee and Networking			
10:00 - 10:05	5 Minutes	**Welcome and Housekeeping** Prof. Laurent Servais, MDUK Oxford Neuromuscular Centre, UK	
10:05 - 10:45	40 Minutes with Q&A	**Patient Perspective and Unmet Needs** Laura Moreni	
10:45 - 11:15	30 Minutes with Q&A	**Recognising SMA: Early Clinical Signs and Diagnosis** Speaker TBC	
11:15 - 12:00	45 Minutes with Q&A	**Genetics of SMA** Prof.Miloš Brkušanin, University of Belgrade, Serbia	
12.00-13.00 Lunchbreak and Networking			
13:00 - 13:40	40 Minutes with Q&A	**Newborn Screening in SMA: Treatment, Decision-making & Care Pathways** Dr Tamara Dangouloff, University of Liège, Belgium	
13:40 - 14:30	50 Minutes with Q&A	**Approved and Emerging Therapies for SMA** Prof.Liesbeth de Waele, University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium	
14:30 - 14:45 Coffee and Networking			
14:45 - 15:45	60 Minutes Workshop 1	**Case Studies:** Friday Speakers	**Physiotherapy and Orthopetic Management** Speaker TBC
15:45 - 16:25	40 Minutes with Q&A	**Changing Natural History in SMA** Dr Riccardo Mason, Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Neurologico Carlo Besta, Italy	
16:35 - 17:35	60 Minutes Workshop 2	**Communication with patients and families** Prof. Laurent Servais	**Physiotherapy and Orthopetic Management** Speaker TBC
17:35 - 17:45	10 Minutes	**Bridging community insight and clinical practice: how SMA Europe can support research and care** Dr Yasemin Erbas, President, SMA Europe & Dr Nicole Gusset, CEO, SMA Europe	
17:45 - 17:50	5 Minutes	**Close of Day One** Prof. Laurent Servais	
18:30 - 20:00 Networking buffet dinner			

Saturday 12th December | Day Two

Time	Duration	Session Overview
09:00-09:30 Registration, Coffee and Networking		
09:30- 09:35	5 Minutes	**Welcome from the Chair** Prof. Laurent Servais, MDUK Oxford Neuromuscular Centre, UK
09:35 - 10:15	40 Minutes with Q&A	**Respiratory Care for SMA** Dr Jessica Taytard, Sorbonne University, France
10:15 - 10:55	40 Minutes with Q&A	**Bulbar Function and Nutritional Management in SMA** Antonella Cerchiari, Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital, Italy
10:55 - 11:10 Coffee and Networking		
11:10 - 11:50	40 Minutes with Q&A	**Transition of Care in SMA** Prof. Ros Quinlivan, (Emeritus) Professor, University College London, UK
11:50 - 12:20	30 Minutes with Q&A	**Affective Life and Reproductive Issues** Prof. Laurent Servais
12:20 - 12:50	30 Minutes Q&A	**SMA Expert Panel**
12.50 - 13.00	10 Minutes	**Closing Comments** Prof. Laurent Servais
13:00 Close of SMA Masterclass		