

GANSID CONGRESS 2026 - CONGRESS PROGRAM



DAY ONE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

6:00 - 8:00 AM

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

8:00 - 8:30 AM

OFFICIAL OPENING & WELCOME CEREMONY

Speaker

Congress Leadership / Invited Dignitaries
Dr. Adekunle Adekile - GANSID Board Chairman
Congress Co-Chairs: Dr. Dipty Jain & Dr. Sathar MOH - India

Moderator: Ms. Lanre Tunji-Ajayi

8:35 - 9:35 AM

PLENARY SESSION

Updates in Non-Factor Therapies in Hemophilia

- Balancing Bleeding & Clotting: Thrombosis Risk in Evolving Hemophilia Treatment
- Innovations in Hemophilia: From Rebalancing Agents to Gene Therapy
- Non-Factor Approaches: Mechanisms, Efficacy & Safety

Speakers:

Dr. Alok Srivastava (India)
Dr. Johnny Mahlangu (South Africa)

Moderator: Dr. Cecil Ross (India)

9:40 - 10:00 AM

COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING

10:00 - 11:00 AM

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

Abstract Presentation Block A
Abstract Presentation Block B
Abstract Presentation Block C

Moderator: Dr. Sandra Newton (Canada)

Moderator: Prabhat Sinha (India)

Moderator: Dr. Deepika Darbari (USA)

11:05 - 12:05 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Industry Symposium (Sponsor-Led)

Speakers:

Industry Speakers

Moderator: TBC

Parallel Session

Two Years of GANSID's Mentorship Program Advancing Clinician Capacity Building

Speakers:

Dr. Prantar Chakrabarti (India)
Dr. Shabnam Arsiwala (USA)

Moderator: Ms. Lanre Tunji-Ajayi (Canada)

Parallel Session

Advances in Thrombosis Management: From Anticoagulation to Emerging Targeted Therapies

- Current anticoagulation strategies and clinical challenges (including real-world implementation and special populations)
- Emerging targeted therapies (e.g., factor XI/XIa inhibitors, novel pathways)

Speakers:

Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)
Dr. Vasiliki Danilatu (Cyprus)

Moderator: Dr. Len Valentino (USA)

12:05 - 1:05 PM

LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:10 - 2:00 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Plenary Session

Aging Well with Thalassemia: Navigating the Transition from Pediatric to Adult & Geriatric Care

- Efficacy & Safety of Novel Agents in Thalassemia Treatment
- Bridging Gaps in Transitioning Thalassemia Programs — Pediatric to Adult & Geriatric Care

Speakers:

Dr. Shruti Kakkar (India)
Dr. Ratna Sharma (India)

Moderator: Dr. Mandy Yap (Malaysia)

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Poster Session

Interactive Poster Viewing Session

3:00 - 3:30 PM

COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING

DAY ONE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

3:30 - 4:30 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Parallel Session

Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase Deficiency: Anything New for a 2,000-Year-Old Disease?

Speakers:

Dr. Angelo Minucci (Italy)
Dr. Jacob Pendergrast (Canada)

Moderator: Dr. Adekunle Adekile (Nigeria)

Parallel Session

Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia: Advances in Diagnosis, Management, and Systemic Therapies

Speakers:

Dr. Raj Kasthuri (USA)

Moderator: Dr. Caterina Minniti (USA)

Patient Engagement

Beyond Trait Status: Understanding Health Risks in Hemoglobinopathies Trait

Speakers:

Dr. Catherine Chunda-Liyoka (Zambia)
Daniella Aluoch (USA)

Moderator: Dr. Sam Mbunya (Kenya)

4:30 - 5:30 PM

END OF DAY PLENARY

Plenary Session

Blood Health is Bone Health- Blood Health in Inherited Blood Disorders - Osteoporosis — A Neglected Consequence of Blood Disorders

Speakers:

Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)
Dr. Lynn Azura (Malaysia)

Moderator: Dr. Johnny Mahlangu (South Africa)

6:30 - 8:30 PM

ANCILLIARY MEETINGS

DAY TWO - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

7:00 - 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

8:00 - 9:00 AM

MORNING PARALLEL SESSIONS

Parallel Session

Comprehensive Approaches to Iron Overload Prevention in Thalassemia

- Clinical Impact of Ineffective Erythropoiesis & Anemia
- Stepwise Laboratory Evaluation of Thalassemia
- Iron Toxicity in Thalassemia: Key Concepts in Iron Overload Management

Speakers:

Dr. Mandy Yap (Malaysia)
Dr. Sitalakshmi Subramanian (India)
Dr. Nita Radhakrishnan (India)

Moderator: Dr. Suman Jain (India)

Parallel Session

Diagnostic Pitfalls in Mild and Atypical Hereditary Spherocytosis & Red Cell Membrane Disorder

- Modern Diagnostic Approaches to Hereditary Spherocytosis and Overlapping Membrane Disorders
- Atypical and Mild Presentations of Red Cell Membrane Disorders: Avoiding Misdiagnosis in Clinical Practice

Speakers:

Dr. Theodosia Kalfa (USA)
Dr. Reena Das (India)

Moderator: Dr. Dipty Jain (India)

Parallel Session

Legal Issues in Medical Practice, "Current Perspectives"

Speakers:

Dr. Heena Tabassum

Moderator: Dr. Akshat Jain (USA)

9:05 - 10:05 AM

PLENARY SESSION

Comprehensive Management of Pregnancy in Sickle Cell Disease: Therapeutic Strategies & Maternal-Fetal Outcomes

- Hydroxyurea, Transfusion & Beyond: Treatment Decisions in Pregnancy with SCD
- Pregnancy in SCD: Optimizing Maternal & Fetal Outcomes

Speakers:

Dr. Tulika Seth (India)
Dr. Eugene Oteng Ntim (UK)

Moderator: Dr. Biree Andemariam (USA)

10:05 - 10:25 AM

COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING

10:25 - 11:35 AM

ABSTRACT PRESENTATION BLOCK D

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors
Moderator: Delaney Hines (Canada)

ABSTRACT PRESENTATION BLOCK E

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors
Moderator: Dr. Manisha Madkaikar (India)

ABSTRACT PRESENTATION BLOCK F

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors
Moderator: Dr. Len Valentino (USA)

CONT. DAY TWO - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

11:40 - 12:40 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS Industry Symposia

Parallel Session

Inclusive Clinical Trials for Global Impact: The Role of GANSID in Driving Change

- Designing Inclusive Clinical Trials in Rare Hematological Disorders: From Eligibility Criteria to Real-World Representation
- Global Equity in Hematology Trials: Bridging Gaps in Access, Participation, and Impact

Parallel Session

Von Willebrand Disease in the 21st Century:

- VWD: The Global Challenge
- Integrating Molecular Science with Clinical Care

Speakers: Industry Speakers
Moderator: TBC

Speakers:

Dr. Fenella Kirkham (UK)
Dr. Catherine Chunda-Liyoka (Zambia)

Moderator: Dr. Vasiliki Danilidou (Cyprus)

Speakers:

Dr. Len Valentino (USA)
Dr. Sitalakshmi Subramanian (India)

Moderator: Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)

12:40 - 1:40 PM

LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL

1:40 - 2:55 PM

PLENARY SESSIONS

Addressing Pain in Inherited Blood Disorders: From Acute Crises to Chronic Care

- Beyond Opioids: Modern Pharmacological Management of Chronic Pain
- Rethinking Pain Care: Non-Pharmacological Interventions in SCD
- Understanding the Lived Experience of Pain in Hemophilia

Speakers:

Dr. Tulika Seth (India)
Dr. Deepika Darbari (USA)
Prem Alva (India)

Moderator: Dr. Baba Inusa (UK)

2:55 - 3:55 PM

INTERACTIVE POSTER VIEWING SESSION

3:55 - 4:15 PM

COFFEE BREAK

4:15 - 5:15 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Aplastic Anemia

- HSCT in Aplastic Anemia: Patient Selection, Timing & Outcomes
- Evolving Indications & Outcomes in Aplastic Transplantation

Speakers:

Dr. Radhika Setti (India)
Dr. Akshat Jain (USA)

Moderator:

Dr. Olivier Hermine (France)

Pipeline Therapies for Inherited Blood Disorders

- Pipeline Therapies: What Is the Need?
- Investigational Therapies for SCD & Thalassemia
- Investigational Therapies for Inherited Bleeding Disorders

Speakers:

Dr. Biree Andemariam (USA)
Dr. Miguel Abboud (Lebanon)
Dr. Alok Srivastava (India)

Moderator:

Dr. Biree Andemariam (USA)

Patient Driven Session: Expanding Access to Innovative & Curative Therapies in IBDs within the WHO UHC Framework

- Patient Experiences with Innovative and Curative Therapies Across Health Systems
- From Advocacy to Policy: Leveraging the WHO UHC Framework to Drive Equitable Access for IBD Communities

Speakers:

Dr. Carl Lander (UK)
Lalit Pargi (India)
Anubha Taneja (India)

Moderator:

Dr. Len Valentino (USA)

5:20 - 6:20 PM

END OF DAY PLENARY SESSION

One Data Platform, Many Voices: Co-Creating a Global Registry for Sickle Cell Disease

Speakers:

Dr. Adekunle Adekile (Nigeria)
Dr. Bhupesh Jain (India)
Dr. Catherine Chunda-Liyoka (Zambia)

Moderator: Dr. Adekunle Adekile (Nigeria)

6:30 - 7:30 PM

NETWORKING RECEPTION

DAY THREE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

8:00 - 9:00 AM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Redefining Diagnosis & Management in Inherited Thrombocytopenia

- Recognizing Inherited Thrombocytopenia: Diagnosis, Clinical Clues & First-Line Lab Tests
- Management Essentials: When to Treat, When to Refer & Avoiding Common Pitfalls

Speakers:

Dr. Nita Radhakrishnan (India)
Dr. Michele Lambert (USA)

Moderator: Dr. Dipty Jain (India)

Inflammation & Complement Activation: Mechanistic Drivers of Disease Severity in SCD

- Inflammation & Complement in SCD: Drivers of Vaso-Occlusion & Organ Damage
- Genetic Modifiers of the SCD Phenotype

Speakers:

Dr. Olivier Hermine (France)
Prof. Adekunle Adekile (Nigeria)

Moderator: Dr. Caterina Minniti (USA)

Disparities in Access to Lifelong Care for Thalassemia: A Global Lens

- Bridging Gaps in Access to Diagnosis, Transfusion & Treatment Across High- & Low-Resource Settings
- Resolving System-Level Barriers to Continuity of Care

Speakers:

Dr. Jagdish Chandra (India)
Dr. Ravindra Kumar (India)

Moderator: Chandrakant Agrawal (India)

9:05 - 10:05 AM

PLENARY SESSION

Integrating Artificial Intelligence into Clinical Practice: Opportunities & Challenges in Inherited Blood Disorders Care

- Can AI Improve Clinical Care in Inherited Blood Disorders? From Diagnosis to Decision-Making
- Can We Trust AI in Rare Hematology? Ethical Challenges in Inherited Blood Disorders

Speakers:

Prof. Prantar Chakrabarti (India)
Dr. Vasiliki Danilidou (Cyprus)

Moderator: Dr. Vasiliki Danilidou (Cyprus)

10:05 - 10:25 AM

COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING

10:25 - 11:35 AM

ABSTRACT PRESENTATION BLOCK G

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors

Moderator: Dr. Jacob Pendergrast (Canada)

ABSTRACT PRESENTATION BLOCK H

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors

Moderator: Carl Lander (UK)

ABSTRACT PRESENTATION BLOCK I

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors

Moderator: Dr. G. Padma (India)

11:35 - 12:35 PM

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Industry Symposium (Sponsor-Led)

Speakers: Industry Speaker(s)

Moderator: TBC

Parallel Sessions

Clinical & Operational Challenges in Blood Safety: Balancing Demand, Supply & Patient Outcomes

Speakers:

Dr. Manisha Shivastava (India)
Dr. Jacob Pendergrast (Canada)

Moderator: Ms. Vinita Srivastava (India)

Parallel Sessions

Targeted Therapy in Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency: PK Activators & Beyond

Speakers: Carl Lander (UK)

Moderator: Alejandra Watson (USA)

12:35 - 1:35 PM

LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL INTERACTIVE POSTER VIEWING SESSION

1:35 - 2:35 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Cardiopulmonary & Renal Complications in Sickle Cell Disease

- Renal Screening: Early Detection & Management Strategies
- Pulmonary Hypertension & Recognition & Management of Acute Chest Syndrome in SCD

Speakers:

Dr. Dipty Jain (India)
Dr. Elizabeth Klings (USA)

Moderator: Dr. Baba Inusa (UK)

CONT. DAY THREE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

2:35- 2:55 PM

3:00 - 4:00 PM

COFFEE BREAK

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes: From Molecular Pathogenesis to Curative Strategies

- Key Molecular Mechanisms Underlying Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes
- From Diagnosis to Cure: Management & Curative Options Including Transplant & Emerging Therapies

Speakers:

Dr. Cecil Ross (India)
Dr. Miguel Abboud (Lebanon)

Moderator: Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)

Emerging & Long-Term Toxicities of Gene & Cell Therapies: What Clinicians Need to Know

- Early & Delayed Toxicities: Identifying, Monitoring & Managing Adverse Effects
- Safety, Surveillance & Risk Mitigation: Long-Term Follow-Up & Registries

Speakers:

Dr. Akshat Jain (USA)
Dr. Julie Makani (Tanzania)

Moderator: Dr. Caterina Minniti (USA)

PATIENT ENGAGEMENT

Advancing Social Justice & Human Rights in Inherited Blood Disorders: Addressing Work, Disability & Social Participation

Speakers:

Kristin Reinhart (Canada)
Ms. Vinita Srivastava (India)
Kareem Karassery (India)

Moderator: Delaney Hines (Canada)