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European School of Pathology (EScoP) Course on Nephropathology



Venue: Hotel Warsaw Mokotów | O3Hotel
Address: ul. Mangalia 102-758 Warszawa, Poland

Dates: 13-15 November 2026

Faculty:

- Agnieszka Perkowska-Ptasinska, Medical University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland
- Amélie Dendooven, UZ Gent, Ghent, Belgium
- Joris Roelofs, Amsterdam University Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Helmut Hopfer, University Hospital of Basel, Basel, Switzerland

Attendance: This course is with on-site attendance only and will not be recorded
Course language: The course will be provided in English

For any questions, contact the ESP HQ, at admin@esp-pathology.org having as email subject "**EScoP Warsaw 2026**".



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Registration fees:
For the course programme only*:
ESP members (with active membership for 2026): **380 Euro**
Non-ESP members: **420 Euro**

For both the course programme and the social event (networking buffet dinner at the course venue):
ESP members (with active membership for 2026): **410 Euro**
Non-ESP members: **450 Euro**

There is no option for on-site registrations/payments.
The available slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Deadline to register: **3 November 2026**

*Registration for the course programme includes access to the course venue, coffee breaks and lunches, access to the online platform with the course material and a personalised certificate of attendance.

Course description

This course focuses on diagnostic reasoning in nephropathology, moving beyond pattern recognition towards interpretation in clinical context. Through a combination of concise lectures and extensive case-based sessions, participants will explore how morphology, immunopathology, ultrastructure and clinical data integrate into real-life diagnostic decisions. Emphasis is placed on common pitfalls, overlapping patterns and mechanism-based understanding of kidney injury.
The course is designed as a case-driven, interactive experience focusing on interpretation.

Learning objectives

After completing this course, participants will be able to:

- interpret kidney biopsy findings in clinical context
- recognise diagnostic pitfalls in pattern-based assessment
- differentiate primary vs secondary mechanisms of injury
- integrate immunofluorescence and electron microscopy findings into diagnosis
- approach complex cases involving deposits and monoclonality



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Target Audience:
The course is designed for pathologists who are at the start of Nephropathology training. Registration is open to residents too.
Clinical colleagues in Nephrology are also welcome to register, in case they wish to expand their skills.

Bring you case:
Course participants are welcome to submit cases related to the subject of the course to be discussed during the slide seminar sessions. The cases will be distributed by the Faculty to the several "Participant Cases" sessions.
The objective is two-fold: Participants are welcome to share own difficult cases as a form of informal consultation, or to present already diagnosed cases with an international audience.
All cases must be submitted in advance of the course. The Faculty encourages participants interested in presenting a case to submit it as early possible, allowing time for review and distribution within the course programme.
For more information about case submission, please contact Dr Christos Poulios c.poulios@esp-pathology.org after successful registration.
NB: There is no optical microscope available as to share cases this way and case presentation from participants does not include a separate certificate.

Social Event-Course dinner:
ESP Educational Activities with onsite attendance, in addition to an exceptional programme, offer several networking opportunities! One such opportunity is the course dinner, offering interaction between participants and Faculty. The dinner is organised at the same venue as the course. Participants interested in joining this splendid activity, are welcome to select this option at the registration form.
NB: each registration is for one person only and does not cover any accompanying person(s).



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Preliminary Course Programme

All times are for local time in Warsaw, Poland.

Day 1 – 13 November 2026 Beyond Patterns: Diagnostic Reasoning in Nephropathology			
Time	**Duration (min)**	**Topic**	**Speaker**
08:30	30	Arrival and Registration	
09:00	10	Welcome and course introduction	Joris J. Roelofs
SESSION 1: From Pattern to Context – Foundations of Diagnostic Reasoning			
09:10	35	From Pattern to Context: Diagnostic Reasoning and Pitfalls in Kidney Biopsies	Agnieszka Perkowska-Ptasińska
09:45	105	Case-based diagnostic session	All faculty
11:30	**30**	**Coffee Break**	
12:00	30	Participant cases	
SESSION 2: Immune Deposits – Driver or Bystander?			
12:30	30	Immune Deposits in Kidney Biopsies: When They Matter – Patterns, Context and Pitfalls	Joris J. Roelofs
13:00	60	Case-based diagnostic session	All faculty
14:00	**60**	**Lunch**	
15:00	60	Case-based integration session: From Pattern to Context	All faculty
16:00	**30**	**Coffee Break**	
16:30	60	Case-based diagnostic session	All faculty
17:30	30	Participant cases, discussion and wrap-up	All faculty

Day 2 – 14 November 2026 From Pattern to Mechanism (Everyday Diagnostic Practice)			
Time	**Duration (min)**	**Topic**	**Speaker**
SESSION 3: Mechanism-Based Injury (Conceptual Framework)			
09:00	30	Vascular Injury in Kidney Biopsies: What Does It Really Tell Us?	Agnieszka Perkowska-Ptasińska
09:30	30	Case-based diagnostic session	All faculty
10:00	30	FSGS is Not a Diagnosis: Understanding Podocytopathies and Adaptive Injury	Amélie Dendooven
10:30	30	Case-based diagnostic session	All faculty
11:00	30	Metabolic Kidney Injury: When Systemic Disease Shapes Renal Morphology	Joris J. Roelofs



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11:30	**30**	**Coffee Break**	
12:00	120	Case-based diagnostic session (extended)	All faculty
14:00	**60**	**Lunch**	
SESSION 4: Infection as a Diagnostic Mimicker			
15:00	30	Infection-Related Kidney Disease: When Infection Mimics Immune Disease	Helmut Hopfer
15:30	60	Case-based diagnostic session	All faculty
16:30	**15**	**Coffee Break**	
16:45	75	Participant cases, discussion and wrap-up	All faculty
19:30		Dinner with faculty	Separate registration required

Day 3 – 15 November 2026 Deposits, Monoclonality and Ultrastructure			
Time	**Duration (min)**	**Topic**	**Speaker**
SESSION 5: Monoclonality and Amyloid – A Practical Diagnostic Approach			
09:00	30	Monoclonal Gammopathies, Amyloidosis and Complex Deposits: How to Approach Them in Practice	Amélie Dendooven
09:30	120	Case-based diagnostic session	All faculty
11:30	**30**	**Coffee Break**	
12:30	30	Participant cases	
12:30	30	Summary, key messages and course closure	All faculty

The **EScoP course on Nephropathology, Warsaw 2026, Warsaw, Poland 13/11/2026 - 15/11/2026,** has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with **16 European CME credits (ECMEC®s).** Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.
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