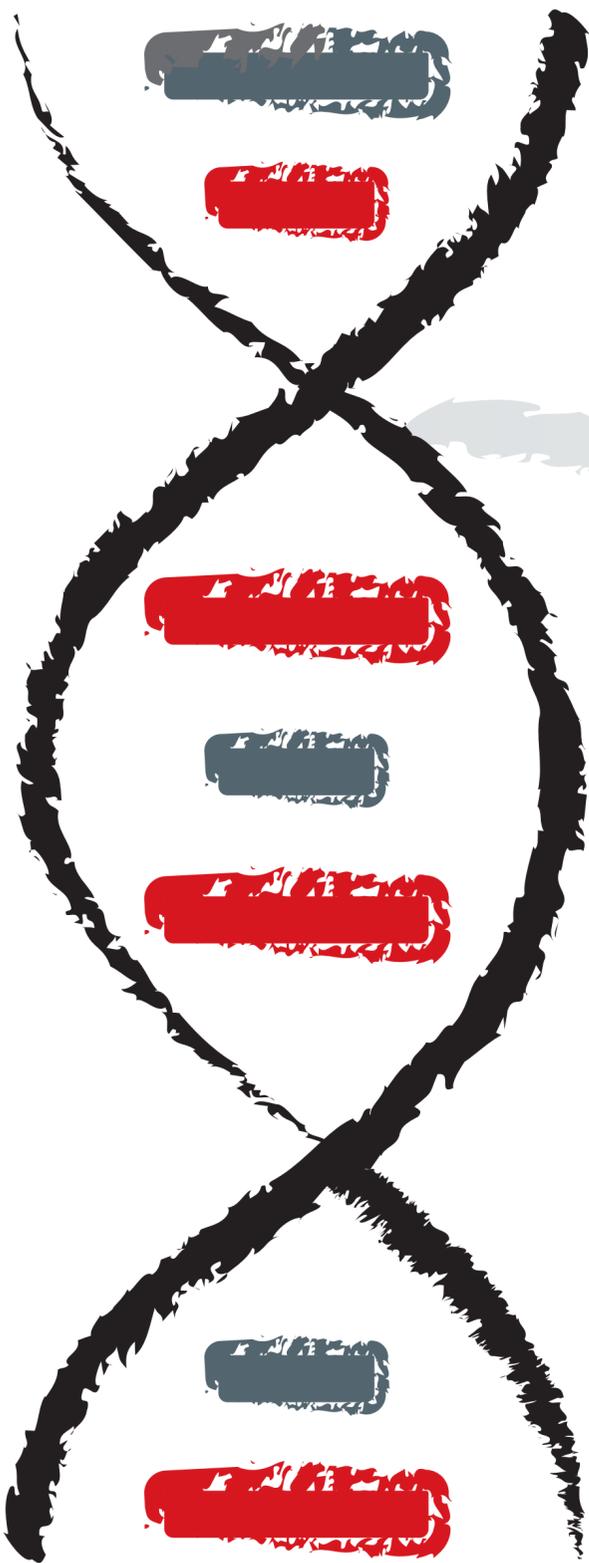ERAPerMed

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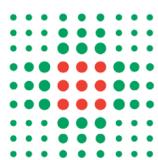per lo Studio dei Tumori "Dino Amadori" (IRST)

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Focus on TOP:
Driving Collaborative Innovation
in Precision Medicine

Breast cancer management is rapidly evolving, driven by new therapies and emerging technologies that challenge scientific, sustainability, and governance paradigms.

The Focus on TOP symposium provides an innovative space to discuss and co-develop these advances at the intersection of research and care.

The 2026 edition emphasizes the need for interdisciplinary, cross-sector collaboration, bringing together clinicians, translational researchers, digital scientists, patient advocates, and other stakeholders in a dynamic precision oncology community.

Over two days of scientific exchange, the program promotes both practical engagement and interdisciplinary dialogue. Day 1 will focus on building a shared foundation for inclusive and impactful research discussing both regulatory and sustainability aspects, while Day 2 will feature expert presentations and critical analysis of current developments in clinical and translational oncology.

A highlight of Day 1 is the PORTRAIT/PMAC Workshop, a translational hackathon where participants develop practical solutions to real research challenges, building on ideas initiated during pre-congress online sessions on the Focus on TOP augmented platform. The Networking Lunch on Day 2 is a signature session of the symposium and further extends this momentum, offering informal yet structured, thematic discussions that connect disciplines through guided conversation.

This edition further expands its digital ecosystem, seamlessly blending on-site interaction with online tools, interactive content, and post-event resources. Voices on TOP, the event's original podcast series, complements the live sessions with exclusive interviews and in-depth perspectives, extending the conversation well beyond the in-person symposium.

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10	00	Invesigators meetings*	PORTRAIT invesigators meeting		
10	45		GIM38/interSECT invesigators meeting		
11	45	Introduction			
12	00	Advocates & Scientists for Research (GRASP)	Co-guided Discovery: Shaping Research Priorities and Methodology Together	Eva Schumacher-Wulf	Eva Schumacher-Wulf
12	20		Round table		
13	00	Light lunch			
14	00	Policy, Access, and Funding for Sustainable and Innovative Research	Drug and Diagnostic Regulation Unlocked: Navigating Pathways and Opportunities	Rossana Roncato	Denis Horgan Dario Trapani
14	20		Policy Making in Action: Shaping Research Through Stakeholder Engagement	Denis Horgan	
14	40		Fueling Innovation: Funding and Collaborative Pathways in EU	Paolo Mariotti	
15	00		Round table		
15	45	The PORTRAIT/PMAC Workshop	Translational Hackathon Regulatory Sync Dossier — Liquid Biopsy Standardization Sprint Stakeholder-Driven Trials — Metabolic Vulnerability Map	Microbiome/Volatilome fingerprinting AI-Ready Infrastructure Design	Andrea Botticelli Matilde Corianó
17	30		Round table		
18	15	Adjourn			
20	00	Connecting Minds Over Dinner			

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DAY 2

Time	Session	Title	Speaker	Chairpersons
8:30	Introduction			
8:40	Liquid Biopsy Unfolding: The rise of Personalized Monitoring and Novel Biomarkers (ISLB)	From Personalized Therapy to Personalized Monitoring in the metastatic setting	Antonio Marra	Massimo Cristofanilli — Fabio Puglisi
9:00		From Biology to Care: Liquid Biopsy as tool to bridge Unmet Clinical Needs	Jean-Yves Pierga	
9:20		CTC-Based Biomarkers: Capturing Tumor Heterogeneity	Evi Lianidou	
9:40		Discussion		
10:00	Coffe break			
10:20	Focus on Lobular Breast Cancer (LBCA)	Personalizing Early Invasive Lobular Carcinoma Care: Advanced Imaging and Genomic Targets to Refine Therapy	Rinath Jeselsohn	Laurie Burgess Hutcheson — Carolina Reduzzi
10:40		Advanced Invasive Lobular Carcinoma: Emerging Targets, Novel Trials, and a Road-map for Biomarker-Driven Care	Kristina Fanucci	
11:00		Discussion		
11:20	Emerging Dimensions in Cancer: Metabolism, Microbiome, and Volatilome	Mapping Tumor Metabolism for Personalized Therapy		Benedetta Conte — Barbara Frossi
11:40		Beyond Blood: Volatilomics in Precision Oncology	Nawale Hajjaji	
12:00		The Microbiome Switch: A Hidden Layer of Tumor Control	Claudia Nastasi	
12:20		Discussion		
12:40	Lunch & Link	Liquid biopsy and precision medicine	Francesco Pepe - Giulia Brisotto	
		Organoids and non canonical CTCs applications	Michele Zanoni - Giulia Gallerani	
		Immunotargets and Microbiota	Silvia Tonon - Elena Muraro	
		Tailored approaches for specific subtypes	Federica Martorana - Tania Rossi	
		Metabolism and pharmaco-personalization	Marianna Moro - Rossana Roncato	
		Non canonical CTCs biomarker	Aliki Ntzifa - Elisabetta Molteni	
		Germiline alterations and precison medicine	Giulia Buzzatti - Alessandra Franzoni	
14:00	Coffe break			
14:15	Learning from Complexity: Big Data and AI for Translational Oncology	New opportunities and insights in multidimensional data integration for translational research	Aitor Oviedo-Madrid	Ruben Armañanzas — Claudio Vernieri
14:35		From Scale to Clinical Meaning: AI as a Catalyst for Translational Cancer Research	Shai Rosenberg	
14:55		Discussion		
15:15	From Slide to Strategy: Tissue Biomarkers in Precision Oncology	Digital Pathology: From Pixels to Clinical Insight	Antonio Polonia	Nicola Fusco — Ambra Grolla
15:35		Transcriptomics: Uncovering the Missing Layer	Francesco Schettini	
15:55		Discussion		
16:15	Closing remarks			

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