

Session Title:

Navigating Complexity: Haematological Malignancies in Older Adults

Date: November 27, 2025

Time: 15:00-16:30 (90 minutes)

Session Objective:

To explore the clinical, biological, and systemic challenges in the treatment of older adults with haematological cancers, and to discuss evidence-informed, patient-centred solutions through both clinical and policy lenses.

Programme:

15:00 - Opening Remarks & Session Overview

15:05 Moderator: Martine Extermann, Chair – SIOG Public Policy Committee

- Welcome delegates
- Overview of session goals and structure
- Importance of multidisciplinary and policy engagement in geriatric haematology

15:05 – Advancing Oncogeriatric Care: A Geriatrician’s Perspective on the Evolution of Care for Older Adults with Complex Haematological Malignancies.

Speaker: Kirsty Colquhoun

Consultant Geriatrician, University of Glasgow Medical School

15:20 – Defining the frail and vulnerable patient with Multiple Myeloma

15:35 Speaker: Gordon Cook

Professor of Haematology, University of Leeds

15:35 – Title: (MDS)
15:50 Speaker: Beth Payne (invited)
Associate Clinical Professor, UCL Cancer Institute

15:50 – Policy Spotlight: Addressing Systemic Barriers in the Care of Older
16:05 Adults with Blood Cancers
Speaker: Martine Extermann
Chair – SIOG Public Policy Committee

16:05 – Interactive Panel Discussion
16:20 Moderator: Martine Extermann, Chair – SIOG Public Policy Committee

- Reflections from all speakers
- Audience-submitted questions
- Bridging clinical innovation with policy reform

16:20 – Wrap-Up & Takeaways
16:25 Moderator: Martine Extermann, Chair – SIOG Public Policy Committee

- Summary of key insights
- Next steps and calls to action
- How to stay involved with SIOG's Haematology initiatives

16:25 – Remarks from the Chair of the SIOG UK Group
16:30 Speaker: Kwok Leung Cheung, SIOG Incoming President

- Introduction to the SIOG UK Group
- Ongoing initiatives, collaborations, and priorities
- Invitation to join and support SIOG's haematology agenda