



# 7th Krakow Educational Workshop on Congenital Heart Disease

Krakow, 5-6 June, 2026



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## Borderline Ventricles and the Future of Fontan Circulation

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Friday, June 5th, 2026	
08:45–09:15	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <b>Maciej Malecki</b> - Rector of Jagiellonian University Medical College <b>Wojciech Cyrul</b> - Director of the University Children's Hospital of Kraków <b>Tomasz Mroczek</b>
09:15–09:45	<b>Honorary Keynote Lecture</b> <i>The First Line of Defense: How Understanding Innate Immunity is Reshaping Medicine</i> - <b>Anna Blom (Lund)</b>
<b>09:45–11:25 Session I: <i>Borderline Left Ventricle – Surgical Decision Making</i></b> <b>Chairmen:</b> Sitaram Emani, Mark Hazekamp, Tomasz Mroczek, Janusz Hieronim Skalski	
09:45 – 10:10	<i>How to Avoid Fontan Operation</i> - <b>Sitaram Emani (Boston)</b>
10:10 – 10:35	<i>Biventricular Repair in Complex DORV</i> - <b>Mark Hazekamp* (Leiden)</b>
10:35 – 11:00	<i>Strategy Selection in Borderline Left Ventricle</i> - <b>Sitaram Emani (Boston)</b>
11:00- 11:20	<i>Reverse Switch with Hemi-Senning Component</i> <b>Tomasz Mroczek (Kraków)</b>
11:20- 11:35	<i>Discussion</i>
11:35–11:50	Coffee Break
<b>11:50–13:30 Session II: <i>Borderline Physiology, Imaging and Emerging Technologies</i></b> <b>Chairmen:</b> Jack Rychik, Jacek Kolcz, Roland Fiszer, Daniel Zimpher	
11:50 – 12:20	<i>Fetal HLHS – The Emerging Role of the Placenta</i> - <b>Jack Rychik (Philadelphia)</b>
12:20 – 12:40	<i>Fontan failure – surgical approach-</i> <b>Daniel Zimpher (Vienna)</b>
12:40 – 13:00	<i>The Fontan Circulation in the Era of Artificial Intelligence</i> - <b>Jacek Kolcz (Kraków)</b>
13:00 – 13:30	<i>The Liver in the Fontan Circulation (30 min)</i> - <b>Jack Rychik (Philadelphia)</b>
13:30–13:45	<i>Discussion</i>
13:40–14:30	Lunch break
<b>14:30–16:15 Session III: <i>Single Ventricle – Emerging Concepts</i></b> <b>Chairmen:</b> Christopher Smith, Bohdan Maruszewski, Andrzej Kansy, David Renaud	
14:30 – 15:00	<i>The Role of Borderline Ventricle Rehabilitation in Early Stage Repair</i> - <b>Sitaram Emani (Boston)</b>

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15:00 – 15:30	<i>Advanced Catheter-Based Lymphatic Interventions</i> - <b>Christopher Smith (Philadelphia)</b>
15:30 - 15:50	<i>Altered Glucose Metabolism in Fontan Circulation</i> - <b>David Renaud (Innsbruck)</b>
15:50 – 16:15	Discussion
<b>Saturday, June 6th, 2026</b>	
08:30–09:00	Morning Coffee & Networking
09:00–10:50	<b>Session V: <i>Complex Biventricular Reconstruction</i></b> <b>Chairmen:</b> Mark Hazekamp, Marek Jasiński, Joanna Dangel, Roland Fiszer
09:00 – 09:40	<i>Developing a Multidisciplinary Fontan Clinic</i> - <b>Jack Rychik (Philadelphia)</b>
09:40 – 10:10	<i>Modified Ross–Kono Procedure in Infants</i> - <b>Mark Hazekamp* (Leiden)</b>
10:10 – 10:40	Discussion
10:40–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–11:30	<b>Historical Perspective:</b> <i>50 Years of Pediatric Cardiology in Kraków</i> - <b>Aleksandra Morka (Kraków)</b> Chairmen: Andrzej Rudziński, Janusz H. Skalski
11:30–13:00	<b>Session VI: <i>Complex Circulation – Metabolic and Surgical Interfaces</i></b> <b>Chairmen:</b> David Reynaud, Piotr Suwalski, Rafał Żurek
11:30 – 11:50	<i>Metabolic Aspects and End-Organ Function after Fontan</i> - <b>David Renaud (Innsbruck)</b>
12:05 – 12:20	<i>Lymphatic Interventions in Single Ventricle Patients</i> – <b>Christopher Smith (Philadelphia)</b>
12:20 – 12:45	<i>Remote Cardiac Surgery and Robotic Support</i> – <b>Piotr Suwalski (Warsaw)</b>
13:00–15:30	<b>Session VII: <i>Future Perspectives and Innovation</i></b> <b>Chairmen:</b> Anna Rudek-Budzyńska, Zsolt Prodan, Aleksander Szypulski
13:00 – 13:15	<i>New pulmonary valve</i> – <b>Tomasz Moszura-(Łódź)</b>
13:15 – 13:30	<i>Prenatal Interventions – what we should change?</i> – <b>Joanna Dangel (Warsaw)</b>
13:30 – 14:45	<i>Pulmonary artery banding for left ventricle dysfunction treatment</i> – <b>Zsolt Prodan (Budapest)</b>
14:45 –15:00	Discussion
15:00	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Farewell</b>

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