



# Advancing CLL:

A course promoting state-of-the-art chronic lymphocytic leukaemia diagnosis, management, and clinical research globally

This course is for all haematologists/oncologists, nurses and pharmacists looking after patients with CLL and researchers interested in the biology of CLL practicing in LMICs according to the ODA list.

#### Course learning outcomes

- Acquire a working knowledge of the technologies and analytical tools used in CLL research and diagnosis.
- Describe the current state of research in CLL microenvironment, genomics and epigenomics.
- Critically discuss the challenges involved in establishing a registry or clinical database.
- Deliver safe and effective management of patients with CLL in an exemplary multi-disciplinary tumour board environment.
- Appraise the requirements for clinical trial units.
- Incorporate patient engagement in their practice.

# Course modules:

**Diagnosis: technologies, analytical tools, interpretation** Module Leader: Paolo Ghia 3 - 6 February 2025



**Overview of current basic research** Module Leader: Iñaki Martin 17 February - 2 March 2025



**Drug development and clinical trials** Module Leader: John Byrd 17 - 30 March 2025

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The role of patient engagement in achieving sustainability of CLL services Module Leader: Alina Gerrie 31 March - 13 April 2025 This virtual course will commence February 2025 in partnership between iwCLL and The University of Oxford.

#### What is this course about?

Due to significant technological advances in diagnosis, prognostication and therapies over the past decade, we have witnessed a transformation of the clinical outcome of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia in high-income countries. However, there is still an increasing need for translating these advances to the rest of the world.

This problem-oriented online short course will be delivered in the form of pre-recorded lectures and live tutorials. They will give an overview of the background knowledge and practical skills needed to identify local solutions to potentially improve clinical and research practice in low-middle income countries.

#### Course structure and dates

This is a five-module course, each addressing specific needs and delivering learning outcomes.

The course will be conducted entirely in a virtual format, featuring pre-recorded lectures of approximately 30-45 minutes, essential reading lists for enhanced self-learning and selected MCQ questions or short essay questions.

Each module will end with a live masterclass led by a senior CLL clinician-scientist.

The pre-recorded lectures will aim to provide participants with essential background and problem-oriented knowledge necessary for identifying local practical solutions that can enhance both clinical and research practices.

The live masterclasses will further enhance the practice-changing nature of the learning experience by providing concrete examples and interactions with advice from experienced clinicians and researchers.

Upon completing the course, trainees will be provided with a certificate of attendance from the iwCLL.

## Application deadline 30 January 2025

12.00pm (noon) GMT

### Eligibility for application

Selection will be competitive and preference will be given to 15 students practicing in LLICs or LMICs according to the ODA list.

Successful students need to demonstrate:

- an employment contract of at least three years
- strong and sustained support by their home institution that allows them to leverage the course by multiplying its impact on the outcome of CLL patients in the region.
- they are in a position to strengthen capacity of CLL clinical services and research capacity in their home institution.

To make an application please complete and submit the Microsoft Form here.





