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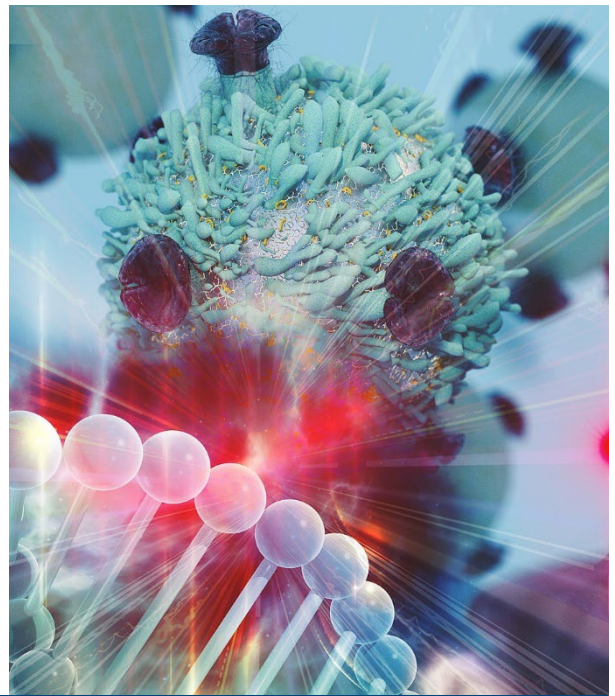
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The UCT Mainz presents

8th Mini-Symposium in Translational Oncology (MiTraC)

**Mechanisms of Tumor evolution
and progression**

24th of September 2026 | 1.00 - 6.00 pm

Lecture Hall Building 102



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Dear friends & colleagues,

we are happy to welcome you to the 8th UCT Mainz Mini-Symposium in Translational Oncology (MiTraC) sponsored by Merck Healthcare KGaA.

In this Mini-Symposium series we aim to address important areas of cancer research linked to translational oncology. Within this format, we have the opportunity to invite outstanding scientists to present novel findings, techniques and ideas.

The topic of this year's symposium is "Mechanisms of Tumor evolution and progression". The talks will address major topics of many research groups working at the UCT Mainz and our partnering institutions and clinics.

We wish you a pleasant time and an interesting symposium with lots of new insights and discoveries!

With best regards,

Thomas Kindler Ann-Kathrin Herrmann
Head of the UCT Mainz Scientific Coordinator UCT Mainz

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Program

13.00 Uhr Welcome
Thomas Kindler, UCT Mainz

Session 1: Tumor progression

Chair: Claudia Paret

13:05 Uhr A plastic cell state conversion as a bypass to KRAS-G12D pharmacological inhibition in metastatic colorectal cancer

Alessia Centonze, Barcelona

13.45 Uhr Aging promotes metastasis via epigenetic activation of the integrated stress response

Volkan I. Sayin, Gothenburg

14.25 Uhr Chemokine-mediated control of CD8⁺ T cell responses

Jun Abe, Fribourg

15.05 Uhr Coffee Break & Networking

Session 2: Tumor evolution

Chair: Charles Imbusch

15.50 Uhr Transcriptional reprogramming as a gateway to gastro-oesophageal tumorigenesis

Karol Nowicki-Osuch, Heidelberg

16.30 Uhr Deciphering lung adenocarcinoma evolution and the role of LINE-1 retrotransposition

Tongwu Zhang, Bethesda

17.10 Uhr Measuring cancer evolution to predict progression

Trevor A. Graham, London

17.50 Uhr Closing Remarks & Summary