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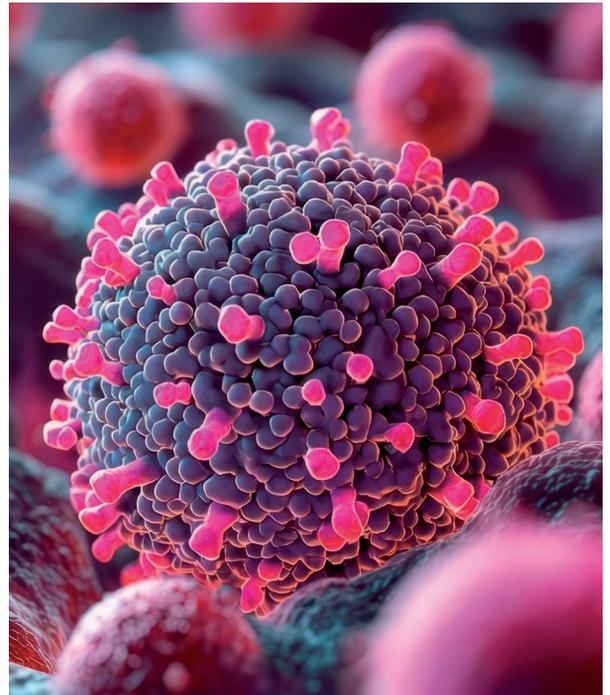
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The UCT Mainz presents

7th Mini-Symposium in Translational Oncology (MiTraC)

**Improving Immune Response:
T cells, TME & beyond**

25th of September 2025 | 1.00 - 6.00 pm

Lecture Hall Building 708



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Dear friends & colleagues,

we are happy to welcome you to the 7th 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 "Improving Immune Response: T cells, TME & beyond". 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: Players in tumor immune response -
T cells, macrophages and lymph nodes

Chair: Claudia Paret

**13.05 Uhr Decoding the requirement for
effective antitumor T cell
responses**

Chong Sun, Heidelberg

**13.45 Uhr Identification and validation of
GDF-15 as a novel target in cancer
immunotherapy**

Jörg Wischhusen, Würzburg

**14.25 Uhr Immune feedback limits cancer
therapy efficacy**

Tracy McGaha, Toronto

15.05 Uhr Coffee Break & Networking

Session 2: Understanding the TME as a prerequisite
to improve immunotherapy

Chair: Matthias Gaida

**15.50 Uhr Response to immunotherapy in
colorectal cancer: why space
matters**

Francesca Ciccarelli, London

**16.30 Uhr Decoding sarcoma cellular
ecosystems associated with
outcomes and immunotherapy
response**

Everett Moding, Stanford

**17.10 Uhr Unlocking immunity: Decoding and
reprogramming the
immune-evasive tumor
microenvironment**

Guillem Estivill, Vienna

17.50 Uhr Closing Remarks & Summary