

Invitation Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation – Advancing Patient Care

8th May 2026, 8.00 am – 3.00 pm

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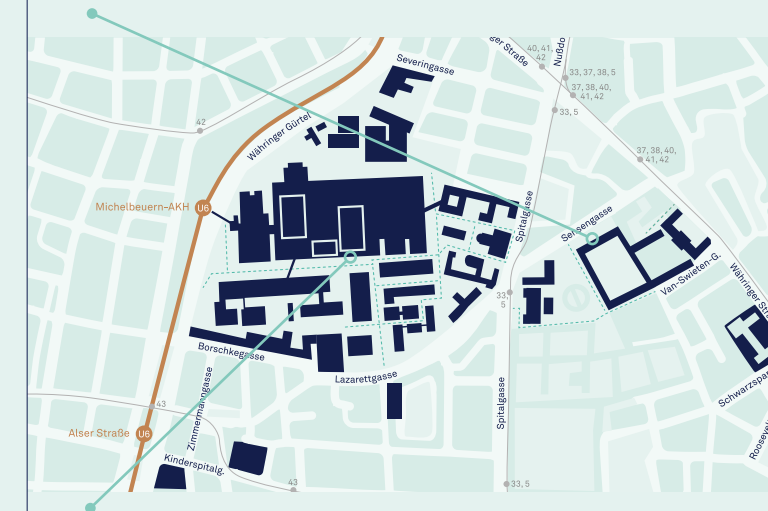
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Lecture Hall (Hörsaalzentrum), Hörsaal 3,
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Pulmonary Hypertension, Heart Failure and Transplantation – Advancing Patient Care

The Pediatric Heart Center of the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at MedUni Vienna and University Hospital Vienna hosts a symposium on May 8, 2026.

The aim of this event is not only to provide an up-to-date overview of the topics of pulmonary hypertension, heart failure, and heart and lung transplantation in children and adolescents, but above all – together with national and international experts – to take a look into the future.

Under the guiding theme “Advancing Patient Care,” the focus will be on innovative perspectives for the treatment of children with congenital and acquired cardiovascular diseases.

As part of the scientific programme on May 8 (8.00 am to 12.00 pm, Lecture Hall, University Clinic of Dentistry), the inaugural lecture of Georg Hansmann, Professor of Pediatric Cardiology and new Head of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology, will take place at 1.00 pm (Lecture Hall (Hörsaalzentrum), Hörsaal 3).

The organizing committee of the Pediatric Heart Center Vienna

Programme

8.00 – 8.10 am

Registration

8.10 – 8.30 am

Opening and welcome

Markus Müller, Rector, MedUni Vienna
Georg Hansmann, Peter Murin, Erwin Kitzmüller,
Daniel Zimpfer

8.30 – 10.00 am

Session 1 Lung transplantation, heart transplantation, mechanical circulatory support, cardiac organoids

Chairs: Clemens Aigner, Francesco Cardona, Eniko Sajti,
Martin Zahorec

Pediatric lung transplantation – the Vienna experience

Edith Nachbaur, Alberto Benazzo

Advances in mechanical circulatory support for right and left heart failure

Marcus Granegger, Daniel Zimpfer

Pediatric heart transplantation – the Vienna experience

Peter Murin, Sabine Greil

Artificial intelligence in pediatric cardiology and critical care

Thomas Jack

Cardiac organoids for disease modeling and visionary heart failure therapy

Sasha Mendjan

Panel discussion

10.00 – 10.30 am

Coffee break and industry exhibition

10.30 am – 12.10 pm

Session 2 Fetal heart failure, perinatal transcatheter interventions, imaging heart failure, treatment of pulmonary hypertension and heart failure

Chairs: Harald Bertram, Eva Base, Ina Michel-Behnke

Managing fetal-onset heart failure

Elisabeth Seidl-Mlczoch

Neonatal cardiovascular transcatheter Interventions, Part 1

Erwin Kitzmüller

Neonatal cardiovascular transcatheter interventions, Part 2

Henri Justino

Advanced imaging of right and left heart failure

Emanuela Valsangiacomo Büchel

LV training for ccTGA

Joachim Photiadis

GDMT-heart failure pharmacotherapy extrapolated to children

Andreas Hanslik

State-of-the-art pharmacotherapy of pediatric pulmonary arterial hypertension

Sulaima Albinni

Panel discussion

12.10 – 12.30 pm

Lunch break and industry exhibition

12.30 – 12.45 pm

Walk to MedUni Campus AKH, Lecture Hall (Hörsaalzentrum, Hörsaal 3)

1.00 – 3.00 pm

Inaugural lecture

“No cure” is not good enough – about novel, innovative therapies in pediatric cardiovascular medicine

Georg Hansmann