

19th Introductory Course in

Genetic Counseling in Oncology

2–3 October 2026
Hotel Mirabeau,
Lausanne

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Welcome to our 19th Introductory Course in Genetic Counseling in Oncology 2026

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Scientific Committee, it is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the forthcoming Introductory Course in Genetic Counseling in Oncology 2026. This event will be held at the Hotel Mirabeau in Lausanne on Friday, October 2, and Saturday, October 3, 2026.

This will be the 4th edition in French-speaking Switzerland. The first three editions were very well received by both participants and speakers. The course is held under the auspices of the CPTC network of Swiss Cancer Institute. It is intended for medical doctors from various subspecialties, nursing professionals, and other healthcare professionals involved in genetic counseling in oncology.

High-quality speakers will teach the basics and principles of genetic counseling for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, as well as other cancer syndromes. You will hear from national and international experts on interpreting genetic variants and managing patients with a genetically determined increased risk of cancer. Additionally, you will learn how to navigate reimbursement demands.

We are especially honored to welcome Prof. Marc Tischkowitz, Professor of Medical Genetics and Honorary Consultant in the Department of Medical Genetics at Cambridge. He will share his experience and insights on cancer risk syndromes and how to use the CanRisk program for calculating lifetime breast/ovarian cancer risk. Professor Steven Narod will be joining us virtually to discuss the crucial topic of evidence based management for carriers.

The course is open to participants from all parts of the country, and the language of instruction is English. As the number of applicants is limited to provide the best possible teaching, we encourage you to register soon if you are interested.

We look forward to meeting you in Lausanne in October.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sheila Unger

Geneticist, Genetica AG, Lausanne

Scientific Committee:

Prof. Dr. med. Cornelia Leo,

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Program of Friday, 2 October 2026

9:00–9:10	10'	Welcome and Introduction Dr. med. Sheila Unger, Genetica AG, Lausanne
9:10–10:10	60'	Monogenic and Polygenic Risk in HBOC Prof Marc Tischkowitz, University of Cambridge, UK
10:10–10:30	20'	Coffee break
10:30–11:00	30'	Principles of Genetic Counseling Dr. med. Sheila Unger, Genetica AG, Lausanne
11:00–11:45	45'	Hereditary tumor syndromes of the gastro-intestinal tract Prof. Dr. med. Dr. phil. II Karl Heinimann, University Hospital, Basel (online)
11:45–12:45	60'	Understanding genetic testing and interpreting results Dr. med. Benno Röthlisberger, Genetica AG, Zurich
12:45–13:45	60'	Lunch
13:45–14:15	30'	Impact of Mutation status on breast cancer therapy options Dre Anita Wolfer, Hôpitaux Universitaires (HUG), Genève
14:15–15:00	45'	Surgical Management for BRCA carriers Prof. Dr. med. Peter Dubsky, Hirslanden Klinik St. Anna, Lucerne
15:00–15:30	30'	Coffee break
15:30–16:00	30'	Ovarian Tumors Dr. med. Saskia Schlootz, University Hospital, Berne
16:00–16:30	30'	Ethical considerations in Genetic testing Dr. med. Benno Röthlisberger, Genetica AG, Zurich
16:30–17:30	60'	Evidence based Imaging and Surgery Steven Narod, MD, FRCPC, FRSC, Women's College Hospital, Toronto (online)

Program of Saturday, 3 October 2026

8:30–9:15	45'	Practical Session on CanRisk in your daily practice Prof Marc Tischkowitz, University of Cambridge, UK
9:15–9:45	30'	ProScreen study and Swiss Regulations for risk reducing surgeries Prof. Dr. med. Cornelia Leo, Cantonal Hospital, Baden
9:45–10:15	30'	Prostate and urothelial cancers PD Dr. med. Dilara Akhoundova, University Hospital, Berne
10:15–10:45	30'	Coffee break
10:45–11:15	30'	Role of the pathologist in hereditary cancer syndromes Dr. med. Bettina Bisig, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois CHUV, Lausanne
11:15–11:45	30'	Case discussion with participants moderated by Dr. med. Sheila Unger, Genetica AG, Lausanne
11:45–12:15	30'	Insurance Issues Dr. med. Sheila Unger, Genetica AG, Lausanne
12:15–12:30	15'	Course evaluation and wrap up

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