

Postgraduate course Programme

# Diagnosis and treatment of CNS infections

Aalborg, Denmark  
23 – 25 September 2026



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| Denmark     | <b>Jacob Bodilsen</b>         |
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| Denmark     | <b>Christian Brandt</b>       |
| Germany     | <b>Matthias Klein</b>         |
| France      | <b>Claire Dahyot-Fizelier</b> |
| Switzerland | <b>Eleftheria Kampouri</b>    |
| Denmark     | <b>Morten Blaabjerg</b>       |
| UK          | <b>David Denning</b>          |

## Day 1      Wednesday, 23 September 2026

### OVERVIEW AND GENERAL APPROACH TO CNS INFECTIONS

**Chair:** Christian Brandt & Anna Grahn

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| 12:00 – 13:00        | <b>Registration and sandwiches</b>  |                |              |              |              |
| 13:00 – 13:15        | <b>Welcome and introduction</b><br>Henrik Nielsen, Jacob Bodilsen & Lars Skov Dahlgaard |                |              |              |              |
| 13:15 – 13:45        | <b>Epidemiology of bacterial CNS infections</b><br>Pontus Naucler                       |                |              |              |              |
| 13:45 – 14:15        | <b>Epidemiology of viral CNS infections</b><br>Lars Omland                              |                |              |              |              |
| 14:15 – 14:45        | <b>Clinical Presentations of CNS infections</b><br>Matthias Klein                       |                |              |              |              |
| 14:45 – 15:15        | <b>Lumbar puncture and CSF examination</b><br>Matthijs Brouwer                          |                |              |              |              |
| <b>15:15 – 15:45</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>   |                |              |              |              |
| 15:45 – 16:15        | <b>CNS infections in children</b><br>Rachel Kneen                                       |                |              |              |              |
| 16:15 – 18:15        | <b>Case-based workshops (40 minutes each, groups n=20)</b>                              |                |              |              |              |
|                      | <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Speaker</b> | <b>Group</b> | <b>Group</b> | <b>Group</b> |
|                      | Viral CNS infections  | Tom Solomon    | A            | B            | C            |
|                      | Brain abscess   | Jacob Bodilsen | B            | C            | A            |
|                      | Bacterial meningitis  | Henrik Nielsen | C            | A            | B            |
| 18:15 – 18:30        | <b>Evaluation and closure of day 1</b>  |                |              |              |              |

## Day 2      Thursday, 24 September 2026

### OPPORTUNISTIC CNS INFECTIONS AND ENCEPHALITIS

**Chair:** Fiona McGill & Emma Wall

| 8:55 – 9:00                        | <b>Opening day 2</b><br>Jacob Bodilsen  |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
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| 9:00 – 9:30                        | <b>Fungal infections of the CNS</b><br>David Denning  |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| 9:30 – 10:00                       | <b>Tuberculous Meningitis</b><br>Reinout van Crevel   |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| 10:00 – 10:30                      | <b>Opportunistic viral and bacterial CNS infections</b><br>Eleftheria Kampouri  |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| <b>10:30 – 11:00</b>               | <b>Coffee break</b>   |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| 11:00 - 12:00                      | <b>Case discussions brought by participants: This should be a case report</b><br>Panel: Tom Solomon, Marion le Marechal & Christian Brandt  |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| <b>12:00 – 13:00</b>               | <b>Lunch</b>  |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| 13:00 – 13:30                      | <b>Autoimmune encephalitis</b><br>Morten Blaabjerg  |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| 13:30 – 14.00                      | <b>Infectious encephalitis</b><br>Marion le Marechal  |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| 14:00 – 14:30                      | <b>Tropical neurological CNS infections</b><br>Emma Wall  |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| <b>14:30 – 15:00</b>               | <b>Coffee break</b>   |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| 15:00 – 17:00                      | <b>Case-based workshops (40 minutes each, groups n=20)</b>  |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
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| Autoimmune CNS conditions          | Matthijs C. Brouwer   | A     | B       | C     |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| Treatment of CNS infections in ICU | Kirsten Møller  | B     | C       | A     |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| Chronic meningitis                 | Diederik van de Beek  | C     | A       | B     |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |
| 17:00 – 17:15                      | <b>Evaluation and closure day 2</b><br>Jacob Bodilsen   |       |         |       |       |       |                           |                     |   |   |   |                                    |                |   |   |   |                    |                      |   |   |   |

**Day 3**      **Friday, 25 September 2026****TREATMENT OF CNS INFECTIONS AND LONG-TERM SEQUELAE****Chair:** Jacob Bodilsen & Matthijs Brouwer

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| 08:55 – 09:00        | <b>Opening Day 3</b><br>Jacob Bodilsen  |
| 09:00 – 10:00        | <b>Clinical or research observations by participants (5-10 min. each)</b><br>Moderated by Anna Grahn and Fiona McGill |
| <b>10:00 – 10:30</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| 10:30 – 11:00        | <b>Antimicrobial treatment of CNS infections</b><br>Claire Dahyot-Fizelier  |
| 11:00 – 11:30        | <b>Adjunctive treatments in CNS infections</b><br>Diederik van de Beek  |
| 11:30 - 12:00        | <b>Long-term sequelae in CNS infections</b><br>Fiona McGill   |
| 12:00 – 12:15        | <b>Evaluation of course and closure</b><br>Jacob Bodilsen   |
| <b>12:15 – 13:00</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 13:00                | <b>End of course</b>  |

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