

Topic: Diagnosis and Treatment of Primary Headaches with Focus on Migraine

Date: 04-05 June 2026

Local: Baku and Ganja, Azerbaijan

Target audience: Primary care physicians and outpatient clinicians

Duration: 3,5 hours

Time: 16:00–19:30

16:00–16:10| Welcome and Introduction

Overview of workshop objectives and relevance for primary care

Prof. Antoinette Maassen van den Brink, *Director of SHE- EHF*

16:10–16:25 | The Role of Classification in Headache Diagnosis.

^ Importance of ICHD classification in migraine and other primary headaches

Speaker: Ass. Prof. Mark Braschinsky, Former President and Founder

Estonian Headache Society, University of Tartu, Faculty of Medicine,

Institute of Clinical Medicine, Estonia.

16:25 - 16:40 | *How to Diagnose Migraine in Clinical Practice*

Migraine subtypes, key diagnostic criteria, and differential diagnosis

Speaker: Sarkhan Amirgulyev, Headache and migraine specialist,

Department of Neurology, Azerbaijan State Advanced Training Institute for

Doctors named by A. Aliyev, Baku, Azerbaijan

16:40 - 16:50 | Q&A Session

16:50 - 17:05 | Mechanism of Action of Triptans

Pharmacological principles and clinical implications

Speaker: Prof. Antoinette Maassen van den Brink, Erasmus MC,
Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

17:05 - 17:20 | Mechanism of Action of Anti-CGRP Therapies

Overview of the CGRP pathway and therapeutic targets

Speaker: Prof. Antoinette Maassen van den Brink, Erasmus MC,
Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

17:20 - 17:30 | Q&A Session

17:30 - 17:50 | Coffee Break

17:50 - 18:05 | Cluster Headache: Recognition. Clinical features, differentiation from migraine.

Speaker: Ass. Prof. Mark Braschinsky, Former President and Founder
Estonian Headache Society, University of Tartu, Faculty of Medicine,
Institute of Clinical Medicine, Estonia.

18:05 - 18:20 | Acute Treatment Algorithms for Migraine and Cluster Headache

Evidence-based treatment pathways for primary care.

Speaker: Sarkhan Amirgulyev, Headache and migraine specialist,
Department of Neurology, Azerbaijan State Advanced Training
Institute for Doctors named by A. Aliyev, Baku, Azerbaijan

18:20 - 18:30 | Q&A Session

18:30 - 18:45 | Preventive Treatment of Migraine: Principles and Options

When to start prevention and how to choose therapy

Speaker: **Prof. Messoud Ashina**, Director, Center for Discoveries in Migraine., Danish Headache Center, Rigshospitalet, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

18:45 - 19:00 | Preventive Treatment of Migraine: Anti-CGRP Therapies in Practice

Patient selection and treatment strategies

Speaker: **Prof. Messoud Ashina**, Director, Center for Discoveries in Migraine., Danish Headache Center, Rigshospitalet, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

19:00–19:30 | Expert Insights on Migraine and Headache Management

Discussion and Key Take-Home Messages

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