

Course Director

- Prof. Tom Theys
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Faculty

- Dr. Kathleen Borgions or
Dr. Eva Duinslaeger
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- Dr. Karen Craenen
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- Prof. Philippe De Vloo
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- Dr. Nathalie Draulans
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- Dr. Tom Meurrens
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- Dr. Petra Pauwels
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- Dr. Fabienne Schillebeeckx
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Target Audience

Specialists involved in the advanced treatment of spasticity with targeted drug delivery therapy

- Neurosurgeons
- Anaesthesiologists
- Rehabilitation physicians
- Neurologists

Accreditation

An application for CME accreditation has been submitted with RIZIV in Belgium:
January 22: ID25032237
January 23: ID25032238

Venue

Gasthuis by Martin's Klooster
Onze-Lieve-Vrouwstraat 18
3000 Leuven
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Intrathecal Baclofen Therapy for Spasticity How to manage the patients, a blended learning experience

Fundamental training program for referring physicians

January 22 & 23, 2026

Leuven, Belgium

eLearnings

In preparation for this training, participants are required to watch the following pre-recorded presentations before attending the training program. They will be available for registered participants on the ECMT website through a unique link with password that will be shared 2 weeks prior to the training

- 45 min** Introduction to Spasticity, basic overview & diagnosing spasticity
Pathophysiology, recognize the symptoms, differentiate with other pathologies, scales
Dr. Schillebeeckx
- 33 min** Treatment of Spasticity
Focal vs. generalized, reversible vs. non-reversible, selective dorsal rhizotomy, neurotomy, Botulinum toxin
Dr. Pauwels
- 27 min** Clinical evidence supporting the therapy
Which studies support the use of Intrathecal Baclofen therapy
Dr. Draulans

Thursday, January 22, 2026

- 16:00** Welcome & introduction of Faculty and Participants
Prof. Theys
- 16:15** Trialling procedure and techniques
Trialling techniques, catheter placement, bolus, continuous infusion
Dr. Meurrens, Prof. Theys
- 17:00** Implanting the pump
Review of implant procedure, theory on catheter tip level
Prof. Theys
- 17:30** Divide groups, rotating sessions in break-out rooms
- 17:45** Pump refill procedure in live patient - Group I
How to safely refill the pump, how to identify issues, bridge bolus
Dr. Meurrens
- 17:45** Programming the pump - Group II
How to reach the optimal dose, progression of the dosage, basic & bolus programming
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- 19:15 End of session day 1
- 20:00 Group dinner

Friday, January 23, 2026

- 08:30 Case based presentations on patient selection & goal setting for Intrathecal Baclofen Therapy based on Spasticity origin
Which patients will benefit from Intrathecal therapy (inclusion/exclusion)
 - Multiple Sclerosis
Dr. Meurrens
 - Spinal Cord Injury
Dr. Borgions or Dr. Duinslaeger
 - Stroke
Dr. Schillebeeckx
 - Cerebral Palsy
Dr. Pauwels, Dr. Craenen
 - Cerebral Palsy with Dystonia & experience in children
Prof. De Vloo
- 10:30 Morning Break
- 10:45 Complication management, dosage evolution and troubleshooting
What are the major complications related to the therapy or the device
Dr. Draulans, Prof. Theys

Group and Faculty will be split in 2 smaller groups
- 11:45 Case presentations by participants, Q&A session and discussion with Faculty
Delegates are kindly requested to bring and present a clinical case and please submit their case before January 20 to info@ecmt-training.com
- 12:45 Lunch

Group and Faculty will be split in 2 smaller groups
- 14:00 Case presentations by participants, Q&A session and discussion with Faculty
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- 15:45 Plenary session: wrap-up of the course and closure
Prof. Theys
- 16:00 End of training, departure to airport/train station