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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

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Venue

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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
 - 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
- 11:45 **Group and Faculty will be split in 2 smaller groups**
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
- 14:00 **Group and Faculty will be split in 2 smaller groups**
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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