

VISION SYMPOSIUM

Corneal transplantation – current trends and future perspectives



Wednesday 13.09.2023 – 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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| 09:00 am | Coffee/Tea and registration |
| 09:30 am | Opening remarks by Dr. Mor Dickman |
| 09:35 am | Suryan Dunker: State of the art in endothelial keratoplasty |
| 09:50 am | Mr. Michel Versteeg (Hoornvlies Patienten Vereniging): Corneal transplantation from the patient perspective |
| 10:05 am | Prof. Dr. Marc Hemmelder: The future of quality registries in the Netherlands |
| 10:20 am | Pere Catala: Understanding the complexity of the corneal endothelium for regenerative medicine |
| 10:35 am | Prof. Dr. Heli Skottman (Tampere University): (Stem) cell-based therapies for corneal diseases |
| 10:50 am | Closing remarks by Prof. Dr. Rudy MMA Nuijts |
| 11:00 am | Refreshments and Lunch |

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We are delighted to extend an invitation to join the upcoming mini-symposium on “**Corneal Transplantation – Current Trends and Future Perspectives**” on Wednesday September 13 2023, from 09.00–12.00 at the **Filmtheater Lumiere in Maastricht**.

Lamellar corneal transplantation techniques and (stem) cell–based therapies have emerged as a remarkable avenues for addressing the challenges posed by corneal diseases and degenerative disorders in our ageing population. The mini-symposium serves as a celebration of the first achievements of the collaboration between Maastricht UMC+ and the MERLN Institute. Our invited speakers, who are experts in the field, will delve into the current trends and future possibilities in corneal transplantation, offering fresh insights into this vital area, including patient's perspectives. We eagerly anticipate your presence and participation in this engaging discussion.

The collaborative efforts between Maastricht UMC+ and the MERLN Institute have been instrumental in bridging the gap in stem cell therapies. By cultivating tools and knowledge transferable to the broader realm of regenerative medicine, this partnership is poised to drive advancements in the field. These advancements hold the potential to revolutionize the treatment landscape for chronic diseases, benefiting countless patients worldwide.

Please note: Following the symposium, we invite you to the doctoral ceremonies for Suryan Dunker and Pere Català, scheduled at 13.00 and 16.00, respectively, in the Aula of Maastricht University.

Your attendance would be an honour, and we look forward to sharing this enlightening experience with you.

On behalf of the organizers,

Prof. Dr. Rudy MMA Nuijts, Professor of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, Maastricht UMC+
Dr. Mor Dickman, Associate Professor, Maastricht UMC+
Dr. Vanessa Lapointe, Associate Professor, MERLN Institute

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