

## General Information

Date	10 - 11 October 2025
Venue location	Hotel INNSIDE Melia Berlin Chauseestrasse 33 10115 Berlin
Scientific Leadership	Prof. Dr. med. Wolfgang Schmidt Krankenhaus Waldfriede Berlin Prof. Dr. med. Wolfgang Hartung Asklepios Klinikum Bad Abbach
DEGUM - Leader	Prof. Dr. med. Wolfgang Schmidt Krankenhaus Waldfriede Berlin
Course fee	500 Euro / 450 Euro (DGRh-Members) (VAT included) Course fee includes: Full access to the course & catering
Accommodation	We recommend to stay at the Event hotel.  - Hotelrooms 09 - 11 October 2025 - Costs 125 EUR per night incl. breakfast - Booking keyword "Rheumaakademie" - Please book your hotel room via the link you can find at the event homepage  <small>Hotel costs are additional costs (selfpayment) and can be cancelled free of charge until 14 days before arrival.</small>
CME-Points	TBA
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## Registration

Visit our website for more information. To register for the course, you first need an account on our booking platform. Please note that registration is necessary in order to attend the course.

English



German



### Course cancellation deadlines and fees:

- until 26 September 2025: free of charge
- until 7 October 2025: 250 Euro
- < 7 days in advance of the course & No-shows: 500 Euro

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The German Society for Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology (DGRh) reimburses the costs of courses at the Rheumatologische Fortbildungsakademie GmbH for its members in continuing education: one course per year is eligible for funding. When applying for the first time, the full fee is reimbursed. For each subsequent application, up to 250 Euro will be covered. The exam preparation course is excluded from this scheme.

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# Ultrasound Special Course

Polymyalgia Rheumatica and Giant Cell Arteritis

**10 - 11 October 2025**  
Berlin

Certified by the German Society of Ultrasound in  
Medicine (DEGUM)

## Dear Colleagues,

This ultrasound course is a specialized training focused on Polymyalgia Rheumatica and Giant Cell Arteritis—two conditions that play an important role in everyday rheumatologic practice.

Ultrasound plays a crucial role in the diagnosis and differential diagnosis of Giant Cell Arteritis. It is recommended as the first-line diagnostic tool in clinical guidelines, including those by EULAR and the German AWMF.

Suspicion of Giant Cell Arteritis can be effectively confirmed through ultrasound, particularly of the temporal and axillary arteries. With sufficient expertise, ultrasound can often replace temporal artery biopsy.

The introduction of fast-track clinics, where rheumatologists carry out both the clinical assessment and ultrasound in a single appointment, has led to fewer cases of blindness and significant cost savings.

This course offers you the opportunity to expand and deepen your ultrasound skills. The course places a strong emphasis hands-on patient examinations in small groups of no more than five participants. The instructors and tutors are highly experienced in the use of ultrasound for Polymyalgia Rheumatica and Giant Cell Arteritis and will help you become more confident in diagnosing these conditions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards



**Prof. Dr. med. Wolfgang Schmidt**  
Scientific Leader



**Prof. Dr. med. Wolfgang Hartung**  
Scientific Leader

## Programm

### Friday, 4. April 2025

- 02.30 pm Welcome
- 02.40 pm Ultrasound of the shoulder & hip regions for the diagnosis & differential diagnosis of Polymyalgia Rheumatica
- 03.10 pm Diagnosis of Giant Cell Arteritis
- 03.30 pm Ultrasound of the temporal arteries & other cranial arteries
- 04.10 pm Ultrasound machine settings for vascular imaging
- 04.30 pm Coffee break
- 04.45 pm Workshop I: Maschine settings
- 05.30 pm Workshop II: Ultrasound of Normal Temporal Arteries
- 07.00 pm End

### Saturday, 5. April 2025

- 08.30 am Pitfalls and Solutions in the ultrasound of cranial arteries
- 09.00 am Workshop III: Vasculitis of the temporal arteries
- 10.30 am Coffee break
- 10.45 am Ultrasound of extracranial arteries
- 11.15 am Workshop IV: Vasculitis of extracranial arteries
- 12.45 pm Lunch
- 01.45 pm Ultrasound for monitoring Giant Cell Arteritis progression
- 02.00 pm Organizing a fast-track clinic for Giant Cell Arteritis
- 02.15 pm Treatment of Giant Cell Arteritis & Polymyalgia Rheumatica
- 03.00 pm Workshop V: Ultrasound in Polymyalgia Rheumatica
- 04.30 pm Knowledge review and final discussion
- 05.00 pm End of the course

## Learning Objectives

Learn the key standard ultrasound techniques for examining of the shoulder and hip joints for the differential diagnosis of Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR)

Understand the anatomy and sonoanatomy of the temporal and axillary arteries

Gain knowledge of artefacts and potential pitfalls in duplex ultrasound of the temporal and axillary arteries

Recognise normal and pathological findings in the temporal and axillary arteries

Learn a standardised examination protocol for the temporal and axillary arteries using both healthy volunteers and patients.

Acquire basic knowledge of ultrasound imaging of other relevant arteries, including carotid arteries and the aorta.

## Speakers

### Prof. Dr. med. Wolfgang Hartung

Asklepios Klinikum Bad Abbach

### Dr. med. Aaron Juche

Immanuel Krankenhaus Berlin-Buch

### Prof. Dr. med. Wolfgang Schmidt

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