

General Information

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| Date | 09 - 10 October 2026 |
| Venue location | Hotel INNSIDE Melia Berlin Chauseestrasse 33 10115 Berlin |
| Hotel rooms | Hotel INNSIDE Melia Berlin Chauseestrasse 33 10115 Berlin |
| | Costs: 140 EUR / night incl. Breakfast (valid until bis 28. August 2026) <small>Please note the additional information at the Event-Website</small> |
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| DEGUM Lead | Prof. Dr. med. Wolfgang Schmidt Krankenhaus Waldfriede Berlin |
| Course fee | 600 Euro / 550 Euro (DGRh-Members) <small>(VAT included) Course fee includes: Full access to the course & catering</small> |
| German CME-Credits | approx. 19 |
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Event-Website

Please visit our Event-Website www.rheumaakademie.de or scan the QR Code for more information. You can also contact us via e-mail.



Registration

Visit our website (rheumaakademie.de) 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.

Course cancellation deadlines and cancellation fees (CF):

- until 25 September 2026: free of charge
- until 2 October 2026: 50% CF
- < 7 days in advance of the course & No-shows: 100% CF

For DGRh members in continuing education

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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Specialized International Ultrasound Course

Giant Cell Arteritis and Polymyalgia rheumatica

09 - 10 October 2026
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 Lead



Prof. Dr. med. Wolfgang Hartung
Scientific Lead

Programm

Friday, 09 October 2026

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 Workshop I: Maschine settings

05.15 pm Coffeebreak

05.30 pm Workshop II: Ultrasound of normal temporal arteries

07.00 pm End of Day 1

Saturday, 10 October 2026

08.30 am Pitfalls and their solutions in sonography in cranial artery ultrasound

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 Organization of a fast-track clinic for giant cell arteritis

02.15 pm Treatment of giant cell arteritis & polymyalgia rheumatica

03.00 pm Workshop V: Ultrasound for polymyalgia rheumatica

04.30 pm Learning success assessment and final discussion

05.00 pm End of the course

Learning Objectives

Learn the key standard ultrasound techniques for examining 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 the carotid arteries and the aorta.

Speakers

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