

Maija Itälä-Remes

Academic degrees

Medical doctor 26.5.1986, University of Turku, Finland
Doctoral thesis (*"B-cell Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and Increased Susceptibility to Infections"*) and 13.9.1996, University of Turku
Doctorate, PhD 4.12.1997, University of Turku
Adjunct professor Internal Medicine/Clinical Haematology 18.4.2005, University of Turku

Professional appointments

Resident/specialist in Internal Medicine and in Anaesthesia 1986-1997 Turku University Central Hospital.
Clinical haematologist, Turku University Central Hospital 1997-2007.
Medical Adviser, Janssen-Cilag, Nordic Section 2007-2008.
Head of Department of Haematology, Tampere University Central Hospital 2008-2010.
Head of Stem Cell Transplant Unit, Turku University Hospital 2010-2017.
Head of Stem Cell Transplant Unit, Helsinki University Hospital 2017-2018.
Head of Division of Clinical Haematology and Stem Cell Transplant Unit, Programme Director of Stem Cell Transplant Unit, Turku University Central Hospital 2018-

Dissertations

Supervisor

Supervision of the thesis by Mervi Putkonen, University of Turku, titled "Autologous stem cell transplantation in multiple myeloma" (Clinical Haematology and Stem cell transplantations) 11.3.2011 Turku.

Supervision of the thesis by Johanna Virtanen, University of Turku, titled "Quantitative magnetic resonance imaging of the liver and heart in iron overload: Methodology and the role of iron excess in haematological malignancies and allogeneic stem cell transplantation (Radiology and Clinical Haematology) 12.12.2014 Turku.

Supervision of the thesis by Juha Ranti, University of Turku, titled "Lymphocyte recovery and mixed chimerism after allogeneic transplantation". Ongoing, estimated time of dissertation 2020.

Opponent

Official opponent of dissertation by Dr. Ioana Borze, Dept of Pathology, Haartman Institute and HUSLAB, University of Helsinki and Helsinki University Central Hospital, titled "Genomic alterations in myeloproliferative neoplasms and myelodysplastic syndromes" (Molecular genetics; supervised by professor Sakari Knuutila) 7.10.2011 Helsinki.

Official opponent of dissertation by Dr. Jaakko Valtola, Dept of Clinical Haematology, Kuopio University Hospital and University of Kuopio, titled "Graft and outcome in autologous stem cell transplantation" (Clinical Haematology and Stem Cell Transplantations; supervised by professor Esa Jantunen) 10.8.2018 Kuopio.

Review

Official reviewer of doctoral thesis by Dr. Helena Olkinuora, Division of Haematology and Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation and Pediatric Graduate School, Children's Hospital, Helsinki University Central Hospital and Institute of Clinical Medicine, University of Helsinki, titled "The recovery of the immune system and its implications in pediatric allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation" (Stem Cell Transplantations; supervised by professor Kim Vettenranta) 27.4.2012 Helsinki.

Official reviewer of doctoral thesis by Dr. Ville Varmavuo, Division of Hematology, the University of Eastern Finland, titled "Plerixafor in autologous stem cell transplantation" (Clinical Haematology; supervised by professor Esa Jantunen) 1.11.2013 Kuopio.

Official reviewer of doctoral thesis by Dr. Hanne Kuitunen, Division of Oncology, University of Northern Finland (Clinical Oncology; supervised by docent Outi Kuitinen) 9/2017- Oulu.

Other academic reviews

Review of the scientific work for docent application by Dr Elina Armstrong, University of Helsinki 1.5.2016 Helsinki.

Appointments in Scientific Societies

Chair of the Finnish Society of Haematology, Chair 2012-2014.

Chair of the Finnish Acute Leukemia Working Group, Chair 2015-2018.

The Nordic-Dutch Working Group for CLL (Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia) Group, member 2000-2014.

The Finnish Haematology Registry and Biobank, member of the Steering group 2012-2014.

The European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation, member 2010-

Teaching experience

Lectures at all Finnish University Hospitals and at several central hospitals, lectures at International meetings.

Education of residents and junior colleagues (Clinical Haematology and Stem Cell Transplantations)

Member of Faculty of the International Congress on Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapies, Berlin 2017.

Duties with National Authorities

Consultant of the Parliament (Implementation of EU directives into National legislation) 2006-2007 Helsinki.

Consultant of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (STM) 2016 Helsinki.

Consultant of the Finnish Medicine Agency (Fimea) 2016-2018 Helsinki.

EU consultation 20.9.2017 Brussels.

Activities in Quality Management

Inspector exam of FACT/JACIE Quality Management System 31.5.2011, Rotterdam.

Establishment of the Quality Management System of the Stem Cell Unit of Turku University Hospital;

Moderation of initial JACIE accreditation and two re-accreditations 2006-2017 Turku university Central Hospital, Turku.

Research and Scientific Publications

Scientific publications and text book articles in field of stem cell transplantations and haematological malignancies (see Publications).

GCP training, latest update 22.2.2018 Helsinki.

Principal Investigator and sub-investigator of international multicentre clinical trials.