Cancer Core Europe Lecture

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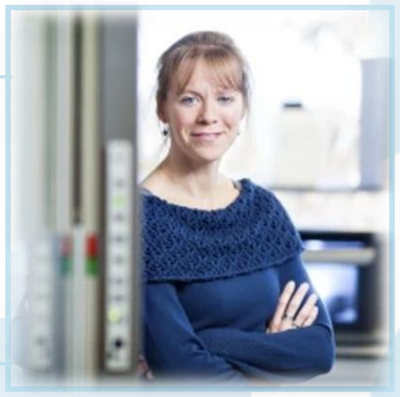

NOT ONE DISEASE

Rethinking breast cancer prevention through tumour subtypes

Date: November 23, 2026 – **Time:** 14:00 – 15:00 CET

Link to Zoom

SUMMARY:

Systemic treatment of breast cancer is tailored to tumour subtype, yet in prevention we still treat breast cancer as a single disease. In this lecture, Prof. Schmidt will explain why she believes this needs to change and discuss the genetic and non-genetic risk factors associated with specific breast cancer subtypes. She will also present unpublished results from the Breast Cancer Stratification (B-CAST) project, in which 10,000 breast tumours were analysed by panel sequencing and immune markers.

Note for CCE Summer School participants: this lecture does not overlap with the Summer School content. It also goes deeper into molecular epidemiology, with links to both molecular biology and clinical relevance.

Marjanka Schmidt is an epidemiologist with expertise in genetics of breast cancer. She leads a research group at the Netherlands Cancer Institute and has a chair at Leiden University Medical Center. Her research line focuses on the effects of genetic variants on risk of breast cancer subtypes, prognosis and long-term outcome of breast cancer, combining the areas of epidemiological and molecular research

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