



12th International Lead Extraction Expert Meeting

December 5th – December 6th, 2025
Berlin, Germany

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Day 1 – December 5th, 2025

MODERATORS: Christoph Starck (Germany), Nigel Lever (New Zealand)

8.00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

9.00 Opening Remarks

*Christoph Starck (Germany),
Nigel Lever (New Zealand)*

Session 1: Innovations & Controversies in Lead Extraction

9.15 New Horizons in Lead Extraction: Robotics, Imaging & Tools of 2030

Mark Gallagher (UK)

10.00 Lead Extraction in the Era of Leadless Devices, EV and Subcutaneous ICDs

*Federico Migliore
(Italy)*

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 When Not to Extract: Navigating Clinical and Ethical Boundaries

Ray Schaerf (USA)

12.00 Surgical Backup or Surgical Partner? Evolving Collaboration in TLE

*Maina Jalava
(Finland)*

12.30 Hybrid Extractions – When transvenous is not enough to finish the job...

*Christoph Starck
(Germany)*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

Session 2: Interactive Case-Based Session – “The Art of the Difficult Extraction”

Expert-presented complex cases with interactive panel debate
(10 min presentation + 10 min discussion per case)

14.00 Expert Case #1

Przemyslaw Mitkowski (Poland)

14.20 Expert Case #2

Kerstin Bode (Germany)

14.40 Expert Case #3

Brian Schuler (USA)

15.00 Expert Case #4

David Mörtzell (Sweden)

15.20 Expert Case #5

Samer Hakmi (Germany)

15.40 Expert Case #6

Heiko Burger (Germany)

16.00 Expert Case #7

Manav Sohal (UK)

16.20 – 16.40 Coffee break

Keynote Lecture

16.40 – 17.40 The Evolution of Transvenous Lead Extraction: Where Are We Now, Where Are We Going? *Frank Bracke (The Netherlands)*

20.00 Dinner

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Session 3: Clinical Challenges in Lead Management

9.00 Management of Device Infections: From Guidelines to Bedside

9.45 Lead Management in Patients with Vascular Access Challenges

*Archana Rao (UK)
Roger Freedman
(USA)*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

Session 4: Risk, Training, and Building an Extraction Program

11.00 Risk Scores and Predictors of Adverse Outcomes in TLE

11.45 Training, Credentialing, and Team Structures in Lead Extraction

*Fredrik Gadler
(Sweden)
Nigel Lever
(New Zealand)*

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch break

Session 5: Bring your case & we will discuss...

13.15 **New format!** Every participant may bring a challenging case, that we will discuss in the ILEEM group.

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Session 6: Global Perspectives & Data-Driven Insights

14.15 Outcomes and Lessons from International Registries

14.45 Ethics and End-of-Life Scenarios in Lead Management

*Zaki Akhtar (UK)
Sergio Richter
(Germany)*

15.15 Closing remarks and outlook to ILEEM 2026

15.30 End of meeting



Thank you for your
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