

Professional meeting

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Dialysis Department and the 20th anniversary of the Vascular Access Unit at General Hospital Trbovlje, we are pleased to invite you to Trbovlje Days 2026, a one-day professional meeting to be held on 16 October 2026.

The meeting will bring together physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals involved in nephrology, dialysis, and vascular access. The official languages of the meeting will be Slovenian and English, with invited international speakers contributing to the scientific programme.

Morning Programme – Hands-on Workshops

The morning session will consist of practical workshops held at the Dialysis Department, General Hospital Trbovlje, organised in cooperation with the Vascular Access Society (VAS).

Participation in the workshops is free of charge, but advance registration is mandatory due to limited places.

Each workshop is limited to 15 participants.

If demand exceeds capacity, additional workshop sessions will be organised.

Afternoon Scientific Programme

The afternoon programme will take place at Delavski Dom Trbovlje and will feature two scientific sessions separated by a networking break with refreshments.

The programme will include:

- a historical overview of the development of dialysis and vascular access services at General Hospital Trbovlje;
- plenary lectures by invited national and international experts;
- presentations of original clinical research;
- patient and family perspectives on living with chronic kidney disease and dialysis;
- presentations highlighting the hospital and the Zasavje region.

Attendance at the scientific programme is free of charge, but advance registration is required to facilitate organisation of the meeting.

The meeting will be accredited by the Medical Chamber of Slovenia and the Nursing Chamber of Slovenia, and participants will receive continuing professional education (CME/CPD) credit points and certificates of attendance.

The meeting is jointly organised by General Hospital Trbovlje (info@sb-trbovlje.si) and the Slovenian Nephrology Society (nefrolosko.drustvo@gmail.com), under the auspices of the Vascular Access Society.

Following the meeting, all accepted contributions will be published in the conference proceedings as a supplement to Medicinski razgledi.

Meeting information

Organisers

- General Hospital Trbovlje
- Slovenian Nephrology Society

Under the auspices of the Vascular Access Society (VAS).

Venues

Morning workshops

Dialysis Department, General Hospital Trbovlje

Rudarska cesta 9

Entrance 3, First Floor

Afternoon scientific programme

Delavski Dom Trbovlje

Trg svobode 11a

Theatre Hall and Lobby, First Floor

Contact

For further information, please contact: trboveljski.dnevi@sb-trbovlje.si

Preliminary Scientific Programme

Morning Programme

Dialysis Department, General Hospital Trbovlje

• **Workshop 1 – Ultrasound Assessment of Vascular Access**

Target audience: Physicians

9:00-10:00 - Theoretical session - Tjaša Furlan:

- Principles of vascular ultrasound
- Fundamentals of ultrasound assessment of dialysis vascular access

10:00-13:30 - Practical training - Tjaša Furlan, Simona Poznič, Boštjan Leskovar:
Hands-on ultrasound assessment of vascular access using real patients.

• **Workshop 2 – Ultrasound-Guided AV Fistula and Graft Cannulation**

Target audience: Dialysis nurses

9:00-10:00 – Theoretical session – Mersud Toromanović: Implementation of ultrasound-guided AV fistula cannulation into routine dialysis practice.

10:00-13:30 - Practical training - Mersud Toromanović, Urša Kralj: Ultrasound-guided cannulation of AV fistulas and grafts using phantoms and patients.

• **Workshop 3 – The Buttonhole Cannulation Technique**

Target audience: Dialysis nurses

9:00-10:00 - Theoretical session - Natalija Kuharič: Introduction of the buttonhole cannulation technique at General Hospital Trbovlje.

10:00-13:30 - Practical training - Natalija Kuharič, Maja Kreže, Suzana Vidmar: Theory and practical application of the buttonhole technique, including supervised cannulation of patients.

Afternoon Programme

Delavski dom Trbovlje

13:45-14:15 Registration and exhibition

14:15-15:00 Opening Ceremony

- o Welcome programme featuring the Zasavje region
- o Boštjan Leskovar and Maja Kreže (head of Dialysis Department and head of nursing at Dialysis Department)
- o Marjan Podgoršek (CEO of SBT)
- o Andreja Marn Pernat (President of Slovenian Society of Nephrology)

15:00-17:15 Chronic hemodialysis; chaired by Anton Adamlje and Brigita Ključevšek

15:00-15:15 Anton Adamlje, Boštjan Leskovar: Historical Development of Haemodialysis in Zasavje

15:15-15:30 Danica Hribernik, Brigita Ključevšek: A collage of stories and events at the Dialysis Department of SB Trbovlje

15:30-15:45 Natalija Kuharič: Liza's plate

15:45-16:00 Manja Antonič: Safety profile and tolerability of SGLT-2 inhibitors on dialysis; What do our centre's data tell us?

16:00-16:15 Urša Kralj, Boža Pirkovič: Care of a permanent central venous catheter through the prism of 20 years of experience

16:15-16:30 Tjaša Furlan: Treatment of cardiorenal syndrome with hemodialysis

16:30-16:45 Maja Kreže: Family Perspectives on Living with Chronic Haemodialysis

16:45-17:00 Discussion

17:00-17:30 Networking break with refreshments

17:30-19:15 Vascular access; chaired by Tjaša Furlan and Karmen Terbovc

17:30-17:45 Boštjan Leskovar: Twenty years of vascular access at General Hospital Trbovlje: development and future perspectives

17:45-18:00 Tamara Jemcov, VAS president – (lecture in English): Is functional equal to graduation? From theory to practice

18:00-18:15 Mojca Bratanič: Standard and alternative dialysis vascular access and types of anastomosis

18:15-18:30 Simona Poznič: Arm ischemia and systemic hypoperfusion following AV fistula creation

18:30-18:45 Jernej Vrtek: Surgical and endovascular flow reduction in high-flow AV fistulas

18:45-19:00 Tjaša Furlan: Ultrasound-guided procedures in dialysis vascular access

19:00-19:15 Karmen Terbovc: Preparing Patients with Advanced CKD for Vascular Access Surgery in a Reference Centre

19:15-21:00 Closing remarks and networking reception

Workshop registration

Advance registration is required for all workshops. As the workshops take place simultaneously, participants may register for one workshop only. Each workshop is limited to 15 participants and includes practical training using both simulation models (phantoms) and patients. Participants who complete the practical training will receive a certificate of attendance.

Registration: trboveljski.dnevi@sb-trbovlje.si

When registering, please provide the following information:

- E-mail subject: registration for workshops
- preferred workshop
- name and surname of the participant (permanent address, e-mail address, telephone)
- professional qualification

Participation in the workshops is free of charge.

Scientific meeting registration

Registration is required for attendance and accreditation.

Venue: Delavski dom Trbovlje

There is no limit on the number of participants. Certificates of attendance will be issued following the meeting.

Registration: trboveljski.dnevi@sb-trbovlje.si

When registering, please provide the following information:

- E-mail subject: registration for a professional meeting
- name and surname of the participant (permanent address, e-mail address, telephone)
- professional qualification

Participation is free of charge.

Conference proceedings

The conference proceedings will be published after the meeting and made available online.

A printed edition will also be available for purchase (estimated price: €10).

Each dialysis centre in Slovenia will receive one complimentary printed copy, as will all conference sponsors.

Organising committee

- prim. Assistant Boštjan Leskovar, MD, FESC — Chair of Committee
- Tjaša Furlan, MD — Vice-Chair of the committee
- Maja Kreže, RN — member of the committee
- Natalija Kuharič, RN — member of the committee
- Sara Švagan, administrative secretary — member of the committee (for the area of administrative support)
- Maja Hvala, LLB — Legal Affairs and Coordination with Hospital Management and the Local Community