

Best of UEG Week - DDM Summit with Francisco Real

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The inaugural Digestive Disease Mechanism Summit at UEG Week 2025 in Berlin brought together basic scientists and clinicians to explore molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying colorectal, pancreatic, and liver cancer.

KEY POINTS

- The summit featured presentations on genomic aberrations in non-dysplastic ulcerative colitis mucosa that predict colorectal cancer risk, potentially informing earlier detection strategies and avoiding unnecessary colectomy
- Speakers discussed neural reprogramming in pancreatic cancer and the potential for coeliac plexus radiation as a therapeutic approach, demonstrating rapid translation from basic research to clinical trial design
- KRAS targeting was presented as impacting tumour plasticity and the immune microenvironment, opening possibilities for combining targeted therapies with immunotherapy
- The role of neutrophils in pancreatic cancer metastasis and metabolism as a critical driver in liver cancer were highlighted as emerging therapeutic targets
- The summit attracted over 180 participants with dedicated poster sessions designed to foster collaboration among young researchers and clinician-scientists

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