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A: Old Town, Prague; **B:** Co-chairing a session with Dr. Alexandra Nascimento (Portugal), Nov 2, 2024; **C:** Oral presentation (Nov 2, 2024); **D:** in Conference Centre, Prague

Thanks for supporting me to attend the 37th WORLD CONGRESS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE (WCIM). This international conference is a regular event (happening every 2 years) providing a platform for people in the field of medicine to present new research findings, exchange scientific views, network, and foster collaborations. A total of 1,857 delegates from many different countries attended this conference. The participants included clinicians, clinical researchers, translational medical researchers, medical students, healthcare providers, as well as people from medical publishers, biomedical or pharmaceutical companies.

The theme of the conference is to “make the city the capital of internal medicine in 2024”. The congress covered many different topics of medicine including Cardiology, Metabolism, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Hepatology, Pneumology, Rheumatology, Geriatrics, and Oncology. The WCIM 2024 also provided an opportunity to us to learn about the Czech Republic and its healthcare system.

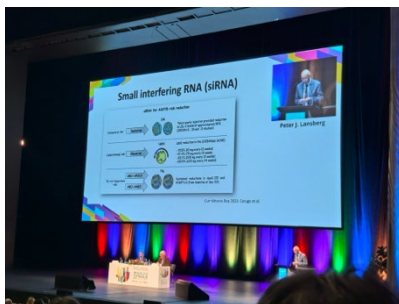
The keynote speakers included world class medical doctors and clinical researchers (e.g., Jiří Cyraný of Czech Republic; Professor MBChB of USA).

In the era of AI-driven medicine, AI-assisted laboratory techniques and medical education have gained considerable attention. In this aspect, several presentations on the application of AI in medical practice and medical education were delivered (e.g., “The AI Revolution in Medicine” by Behshad Behzadi; “How can the digital medicine help in better patient adherence?” by Przemyslaw Kardas of

Poland; “New Skills to address Digital Medicine” by Ismael Said Criado; “Can AI help in the postgraduate education and research?” by Jan Škrha jr. of Czech Republic; “The future of education in internal medicine” by Prof. Reinold Gans of Netherlands; “Internal Medicine in the USA” by Prof. MBChB of USA) and the information presented in these talks provided cutting edge knowledge of how AIs may be cautiously used in enhancing the medical research efficiency and medical student teaching.

Of highly relevance to my research (liver disease, liver cancer), the information presented in the talks such as “Tumor markers – using in the general practice” by Professor Tomáš Zima and Drahomíra Springer of Czech Republic; “Ursodeoxycolic acid has no effect on survival in MASLD” by Ozge Ucu of Turkey; and “Wise cancer screening and pharmacotherapy in gastroenterology” by Jiří Cyraný of Czech Republic are highly beneficial for our research projects in terms of more logic study design, utilization of precious clinical materials in -omics studies. Studies on translational research (e.g., siRNA based therapy) were also presented. The study approaches presented in these talks are of relevance to the wider Sydney Cancer Partners membership, e.g., in conducting clinically relevant translational cancer research or using AI-assisted tools to guide cancer patient care.

The next congress (38th WORLD CONGRESS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE) will be held in Taipei, Taiwan in Nov 12-15, 2026. At the closing ceremony of the WCIM 2024, the Chair of the WCIM 2026 (Professor Sheng Wang-Hue, National Taiwan University, Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan) and Prof. Virginia Hood (the President Elect for International Society of Internal Medicine) [so proudly, I learned from the conference chair that Virginia Hood is a graduate from the University of Sydney and UNSW!!!] each delivered a speech calling colleagues around the world to attend the WCIM 2026. I had a discussion with Professor Sheng and his team, and I was invited to join the organizing committee of the 38th WCIM. This is now being discussed among the existing committee members.



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A: A talk on using siRNA based disease therapy;



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B: Closing ceremony of the 37th WCIM;



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C: At the close of the conference, the organizing committee of 37th WCIM handed over to the committee of 38th WCIM, which will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, on Nov 12-15, 2026