



Men & Cancer: Resilience and Action

Monday 10 November 2025

Verdala Palace, Buskett

08:45-09:15 **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

09:15- 09:25 **Opening Remarks**

Gavril Flores

*Chairperson, Malta Male
Cancer Support Association*

09:25-09:45 **Keynote:**

Dr. Erik Briers

Chairperson, Europa Uomo

***“Patient Voices and Policy Choices: Insights
from Europa Uomo”***

09:45-10.10 **Masterclass:**

Matthew Bartolo

*Sex and Relationship
Therapist*

***“Cancer and Intimacy: Reclaiming Sexual
Wellbeing”***

10:10-10:50 **Panel Discussion:**

Marika Fleri

*Secretary, Malta Male
Cancer Support Association*

***“The Psychosocial Journey of Men Facing
Cancer”***

Cancer doesn't only challenge the body - it tests the spirit. This panel explores the often-overlooked emotional and psychological dimensions of male cancer. It will delve into how men cope with vulnerability, fear, identity, and isolation, and what resilience truly looks like in the face of illness. From the power of peer support to the role of mental health professionals and family, this discussion highlights how we can foster a national culture that supports emotional wellbeing and strengthens men's capacity to recover, adapt, and live fully.

Andrew Grech

*Board of Governors Member,
Malta Male Cancer Support
Association*

Tony Cachia

*Treasurer, Malta Male
Cancer Support Association*

Danica Cassar

Health Psychologist

Helen Attard Bason

*Board of Governors Member,
Malta Male Cancer Support
Association*

10:50-11.00	Launch of new service: <i>“Beyond Cancer Care: Psychology & Sex Therapy for Wellbeing”</i>	Gilmour Camilleri <i>Vice Chairperson, Malta Male Cancer Support Association</i>
11:00-11:30	Break	
11:30-11:55	Masterclass: <i>“Is it time for Malta to introduce a national screening programme for prostate cancer?”</i>	Professor Dr. Hendrik Van Poppel <i>Ex Chairman of the Department of Urology at the University Hospital Gasthuisberg, Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven</i> <i>Chairman EAU Policy Office.</i>
11:55-12.35	Panel Discussion: <i>“Prostate Cancer Screening Programme – A Local Perspective”</i> <i>Prostate cancer is the most diagnosed cancer in men in Malta. This high-level policy dialogue will explore whether the time has come for Malta to develop a national screening programme. The panel will weigh the potential benefits of early detection against the clinical, economic, and ethical challenges of population-wide screening. Key questions include: What does the evidence say? How can screening save lives without causing harm? And what infrastructure and public health strategies would be needed to make it work in Malta?</i>	Gilmour Camilleri <i>Vice Chairperson, Malta Male Cancer Support Association</i> Prof Neville Calleja <i>Public Health Consultant and Director of the Department of Policy in Health</i> Dr. Sascha Reiff <i>Consultant in Public Health Medicine</i> Dr. Christopher Barbara <i>Clinical Chairperson, Pathology Department, Mater Dei Hospital</i> Dr. Simon Bugeja <i>Consultant, Mater Dei Hospital (TBC)</i>
12:35-12:40	Closing Remarks by the Chairperson	Gavril Flores <i>Chairperson, Malta Male Cancer Support Association</i>