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Jung Symposium 2026: New Perspectives on AI-Supported Cancer Surgery, Rare Diseases, and Improved Pain Therapies

Under the motto “Excellence in Human Medicine 2026,” the Jung Foundation invites participants to experience groundbreaking research with direct benefits for patients on May 20, 2026, via livestream.




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6TH JUNG SYMPOSIUM
„EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN MEDICINE 2026“

MAY 20, 2026

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*Hamburg, 17 March 2026. How can artificial intelligence support surgical decision-making in oncology? Which molecular mechanisms help us better understand and diagnostically classify rare diseases? And what does it mean for treatment when the nervous system “learns” pain? These questions will be at the heart of the **6th Jung Symposium, “Excellence in Human Medicine 2026,”** hosted by the **Jung Foundation for Science and Research** and taking place on **May 20, 2026, in Hamburg and via livestream**. The symposium will be conducted in English, and participation is free of charge.*

The event focuses on current research with direct clinical relevance: Dr Fiona Kolbinger, a rising early-career scientist, will discuss how artificial intelligence can contribute to safer surgical planning. Professor Taroh Kinoshita, a leading authority in GPI biochemistry, will present on GPI anchoring and its role in rare diseases. Professor Rohini Kuner, one of the foremost researchers in the field of pain research, will outline new therapeutic approaches for chronic pain. Each lecture will be followed by a Q&A session.

The symposium will take place on **May 20, 2026, starting at 4:00 p.m.** as a hybrid event – via **livestream worldwide** and on site at the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE), Ian K. Karan Lecture Hall. Participants are kindly requested to register in advance at: <https://jung-stiftung.de/en/symposium-2026/>

Program of the 6th Jung Symposium “Excellence in Human Medicine 2026”

4:00 p.m.: **Dr Fiona Kolbinger**, Department for Visceral, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, Carl Gustav Carus University Hospital, TUD Dresden University of Technology: *“Surgery 2.0: Artificial Intelligence-Based Personalized Decision-Making in Oncologic Surgery”*

4:40 p.m.: **Professor Taroh Kinoshita**, Center for Infectious Disease, Education and Research, The University of Osaka: *“Invisible Link: Molecular Mechanisms of GPI Anchoring and Their Role in Rare Diseases”*

5:20 p.m.: Coffee Break

5:40 p.m.: **Professor Rohini Kuner**, Institute of Pharmacology at the Medical Faculty Heidelberg, Heidelberg University: *“When the Nervous System Learns Pain: Neuroplasticity as a Therapeutic Approach for Improved Treatment Strategies”*

A Platform for Exchange, Inspiration, and New Impulses

With the Jung Symposium, the independent Jung Foundation once again provides a platform for outstanding research and dialogue in 2026 – across disciplines and national borders. The event brings together clinicians, researchers, students, and other interested participants, presenting current scientific approaches in concise and accessible lectures. Its aim is to foster exchange that bridges theory and clinical practice – generating new perspectives, concrete impulses, and ideas for future research and patient care.

Participants wishing to follow the symposium via livestream are kindly asked to register online at: <https://jung-stiftung.de/en/symposium-2026/>. Registered participants will receive the access link by email a few days prior to the 6th Jung Symposium “Excellence in Human Medicine 2026.” On-site participation is also possible; advance registration is likewise requested.

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About the Jung Foundation for Science and Research

The Jung Foundation for Science and Research, based in Hamburg, Germany, is an independent organization that annually provides up to three awards in recognition of fundamental and advanced research projects of significant clinical relevance. Since 1967, the foundation has invested about 17 million euros in prize money and other funding of projects building a bridge between medical research and the bedside. Under the motto of ‘Excellence in human medicine’, the foundation makes a significant contribution to the development of new treatment methods. The Jung Prize for Medicine, the Jung Gold Medal for Medicine and the Jung Career Advancement Award for Medical Research are among the most highly endowed medical prizes in Europe. With the additional awarding of fellowships and German scholarships, the foundation provides a total funding of up to 650,000 euros annually.

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