# Summerschool UTRECHT

### Day-to-Day Program for Molecular Pharmacoepidemiology Course

Course Director: Dr. Fariba Ahmadizar

Time	Description	Lecturer
Place: Hijmans	F.	
van den Bergh		
building 2.79		
09:30 - 09:45	Introduction: Welcome and Introduction to the Course	Dr. Fariba Ahmadizar
09:45 - 12:30	Lecture 1: Introduction to Molecular	Dr. Fariba Ahmadizar
	Pharmacoepidemiology	
	- Overview of molecular pharmacoepidemiology and the	
	role of omics (genomics, metabolomics).	
	- Introduction to multi-omics data and their application	
	in drug safety and efficacy.	
	- Study design for pharmacoepidemiological studies	
	using multi-omics.	
	- Strengths and limitations of omics data in	
	epidemiological studies.	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 17:00	Practical Work: Hands-on analysis with a genetic study	Malede Sisay, MSc,
	dataset (Assignment 1)	Statistician
	- Introduction to a synthetic dataset and initial steps for	
	analysis.	
	- Statistical methods for analysis with support from a	
	dedicated statistician.	
	- Group assignment briefing and initial group work	
	(Assignment 2).	

#### Monday, July 7, 2025: Introduction to Molecular Pharmacoepidemiology

#### Tuesday, July 8, 2025: Study Design in Pharmacogenetic Studies

Time Place: Hijmans van den Bergh building 2.79	Description	Lecturer
09:30 - 09:45	<b>Introduction to Day 2</b> : Overview of Genetic and Genomic Approaches in Pharmacoepidemiology	Dr. Fariba Ahmadizar
09:45 - 12:30	<ul> <li>Lecture 3: Genetic and Genomic Approaches in Pharmacoepidemiology</li> <li>Understanding pharmacogenomics: The role of genetic variability in drug response.</li> <li>Introduction to causal inference in genetic studies.</li> <li>Mendelian Randomization (MR): Concept, applications, and limitations in pharmacoepidemiology.</li> <li>Case studies of pharmacogenomics and drug response (e.g., warfarin, statins).</li> </ul>	Dr. Fariba Ahmadizar
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 17:00	<ul><li>Practical Work: Continue applying Genetic analyses to Genetic Data (Assignment 1).</li><li>- Group work (Assignment 2).</li></ul>	Malede Sisay, MSc, Statistician

Wednesday, July 9, 2025: Genetic and Genomic Approaches in Pharmacoepidemiology

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Time Place: Hijmans van den Bergh building 2.79	Description	Lecturer
09:30 - 09:45	<b>Introduction to Day 3</b> : Overview of Study Design in Pharmacogenetics	Prof. Miriam Sturkenboom
09:45 - 12:30	<ul> <li>Lecture 2: Study Design in Pharmacogenetic Studies</li> <li>Overview of study designs in pharmacogenetics: cohort, case-control, and cross-sectional designs.</li> <li>Challenges in pharmacogenetic study design: confounding, population stratification, and sample size considerations.</li> <li>Analytical methods in pharmacogenetic studies: Introduction to Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs) for causal inference.</li> </ul>	Prof. Miriam Sturkenboom
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 17:00	<ul> <li>Practical Work: Analyzing Pharmacogenetic Study</li> <li>Design Challenges</li> <li>Apply study design principles to the provided dataset</li> <li>with research questions, addressing confounding and</li> <li>sample size issues (Assignment 1).</li> <li>Group work (Assignment 2).</li> </ul>	Malede Sisay, MSc, Statistician

#### Thursday, July 10, 2025: Translating Pharmacogenomics into Clinical Practice

Time	Description	Lecturer
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Place: Hijmans		
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09:30 - 09:45	Introduction to Day 4: Overview of Translating	Dr. Vera Deneer
	Pharmacogenomics into Clinical Practice	
09:45 - 12:30	Lecture 4: Translating Pharmacogenomics into Clinical	Dr. Vera Deneer
	Practice	
	- From bench to bedside: Translating pharmacogenomics	
	into actionable clinical guidelines.	
	- Clinical implementation of pharmacogenomic testing in	
	healthcare systems.	
	- Incorporating genotype information into electronic health	
	records (EHRs).	
	- Case studies of successful pharmacogenomic	
	implementation in clinical practice (e.g., oncology,	
	cardiology, psychiatry).	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 17:00	Practical Work: Continue applying Genetic analyses to	Malede Sisay, MSc,
	Genetic Data (Assignment 1).	Statistician
	- Group work (Assignment 2).	

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Place: Hijmans				
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09:30 - 09:45	Introduction to Day 5: Overview of AI and Advanced	Dr. Said Bouhaddani		
	Analytical Techniques in Pharmacoepidemiology			
09:45 - 12:30	Lecture 5: Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Advanced	Dr. Said Bouhaddani		
	Analytical Techniques in Pharmacoepidemiology			
	- AI methods for analyzing multi-omics and			
	pharmacoepidemiology data.			
	- Applying machine learning techniques (clustering, neural			
	networks, random forests) to predict drug responses.			
	- Mediation analysis using omics data.			
	- Hands-on practical session: AI in			
	pharmacoepidemiology			
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break			
13:30 - 15:30	Group Presentations	Dr. Fariba Ahmadizar		
	- Each group presents their reading assignment on a	Dr. Said Bouhaddani		
	pharmacogenomics paper, including a critique and key	Malede Sisay, MSc,		
	takeaways (Assignment 2).	Statistician		
15:30 - 17:00	Q&A	Dr. Fariba Ahmadizar		
		Dr. Said Bouhaddani		
		Malede Sisay, MSc,		
		Statistician		

### Friday, July 11, 2025: Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Advanced Analytical Techniques in Pharmacoepidemiology