



## **SPECIAL SEMINAR SERIES**

### ***“From Myth to Reality”***

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Novartis had - and still has - a great commitment in Transplantation. Sandoz actually paved the way to the global successful establishment of organ transplantation by the introduction of Ciclosporine (Sandimmune) in 1982. In my lecture I will not only sing the praises of Novartis, but will demonstrate how Transplantation of today evolved, starting in the 1950s. In addition to be fair to the competing companies I included their discoveries of immunosuppressant's too, which led to the modern triple therapy. The immunosuppression was and is still achieved today exclusively with compounds of natural origin. I am convinced that you will appreciate the review of historical milestones of drug development and progress in medicine. In this field of immunology four times transplant immunologists and scientists were awarded with the Nobel Prize.

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