

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL - AUDITORIUM 1

09:00 – 10:00 Opening 9th WoCoVA (Plenary)

Welcome – **Jacoline Zilverentant (NL)**

Basic information for the congress – **Toine Hulshof (NL)**

Welcome from SEINAV president - **Elizabeth Lafuente Cabrero (ES)**

Opening words WoCoVA president – **Tim Spencer (US)**

Keynote: Intravascular catheters and their role in history– **Emilio Bouza (ES)**

10:00 – 11:00 The skin session

Chairs: *Lieve Goossens (BE)* – *Gloria Ortiz Miluy (ES)*

MARSI and CASI: the state of the art – **Christian Dupont (FR)**

The challenge of skin in hematology patients – **Nancy Moureau (US)**

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11:00 – 12:00 The port session

Chairs: *Maria Giuseppina Annetta (IT)* – *Evan Alexandrou (AU)*

The PICC port as first option in oncology patients – **Sergio Bertoglio (IT)**

The current state of the art of port insertion – **Fulvio Pinelli (IT)**

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12:00 – 13:00 Lunch & poster presentations

13:00 – 14:00 Industry sponsored symposium

14:00 – 15:00 The malfunction session

Chairs: *Victoria Armenteros Yeguas (ES)* - *Amit Bahl (US)*

Defining malfunction and occlusion – **Lieve Goossens (BE)**

Management of persistent withdrawal occlusion - **Sonia D'Arrigo (IT)**

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15:00 – 15:40 Networking break

15:40 – 17:00 Choosing the VAD session

Chairs: *Hervé Rosay (FR)* – *Nancy Moureau (US)*

The choice of VAD in adult patients - **Adam Fabiani (IT)**

The choice of VAD in children - **Alessandro Crocoli (IT)**

External catheters vs. ports in cancer patients - **Mauro Pittiruti (IT)**

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17:00 – 18:00 The home care session

Chairs: *Ton van Boxtel (NL)* – *Sonia Casanova Vivas (ES)*

Optimizing VAD insertion and maintenance in home care patients - **Gloria Ortiz Miluy (ES)**

Optimizing patient's comfort and safety in home care treatments - **Christian Dupont (FR)**

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DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL - AUDITORIUM 2

10:00 – 11:00 The tunnel session

Chairs: *Adam Fabiani (IT)* - *Amy Bardin (US)*

Tunneled, non-cuffed catheter: a new device or a technical variant? – **Davide Giustivi (IT)**

Indications for tunnelling CVAD and Midline in clinical practice – **Matthew Ostroff (US)**

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11:00 – 12:00 The virtual sedation session

Chairs: *Stefano Elli (IT)* - *Jiri Charvat (CZ)*

Non-pharmacological approach for reducing patient's anxiety – **Jose D. Jiménez Santana (ES)**

Virtual sedation today: what evidence of efficacy? - **Hervé Rosay (FR)**

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12:00 – 13:00 Lunch & poster presentations

13:00 – 14:00 Industry sponsored symposium

14:00 – 15:00 The material session

Chairs: *Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (IT)* - *Giovanni Barone (IT)*

What are we talking about when we talk about power injectability - **Sergio Bertoglio (IT)**

Antimicrobial and antithrombotic catheters: do they work? - **Amanda Ullman (AU)**

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15:00 – 15:40 Networking break

15:40 – 17:00 The insertion bundles session

Chairs: *Antonio Gidaro (IT) - Michelle Devries (US)*

The current bundles for PICC, CICC and FICC insertion - **Fabrizio Brescia (IT)**

The current bundles for port insertion - **Maria Giuseppina Annetta (IT)**

An overview of current bundles for infection prevention - **Maria Guembe (ES)**

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17:00 – 18:00 The lock session

Chairs: *Fabrizio Brescia (IT) - Marc Stranz (US)*

Anticoagulant lock in 2026: which and when - **Marcia Ryder (US)**

Antibacterial lock in 2026: which and when - **Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (IT)**

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DAY 2 - THURSDAY 16 APRIL - AUDITORIUM 1

08:30 – 10:00 The femoral session

Chairs: *Matthew Ostroff (US) – Davide Giustivi (IT)*

The new landscape of femoral venous access devices in 2026 – **Stefano Elli (IT)**

The transhepatic echocardiography for tip location of FICCs – **Sonia D'Arrigo (IT)**

The FICC-port - **Maria Giuseppina Annetta (IT)**

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10:00 - 11:00 The great papers session

Chairs: *Victor Rosenthal (US) - Josie Stone (US)*

My favorite great papers of 2023-2026 - **Tim Spencer (US)**

My favorite great papers of 2023-2026 - **Fulvio Pinelli (IT)**

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11:00 - 12:00 Industry sponsored symposium

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch & poster presentations

13:00 - 15:30 The infection session

Chairs: *Emilio Bouza (ES) - Tim Spencer (US)*

Best strategies for access site disinfection: soak or scrub? - **Marcia Ryder (US)**

Defining CRBSI and CABSIs: impact on clinical practice and scientific papers - **Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (IT)**

The importance of the exit site - **Stefano Elli (IT)**

Quality of nursing care vs infection risk - **Sonia Casanova Vivas (ES)**

Best strategies for minimizing intraluminal contamination - **Maria Guembe (ES)**

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15:30 - 15:45 Networking break

15:45 - 16:45 Industry sponsored symposium

16:45 - 18:15 VA guidelines around the world, do they fulfill every country's needs? (Plenary)

Chairs: and moderators *Evan Alexandrou (AU) - Roland van Rens (ES)*

Health care associated infections in 45 countries - **Victor Rosenthal (US)**

Outcome global survey on the use of VA guidelines - **tba**

Guidelines introduction: CVAA, Bevanet, INS, GAVeCeLT, AVA - **tba (CA), Christel Janssens (BE), Marlene Steinheiser (US), Fulvio Pinelli (IT), Matthew Ostroff (US)**

Panel discussion on VA guidelines around the world.

DAY 2 - THURSDAY 16 APRIL - AUDITORIUM 2

08:30 – 10:00 The latest evidence session

Chairs: *Marcia Ryder (US) - Fulvio Pinelli (IT)*

The latest evidence-based papers on CVAD insertion - **Mauro Pittiruti (IT)**

The latest evidence-based papers on VAD management - **Nancy Moureau (US)**

The latest evidence-based papers on PVAD - **Amit Bahl (US)**

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10:00 – 11:00 The glue session

Chairs: *Vito D'Andrea (IT) - Matthew Ostroff (US)*

The many advantages of cyanoacrylate glue during VAD insertion - **Antonio Gidaro (IT)**

The use of glue in peripheral and central VADs: an overview - **Amit Bahl (US)**

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11:00 - 12:00 Industry sponsored symposium

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch & poster presentations

13:00 - 15:30 The peripheral session

Chairs: *Peter Carr (IE) - Evangelos Konstantinou (GR)*

The current classification of peripheral VADs - **Roland van Rens (ES)**

Non-integrated versus integrated peripheral IV catheters: an expert consensus - **Michelle Devries (US)**

Midclavicular catheters - **Victoria Armenteros Yeguas (ES)**

Peripheral VADs and risk of CRBSI - **Amanda Ullman (AU)**

The state of the art of peripheral VAD insertion - **Adam Fabiani (IT)**

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DAY 3 - FRIDAY 17 APRIL - AUDITORIUM 1

08:30 – 10:00 The tip location session

Chairs: *Maria Giuseppina Annetta (IT) - Nancy Moureau (US)*

Tip location in 2026: the GAVeCeLT consensus document - **Davide Giustivi (IT)**

Tip location by transthoracic echocardiography: new developments - **Antonio Gidaro (IT)**

The state of the art of intracavitary ECG for tip location - **Evan Alexandrou (AU)**

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10:00 - 11:00 The drug session

Chairs: *Marc Stranz (US) - Josie Stone (US)*

Neutral, irritant, and vesicant drugs - **tba**

Interactions between drug and catheter material - **Mala Crossley (US)**

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11:00 - 12:00 Industry sponsored symposium

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch & poster presentations

13:00 - 14:30 The thrombosis session

Chairs: *Antonio Gidaro (IT) - Hervé Rosay (FR)*

Fibroblastic sleeve vs venous thrombosis - **Mauro Pittiruti (IT)**

Current diagnosis and treatment of symptomatic CRT - **Sergio Bertoglio (IT)**

Should we treat asymptomatic CRT? - **Fulvio Pinelli (IT)**

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14:30 - 15:35 Innovative vascular access educational tools

Chairs: *Josie Stone (US) - tba*

Introduction GloVANet Global Committee - **Josie Stone (US)**

The evolving landscape of micro-credentials on vascular access - **Peter Carr (IE)**

GloVANet Knowledge Hub: its potential in educating VA worldwide - **Jacoline Zilverentant (NL)**

Keynote: The role, possibilities and prospectives of AI in healthcare and in vascular access -
Elena Giovanna Bignami (IT)

15:35 - 16:00 Networking break

16:00 - 17:00 Closing

Chairs: *Ton van Bortel (NL) - Roland van Rens (ES)*

Keynote: How to live and survive in the world of vascular access devices - **Victoria Armenteros Yeguas (ES)**

Final remarks WoCoVA president - **Tim Spencer (US)**

Closing and goodbye - **Jacoline Zilverentant (NL)**

DAY 3 - FRIDAY 17 APRIL - AUDITORIUM 2

08:30 - 10:00 The securement session

Chairs: *Lieve Goossens (BE)* - *Gloria Ortiz Miluy (ES)*

The subcutaneous anchorage as first option for securing CVAD - **Fabrizio Brescia (IT)**

Securement of PVADs: which options? - **Marta Ferraz Torres (ES)**

Role of transparent membranes and cyanoacrylate glue for securement - **Vito D'Andrea (IT)**

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10:00 - 11:00 The bad habits session

Chairs: *Alessandro Crocoli (IT)* - *Christian Dupont (FR)*

Bad habits during CVAD insertion - **Mauro Pittiruti (IT)**

Bad habits during CVAD management - **Gloria Ortiz Miluy (ES)**

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11:00 - 12:00 Industry sponsored symposium

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch & poster presentations

13:00 - 14:30 The neonatal session

Chairs: *Amanda Ullman (AU)* - *Alessandro Crocoli (IT)*

VADs in neonates: current classification and definitions - **Giovanni Barone (IT)**

Vein visualization methods in the neonate - **Roland van Rens (ES)**

Ultrasound-guided CICC: a safe and versatile option in acutely ill neonates - **Vito D'Andrea (IT)**

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14:30 - 15:35 The arterial session

Chairs: *Sonia D'Arrigo (IT)* - *Jiri Charvat (CZ)*

An insertion bundle for peripheral arterial catheters - **Tim Spencer (US)**

Proper management of the arterial line - **Amy Bardin (US)**

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