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Foreword

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 9th World Congress on Vascular Access (WoCoVA)

Organised by GloVANet and supported by the Spanish National Vascular Access Society (SEINAV), WoCoVA has grown into a truly multidisciplinary and multi-professional forum. Every two years, clinicians, researchers, educators, and industry partners from across the world come together with a shared purpose: to improve patient outcomes through science, evidence-based practice, collaboration, and innovation.

Over three days, delegates will experience a dynamic scientific programme featuring internationally renowned experts, parallel sessions covering the breadth of vascular access, dedicated poster presentations, industry-sponsored symposia, and a comprehensive exhibition showcasing the latest technologies and solutions.

Beyond the scientific programme, WoCoVA is about connection. It is a space to exchange ideas, build lasting professional relationships, and gain a global perspective on the evolving landscape of vascular access. Whether you are a long-standing member of the WoCoVA community or joining us for the first time, we warmly invite you to engage, collaborate, and contribute.

Together, we continue to advance the field of vascular access—driving standards forward and shaping the future of patient care worldwide.

On behalf of the WoCoVA Scientific Committee and the organising team, it is my distinct pleasure to extend a warm invitation for you to join us at what promises to be an engaging and impactful congress.

Timothy R. Spencer,

President, WoCoVA





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Day 1 - Wednesday 15 April - Auditorium 1

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 10:00 **P01. Opening 9th WoCoVA**

09:00 – 09:05 **Welcome** - *Jacoline Zilverentant (NL)*

09:05 – 09:10 **Basic information for the congress** - *Toine Hulshof (NL)*

09:10 – 09:15 **Welcome from SEINAV president** - *Elizabeth Lafuente Cabrero (ES)*

09:15 – 09:20 **Opening words WoCoVA president** - *Tim Spencer (US)*

09:20 – 10:00 **Past and future of Vascular Access** - *Martha Kestler (ES)*

10:00 – 11:00 **S01. The skin session**

10:00 – 10:20 **Chairs:** *Lieve Goossens (BE)* - *Gloria Ortiz Miluy (ES)*

10:20 – 10:40 **MARSI and CASI: the state of the art** - *Christian Dupont (FR)*

10:40 – 11:00 **The challenge of skin in hematology patients** - *Nancy Moureau (US)*

Abstract Presentation

10:40 – 10:50 **Construction and application of decision support tool for venous catheter in lymphoma patients** - *Yang He (CN)*

10:50 – 11:00 **Discussion**

11:00 – 12:00 **S02. The port session**

11:00 – 11:20 **Chairs:** *Maria Giuseppina Annetta (IT)* - *Evan Alexandrou (AU)*

11:20 – 11:40 **The PICC port as first option in oncology patients** - *Sergio Bertoglio (IT)*

11:40 – 11:50 **The current state of the art of port insertion** - *Fulvio Pinelli (IT)*

Abstract Presentation

11:40 – 11:50 **The FICC-port in oncological patients with inaccessible superior vena cava: 4 years-experience at a national cancer institute in northern Italy**
Robert Pitussi (IT)

11:50 – 12:00 **Discussion**

12:00 – 13:15 **Lunch**

12:00 – 13:15 **Poster presentations (GloVANet Pavilion)**

13:15 – 14:00 **Industry Symposium BD: Should integrated PIVCs be the standard of care for patients**

14:00 – 15:00 **S03. The malfunction session**

14:00 – 14:20 **Chairs:** *Victoria Armenteros Yeguas (ES)* - *Amit Bahl (US)*

14:20 – 14:40 **Defining malfunction and occlusion** - *Lieve Goossens (BE)*

14:40 – 15:00 **Management of persistent withdrawal occlusion** - *Sonia D'Arrigo (IT)*

Abstract Presentation

14:40 – 14:50 **Ultrasound to Predict Radial Artery Catheterization failure in patients undergoing major cardiovascular surgery** - *Jerome Paniego (FR)*

14:50 – 15:00 **Discussion**

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15:00 – 15:40

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Poster presentations (GloVANet Pavilion)

15:40 – 17:00

S04. Choosing the VAD session

Chairs: Hervé Rosay (FR) - Nancy Moureau (US)

15:40 – 16:00

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

16:00 – 16:20

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

16:20 – 16:40

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

Abstract Presentation

16:40 – 16:50

Global central venous access device practices in children with blood disorders and cancer - Sabrina de Souza (AU)

16:50 – 17:00

Discussion

17:00 – 18:00

S05. The home care session

Chairs: Ton Van Boxtel (NL) - Sonia Casanova Vivas (ES)

17:00 – 17:20

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

17:20 – 17:40

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

Abstract Presentation

17:40 – 17:50

Cochrane Systematic Review of Vascular Access Devices for Prolonged Intravenous Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy in Adults with Cancer - Caitriona Duggan (IE)

17:50 – 18:00

Discussion



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10:00 – 11:00

S13. The tunnel session

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

10:00 – 10:20

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

10:20 – 10:40

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

Abstract Presentation

10:40 – 10:50

Impact of Subcutaneous Tunneling on Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter-Related Complications - *Wei Gao (CN)*

10:50 – 11:00

Discussion

11:00 – 12:00

S14. The virtual sedation session

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

11:00 – 11:20

Non-pharmacological approach for reducing patient's anxiety -
Jose Daniel Jiménez Santana (ES)

11:20 – 11:40

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

Abstract Presentation

11:40 – 11:50

Using Virtual Reality to manage Needle Phobia in Emergency Department - *Grace Xu (AU)*

11:50 – 12:00

Discussion

12:00 – 13:15

Lunch

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Poster presentations (GloVANet Pavilion)

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Industry Symposium GBUK: Minimising Infusion Line Complications Through Effective Hub Management and Device Selection

14:00 – 15:00

S15. The material session

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

14:00 – 14:20

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

14:20 – 14:40

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

Abstract Presentation

14:40 – 14:50

Vascular access device selection in internal medicine wards: a complex world - *Alba Taino (IT)*

14:50 – 15:00

Discussion

15:00 – 15:40

Break

15:00 – 15:40

Poster presentations (GloVANet Pavilion)

Day 1 - Wednesday 15 April - Auditorium 2

15:40 – 17:00

S16. The insertion bundles session

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

15:40 – 16:00

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

16:00 – 16:20

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

16:20 – 16:40

An overview of current bundles for infection prevention -

Almudena Burillo (ES)

Abstract Presentation

16:40 – 16:50

Peri- and postoperative outcomes of totally implantable vascular access devices in babies and toddlers - Thomas Douchy (BE)

16:50 – 17:00

Discussion

17:00 – 18:00

S17. The lock session

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

17:00 – 17:20

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

17:20 – 17:40

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

Abstract Presentation

17:40 – 17:50

A triple-blinded, multi-center, cluster-randomized, crossover trial of central venous access device locking with 4% tetrasodium EDTA in the adult critical care population - Marlena Ornowska (CA)

17:50 – 18:00

Discussion



Day 2 - Thursday 16 April - Auditorium 1

08:30 – 10:00

S06. The femoral session

Chairs: Matthew Ostroff (US) - Davide Giustivi (IT)

08:30 – 08:50

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

08:50 – 09:10

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

09:10 – 09:30

The FICC-port - Maria Giuseppina Annetta (IT)

Abstract Presentations

09:30 – 09:40

Ultrasound Detection of Lumbar Vein Malposition in Mid-Thigh Femoral Central Venous Catheters - Stefano Benvenuti (IT)

09:40 – 09:50

Limitations of the Bubble Test for Tip Confirmation in Femorally Inserted Central Catheters - Alba Taino (IT)

09:50 – 10:00

Discussion

10:00 – 11:00

S07. The great papers session

Chairs: Victor Rosenthal (US) - Nancy Moureau (US)

10:00 – 10:20

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

10:20 – 10:40

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

Abstract Presentation

10:40 – 10:50

A prospective cohort study of Techniques and technology used to improve PIVC outcome in hospitalized pediatric patients - Tricia Kleidon (AU)

10:50 – 11:00

Discussion

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Break

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Industry Symposium B.Braun: Through the Clinician's Eyes: Leveraging eye tracking technology, hand motion analysis, and video to evaluate a new IV catheter design

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

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Poster presentations (GloVANet Pavilion)

13:00 – 15:30

S08. The infection session

Chairs: Peter Carr (IE) - Tim Spencer (US)

13:00 – 13:20

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

13:20 – 13:40

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

13:40 – 14:00

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

14:00 – 14:20

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

14:20 – 14:40

Best strategies for minimizing intraluminal contamination -

Almudena Burillo (ES)

Abstract Presentations

14:40 – 14:50

An international randomized controlled trial of a novel antimicrobial dressing for peripheral intravenous catheters - Bertrand Drugeon (FR)

14:50 – 15:00

Simulation and Imaging Methods with Eye Tracking Recording Intravenous Catheter insertion - Jing Wang (IE)

15:00 – 15:10

Preliminary Results of Visual-Cognitive Analysis of the SIMETRIC Study - Jing Wang (IE)

15:10 – 15:30

Discussion

Day 2 - Thursday 16 April - Auditorium 1

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:45 – 18:15 **P02. VA guidelines around the world, do they fulfill every country's needs?**

Chairs: Evan Alexandrou (AU) - Roland van Rens (NL)

Introduction - *Josie Stone (US)*

16:45 – 16:50

16:50 – 17:10

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

17:10 – 17:20

Outcome global survey on the use of VA guidelines - *Gloria Ortiz Miluy (ES)*

17:20 – 17:40

Guidelines introduction: CVAA, Bevanet, INS, GAVeCeLT, AVA -

Alana Aquino (CA), Christel Janssens (BE), Marlene Steinheiser (US), Fulvio Pinelli (IT), Lori Kaczmarek (US)

17:40 – 18:15

Panel discussion on VA guidelines around the world -

Moderators: Evan Alexandrou (AU) & Roland van Rens (NL):

Alana Aquino (CA), Christel Janssens (BE), Marlene Steinheiser (US), Fulvio Pinelli (IT), Lori Kaczmarek (US), Pilar Murias (MX), Bharti Veer (IN)

Day 2 - Thursday 16 April - Auditorium 2

08:30 – 10:00 **S18. The latest evidence session**

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

08:30 – 08:50

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

08:50 – 09:10

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

09:10 – 09:30

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

Abstract Presentations

09:30 – 09:40

Evaluating a Long Guidewire Catheter for Difficult Venous Access in Emergency Departments - *Grace Xu (AU)*

09:40 – 09:50

Access to ultrasound training and equipment for vascular access among Spanish emergency nurses - *Sergio Yago Ríos (ES)*

09:50 – 10:00

Discussion

10:00 – 11:00 **S19. The glue session**

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

10:00 – 10:20

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

10:20 – 10:40

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

Abstract Presentation

10:40 – 10:50

Clinical benefit of adding cyanoacrylate glue during PICC line insertion compared to standard procedure in outpatient cancer patients - *Benjamin Figari (FR)*

10:50 – 11:00

Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 Break

Day 2 - Thursday 16 April - Auditorium 2

11:15 – 12:00 **Industry Symposium Vygon: Guardians of the Vessels: Ensuring continuity of care from hospital to home**

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

12:00 – 13:00 **Poster presentations (GloVANet Pavilion)**

13:00 – 15:30 **S20. The peripheral session**

Chairs: Marc Stranz (US) - Evangelos Konstantinou (GR)

13:00 – 13:20 **The current classification of peripheral VADs - Roland Van Rens (NL)**

13:20 – 13:40 **Non-integrated versus integrated peripheral IV catheters: an expert consensus - Michelle Devries (US)**

13:40 – 14:00 **Midclavicular catheters - Victoria Armenteros Yeguas (ES)**

14:00 – 14:20 **Peripheral VADs and risk of CRBSI - Amanda Ullman (AU)**

14:20 – 14:40 **The state of the art of peripheral VAD insertion - Adam Fabiani (IT)**

Abstract Presentations

14:40 – 14:50 **Computational fluid dynamic analysis on peripheral venous characteristics and their influence on the hemodynamic environment - Ellaby Hansen (AU)**

14:50 – 15:00 **Flushing of saline through peripheral intravenous catheters into the venous circuit induces shearing of endothelial glyocalyx protein hyaluronic acid - Andrew Bulmer (AU)**

15:00 – 15:10 **From Policy to Bedside: Clinician Adherence to the National PIVC Clinical Care Standard in Australian Emergency Departments - Grace Xu (AU)**

15:10 – 15:30 **Discussion**

15:30 – 16:00 **Break**

16:00 – 16:45 **Industry Symposium ICU Medical: Aligning Vascular access Practices to prevent bloodstream infections**



08:30 – 10:00

S09. The tip location session

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

08:30 – 08:50

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

08:50 – 09:10

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

09:10 – 09:30

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

Abstract Presentations

09:30 – 09:40

Is there a preferred side for brachiocephalic vein cannulation in neonates? - *Jaroslav Cutora (KR)*

09:40 – 09:50

Ultrasound-guided vascular access in Neonatology performed by specialized nursing staff - *Hector Moreda Aragon (ES)*

09:50 – 10:00

Discussion

10:00 – 11:00

S10. The drug session

Chairs: Marc Stranz (US) - Evangelos Konstantinou (GR)

10:00 – 10:20

Neutral, irritant, and vesicant drugs - *Maria Cruz Martin Delgado (ES)*

10:20 – 10:40

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

Abstract Presentation

10:40 – 10:50

Reducing Chemotherapy-Related Vascular Access Complications - *Ahmadreza Baki-Jafarzadeh (CA)*

10:50 – 11:00

Discussion

11:00 – 11:15

Break

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

12:00 – 13:00

Poster presentations (GloVANet Pavilion)

13:00 – 14:30

S11. The thrombosis session

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

13:00 – 13:20

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

13:20 – 13:40

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

13:40 – 14:00

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

Abstract Presentations

14:00 – 14:10

Development and Validation of a Prediction Model for Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter-Related Thrombosis - *DeShan Liu (CN)*

14:10 – 14:20

Risk prediction models for central venous access device-related thrombosis in pediatric patients - *Guiyuan Ma (CN)*

14:20 – 14:30

Discussion

Day 3 - Friday 17 April - Auditorium 1

14:30 – 15:35

S12. Innovative vascular access educational tools

Chairs: Sonia Casanova Vivas (ES) - Gloria Ortiz Miluy (ES)

14:30 – 14:35

Introduction GloVANet Global Committee - *Gloria Ortiz Miluy (ES)*

14:35 – 14:45

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

14:45 – 14:55

GoVANet Knowledge Hub: its potential in educating VA worldwide -

Jacoline Zilverentant (NL)

14:55 – 15:25

The role, possibilities and perspectives of AI in healthcare and in vascular access - *Elena Giovanna Bignami (IT)*

15:25 – 15:35

Discussion

15:35 – 16:00

Break

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P03. Closing 9th WoCoVA

Chairs: Ton Van Boxtel (NL) - Roland Van Rens (NL)

16:00 – 16:30

How to live and survive in the world of vascular access devices -

Victoria Armenteros Yeguas (ES)

16:30 – 16:45

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

16:45 – 17:00

Closing and goodbye - *Jacoline Zilverentant (NL)*

Day 3 - Friday 17 April - Auditorium 2

08:30 – 10:00

S21. The securement session

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

08:30 – 08:50

The subcutaneous anchorage as first option for securing CVAD -

Fabrizio Brescia (IT)

08:50 – 09:10

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

09:10 – 09:30

Role of transparent membranes and cyanoacrylate glue for securement -

Vito D'Andrea (IT)

Abstract Presentations

09:30 – 09:40

A Novel Vein Preservation Strategy for Bone Marrow Transplant Patients Requiring Device Replacement - *Gail Egan (US)*

09:40 – 09:50

Comparative cost-effectiveness analysis of SecurAcath vs. Stat-Lock in a pediatric oncology case series - *Rodrigo Ribeiro (BR)*

09:50 – 10:00

Discussion

10:00 – 11:00

S22. The bad habits session

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

10:00 – 10:20

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

10:20 – 10:40

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

Abstract Presentation

10:40 – 10:50

Breast cancer as a low-risk subgroup for PICC-port complications - *Pascal Fangio (FR)*

10:50 – 11:00

Discussion

11:00 – 11:15

Break

Day 3 - Friday 17 April - Auditorium 2

- 11:15 – 12:00** **Industry Symposium BD: Why should my hospital invest in VAT (Vascular Access Team)? Building a strong case to convince your hospital management.**
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Lunch**
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Poster presentations (GloVANet Pavilion)**
- 13:00 – 14:30** **S23. The neonatal session**
Chairs: Amanda Ullman (AU) - Alessandro Crocoli (IT)
- 13:00 – 13:20 **VADs in neonates: current classification and definitions - Giovanni Barone (IT)**
- 13:20 – 13:40 **Vein visualization methods in the neonate - Roland Van Rens (NL)**
- 13:40 – 14:00 **Ultrasound-guided CICC: a safe and versatile option in acutely ill neonates - Vito D'Andrea (IT)**
- Abstract Presentation**
- 14:00 – 14:10 **Neonatal Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Practices in Australia - Sabrina de Souza (AU)**
- 14:10 – 14:30 **Discussion**
- 14:30 – 15:30** **S24. The arterial session**
Chairs: Sonia D'Arrigo (IT) - Jiri Charvat (CZ)
- 14:30 – 14:50 **An insertion bundle for peripheral arterial catheters - Tim Spencer (US)**
- 14:50 – 15:10 **Proper management of the arterial line - Amy Bardin (US)**
- Abstract Presentation**
- 15:10 – 15:20 **Association of forearm insertion site with functional performance of ultrasound-guided arterial catheters in ICU patients - Ting Chia Young (TW)**
- 15:20 – 15:30 **Discussion**



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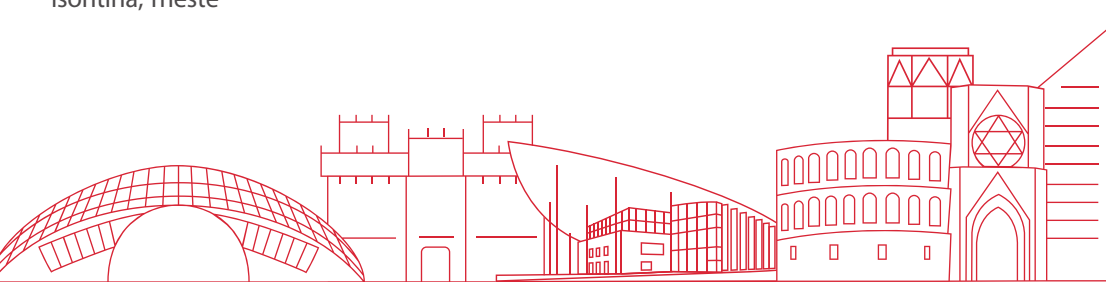
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Industry Symposia Wednesday 15 April

13:15 – 14:00
Auditorium 1

Should integrated PIVCs be the standard of care for patients?



A systematic review of the clinical and financial benefits of using an integrated PIVC

Dr. Antonio Gidaro, Vascular Access Team Leader, Department of Biomedical and Clinical Sciences "Luigi Sacco," University of Milan, Luigi Sacco Hospital, Milan, Italy.

How to include integrated cannula in your standard of care, the PVAM approach

Heather Skelland, Clinical Practice Educator, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, UK

Moderator:

Stephen Church, Director Medical & Clinical Affairs, BD MDS, EMEA

13:15 – 14:00
Auditorium 2

Minimising Infusion Line Complications Through Effective Hub Management and Device Selection



Effective Management of Infusion Lines for Infection Prevention

Dr Giancarlo Scoppettuolo

Device Selection for Safer Infusion Therapy

Gloria Ortiz Miluy

Moderator:

Dr Mauro Pittiruti

Industry Symposia Thursday 16 April

11:15 – 12:00
Auditorium 1

Through the Clinician's Eyes: Leveraging eyetracking technology, handmotion analysis, and video to evaluate a new IV catheter design



Dr. Peter J. Carr, Research Lead, Vascular Access and Infusion Therapy at University of Galway

11:15 – 12:00
Auditorium 2

Guardians of the Vessels: Ensuring continuity of care from hospital to home



From Hospital to Home - Organizational Standards for Safe Vascular Access Continuity

Dr Elisa Deganello, Medical Dir. ,VA Team Coordinator at ULSS 6 Euganea, Italy

Safe Vascular Access at Home - Practical Management, Dressing Change & Clinical Risk Reduction

Gema Muñoz-Mozas, Lead Vascular Access Nurse - Royal Marsden, UK

Moderator:

*Dr Fulvio Pinelli, IVAS President; Director, Vascular Access Center - Careggi, Italy
Dr Christian Dupont, Nurse Coordinator - Cochin Hospital; GIFAV Board, France*

Industry Symposia Thursday 16 April

16:00 – 16:45
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**Aligning Vascular access Practices to prevent
bloodstream infections**

DJ Shannon, MPH, CIC, VA-BC, AL-CIP, FAPIC

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Industry Symposia Friday 17 April

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**Why should my hospital invest in VAT
(Vascular Access Team)? Building a strong case to
convince your hospital management**



**Strategic Alignment of Vascular Access Teams to Hospital priorities:
Demonstrating Value and Impact**

Michela Canobbio, Health Economics and Outcomes Research Leader, EMEA, BD

A practical example of demonstrating the impact & value of VAT

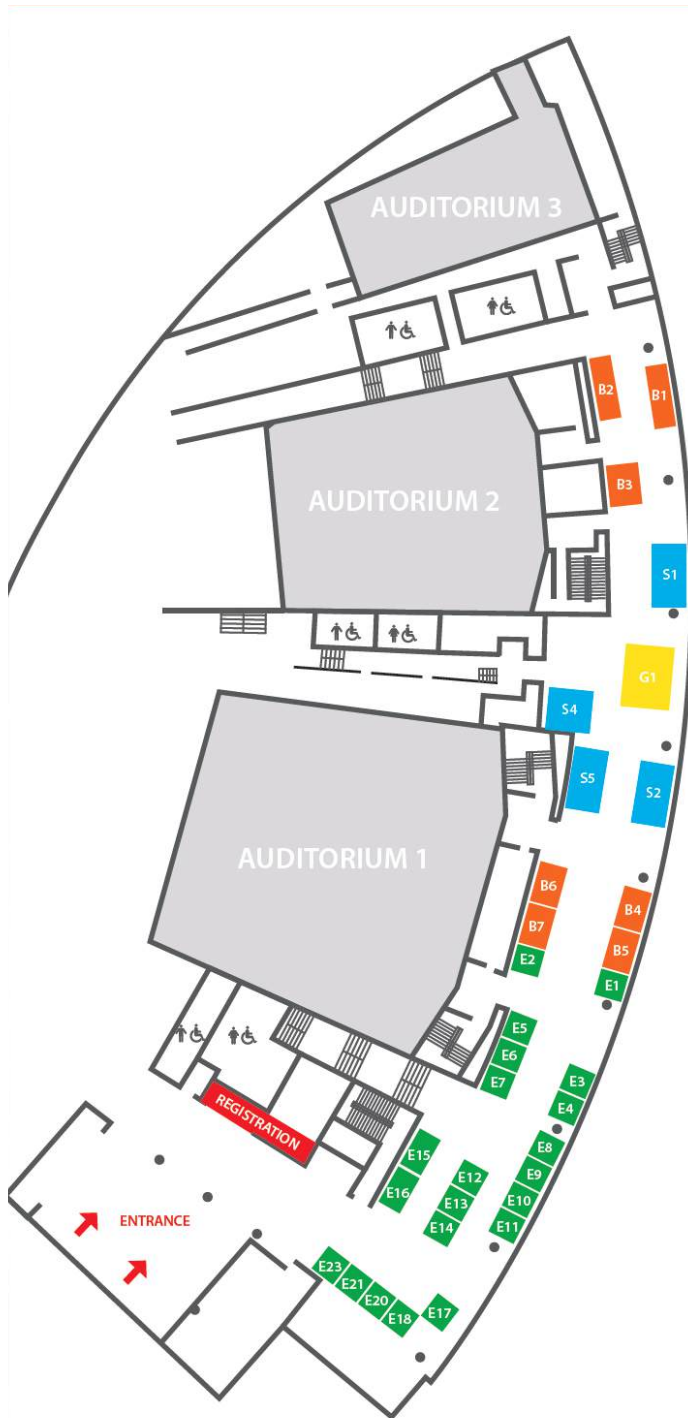
*Andrew Barton, Nurse Consultant IV Therapy and Vascular Access, Frimley NHS
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Industry Product Demonstrations Auditorium 3

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026

14:15 - 15:15 **Moving the needle with the latest Ultrasound Technologies -** Ultrasound technology and its application for peripheral and central vascular access device placement.



15:30 - 16:30 **Live demonstration of Oper Film CHG application -** Two theoretical sessions: One on Vascular Access session and the other on Hemodialysis. Followed by a practical session showing the Oper Film CHG application.



THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2026

08:30 - 09:30 **Innovating confidence in difficult venous access with Introcath Safety® 2 Deep Access -** This session introduces the Introcath Safety® 2 Deep Access, a long PIVC engineered for ultrasound-guided placement with built-in blood control technology



09:45 - 10:45 **Human factors at the Key-Site: Why skin prep fails and how ANTT fixes it -** The session covers Standard ANTT® for peripheral line insertion and manipulation, and Surgical ANTT® for central line insertion, manipulation, and dressing changes.



12:30 - 13:30 **The science behind antimicrobials -** Understanding the mechanism of action and efficacy of antimicrobials, antimicrobial resistance, and antimicrobial activity of tissue gel.



14:00 - 15:00 **"Hospital-Onset Bacteremia and the Vascular Access Gap: New Risks, New Strategies" featuring SecurePortIV adhesive -** This workshop will cover SecurePortIV® Catheter Securement Adhesive and show how to use the adhesive on all types of vascular access catheters for patients of any age.



FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2026

08:30 - 09:30 **The Complete Vascular Access Journey: Innovation, Safety, and Best Practices -** Five stations covering different VA topics like US for echoguided puncture, tunneling, plug & play infusion lines, safe port care, and secure and protect.



09:45 - 10:45 **Preventing Occlusions Before They Start: Preserving Vascular Access in Vulnerable Populations -** In many patient populations, particularly neonates and oncology patients, vascular access is not easily replaced. Preventing occlusion is not just about convenience; it's about preserving a lifeline.



National Vascular Access Societies

WoCoVA is pleased that many new National VA Societies have joined the GloVANet network to work on the latest science and consensus, for all involved in vascular access, to have the best infusion technology.

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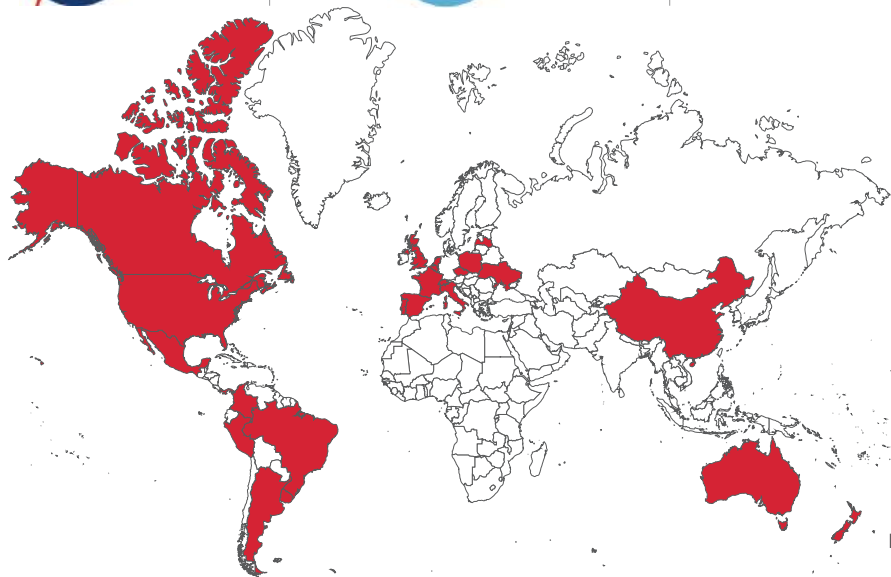
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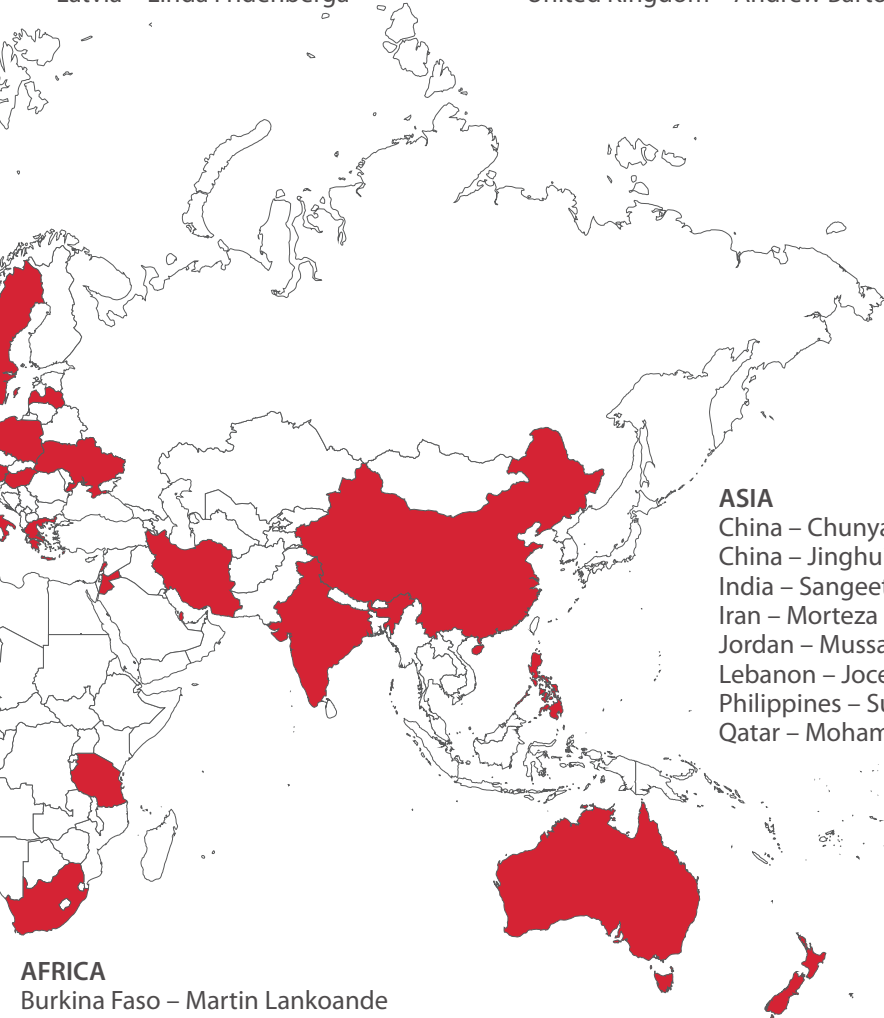
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GloVANet Pavilion including Poster Area

Information GloVANet Pavilion

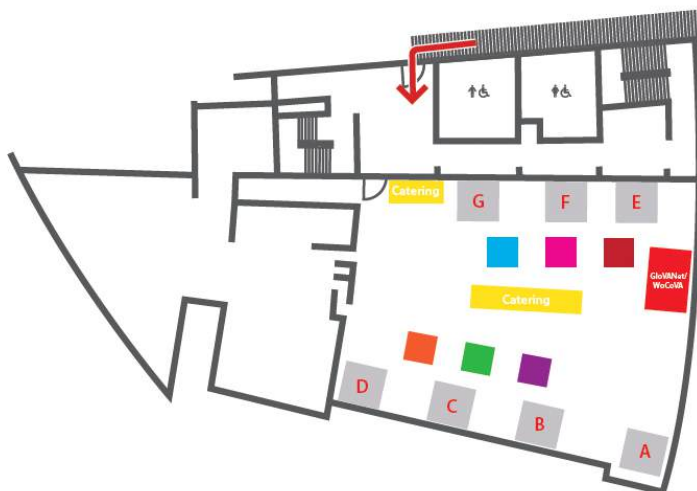
For the 9th edition of the World Congress on Vascular Access, the GloVANet/WoCoVA team is excited to introduce the GloVANet Pavilion. This is an interactive space designed to highlight the global diversity of Vascular Access. The pavilion will bring together VA societies and the GloVANet Global Committee across 5 world regions who will represent VA in their country.

The GloVANet pavilion will serve as a space where VA societies, Global Committee members and attendees come together to learn how VA is practiced worldwide, discover the work of national VA societies, and connect with colleagues from across the globe.

This space will include 6 stands, each stand dedicated to 1 or 2 regions. All of them are indicated by a colour code: North America / Oceania – orange, Latin America – green, Asia / Africa – purple, Europe – blue and pink, and the VA research societies – red.

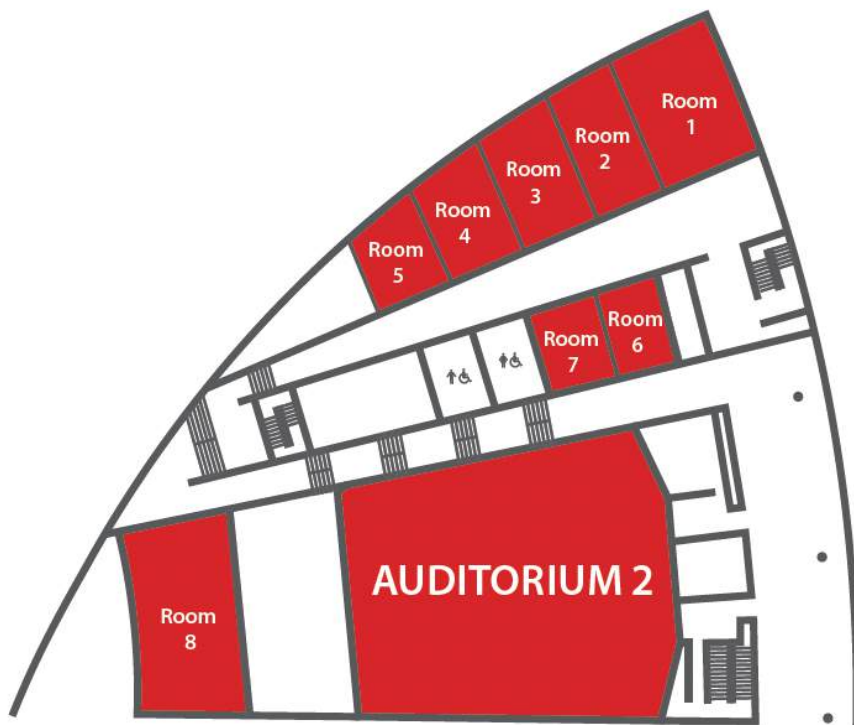
The GloVANet Pavilion is a shared area, where, next to these 6 stands, you will find the poster presentation stations and the GloVANet / WoCoVA stand. The presentations have carefully been selected by WoCoVA's Scientific Committee and will take place during the lunch and network breaks during the 3 days of the congress. The GloVANet / WoCoVA's stand can be used as a photo or networking place within the overall interactive Pavilion.

GloVANet Pavilion (1st Floor)



Poster Stations (A-G)
North America/Oceania
Latin America
Asia/Africa
Europe
Europe
VA Research societies

Breakout Rooms (1st Floor)



Room	
1	Hospitality suite BD
2	Hospitality suite Solventum
3	Hospitality suite B.Braun
4	GloVANet Academy Short Practical Session 1, 3, 5
5	GloVANet Academy Short Practical Session 2, 4, 6
6	Room BD
7	GloVANet Academy Short Practical Session 7, 8, 9
8	Hospitality suite VYGON



GLOVANET KNOWLEDGE HUB

In Prague (2024), GloVANet launched the GloVANet Knowledge Hub. A practical tool to support the spreading of scientific knowledge on vascular access related topics. In the GloVANet Knowledge Hub (GKH) you will find all presentations and recordings of the last two WoCoVA's: Athens 2022 and Prague 2024. GloVANet will further develop the GKH with presentations, important publications, guidelines and videos of VA procedures. After the 9th WoCoVA you will get access to the GKH for free.

An interesting advantage, for delegates of the 9th WoCoVA, of the GKH is that you can watch back the presentations and recordings of the scientific sessions that one could not attend because you were in the other lecture room at the 9th WoCoVA.

Another important advantage of the GKH is that vascular access specialists that do not have the budget or time to visit and participate at a 'World Congress on Vascular Access' have the opportunity to get access to all this vascular access information for a low cost.

Every participant of the 9th WoCoVA in Valencia will have free access to the GKH for 4 weeks. We expect to have all presentations and recordings of the 9th WoCoVA in the GloVANet Knowledge Hub about 1 week after the congress finishes.

Please check the POST digital congress bag, which will be sent to you just after the congress, in which you will receive the link to enter the GloVANet Knowledge Hub.

We hope you will enjoy using the GloVANet Knowledge Hub.





GloVANet Academy

GloVANet provides knowledge, tools, and education, based on the latest science and consensus, for all involved in vascular access, to have the best infusion technology for optimal patient care everywhere in the world.

To support this mission, GloVANet tries to continuously develop new tools and products. One part of our activities is providing practical education. To strengthen this field, we have created the GloVANet Academy.

At the 9th WoCoVA, we have offered Short Practical Sessions, vascular access related training sessions given by VA expert from all over the world. Topics like 'Tunneling: indications and techniques', 'PICC ports', 'Ultrasound-based tip location with bubble test', and others are offered at the 9th WoCoVA. These sessions were very quickly sold out and showing the need for, and importance of VA related training.



That is why GloVANet is planning to organise a 'GloVANet Academy Week'. During this week there will be a selection of vascular access training options that will be given by vascular access specialists. Topics that are planned to be on the program are: PICC ports, IC-ECG, Echotip, Femoral, RaCeVA, Tunneling, LPC, etc.. The sessions will be partly theoretical, followed by hands on workshops. Each session will last for about 4 hrs. This means that participants can pick and choose multiple vascular access topics to be trained in.

GloVANet is currently planning to organize the 'GloVANet Academy Week' in the first quarter of 2027.

If you are interested in this program, please send an e-mail to secretariat@wocova.com and mention that you are interested. We will then send you more information the moment that the dates and programme are available.

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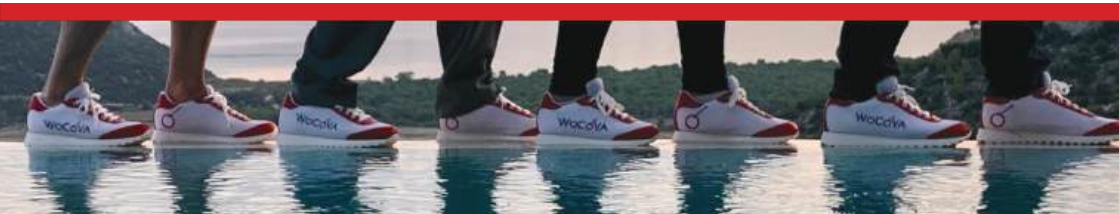
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