

Wednesday 30 September

Registration 13.30-14.30

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14.30- 15.00 Normal values: definition and meaning (D. Prati)

15.00-15.30 Disease prevalence, pre-post test probability and Bayesian approach to diagnosis (P.G. Duca)

15.30-15.50 Coffee break

15.50-16.50 Diagnostic tests accuracy [sensitivity and specificity; positive likelihood ratio and negative likelihood ratio; positive predictive value and negative predictive value; diagnostic odds ratio; receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves] (P. Duca/G. Casazza)

16.50-18.30 Break out session:

1° Updated definitions of healthy ranges for serum alanine aminotransferase levels. Ann Intern Med. 2002;137(1):1-10 (D. Prati)

2° Celiac sprue. N Engl J Med. 2002;346(3):180-8 (A. Colli)

18.30-19.30 Reporting of results of break out session and critical aspects of the day (All faculty)

20.00 Welcome dinner

Thursday 1 October 9.00-12.30

9.00-9.30 Architecture of prognostic research (G. D'Amico)

9.30-10.30 Prognostic studies [study design and recruitment strategy, time to event and risk analysis, confounding, population sampling, sample size] (G. Filippini, G. D'Amico)

10.30- 11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.30 Definition and validation of a prediction rule (P.G. Duca)

11.30-12.30 Clinical use of a prediction rule (A. Colli; G. Filippini)

12.30-14.00 Lunch

Thursday 1 October 14.00-19.30

14.00-14.40 Architecture of diagnostic research (C. Gluud)

14.40-15.55 Study design and sample size estimation for randomised clinical trials (J Wetterslev)

14.55-15.10 Study design and sample size estimation for cohort studies (J Wetterslev)

15.10-15.30 Study design and sample size estimation for case-control studies (K. Thorlund)

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-18.00 Break out session:

1° Example on prognosis with MELD (G. D'Amico)

2° Example with diagnostic test (C. Gluud)

18.00-18.45 Reporting of results of break out session and critical aspects of the day (All faculty)

18.45-19.30 Impact of current regimens on the natural history of chronic hepatitis B and C (C. Cammà)

20.00 Dinner

Friday 2 October 9.00-12.45

9.00-9.30 Formulation of protocols for systematic review of diagnostic test accuracy studies (D. Nikolova)

9.30-10.15 Systematic review of diagnostic test accuracy studies (M. Fraquelli)

10.15-11.00 Search strategy for Cochrane systematic review of diagnostic test accuracy (D. Beecher)

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.00 The quality assessment of studies of diagnostic test accuracy (Quadas) (M. Fraquelli)

12.00-12.45 Formulation of protocol for systematic review of randomised clinical trials on clinical value of a diagnostic test (C. Gluud)

12.45-14.00 Lunch

Friday 2 October 14.00-19.30

14.00-14.45 Evaluation of efficacy systematic review of randomised clinical trials (C. Cammà)

14.45-15.45 Medical decision analysis, utility and expected utility, cost-benefit ratio and decisional thresholds. (A. Colli)

15.45-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-18.00 Break out session

1° Systematic review of diagnostic test accuracy studies (K Thorlund)

2° Systematic review of randomised clinical trials of the value of diagnostic tests (C. Gluud)

18.00-18.30 Reporting of results of breaking out session (All faculty)

18.30-19.30 How to survive to EBM (P.M. Mannucci, A. Liberati)

20.30 Farewell dinner

Saturday 3 October 9.00-12.30

9.00-9.15 Summary (C. Gluud)

9.15-10.00 Clinical challenges (D. Conte)

10.00-10.30 Workshop evaluation (All faculty)

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Workshop exam and potential workshop diploma (All faculty)

12.00-14.00 Lunch and Farewell

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Registration: 1 June - 6 September 2009

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In case of overbooking selection will be based on personal curriculum

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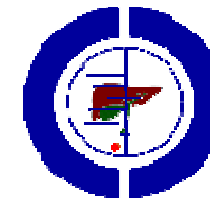
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