

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VENTILATORY SUPPORT IN ELDER. PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE PATIENTS.

1° EDITION - Hybrid Meeting

Hotel Royal Continental

6th- 7th MARCH 2026 - Naples (Italy)









March 6th

- **08.45-09.00** Registration
- **09.00-09.10** Introduction to the Conference *Nicola Vargas* (Avellino Italy)
- **09.10-09.30** Introductive lecture on Niv and biphasic cuirass ventilation in elderly patients: epidemiology and future perspectives **Antonio M. Esquinas** (Murcia Spain)
- 09.30-11.40 | SESSION "MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND NIV IN ELDERLY"
- **09.30-09.50** Lecture "The new therapeutic strategy in elderly COPD in light of Gold guidelines: triple and dual inhalation therapy" *Alberto Papi* (Ferrara Italy)
- 09.50-10.10 Impact of lung and heart comorbidities on acute and chronic respiratory failure

 Pasquale Abete (Naples Italy)
- 10.10-10.30 Pneumonia in the elderly: the role of NIV and HFNC Filippo Fimognari (Cosenza Italy)
- 10.30-10.50 Management of elderly patients with Delirium syndrome in elderly patients with acute respiratory failure Virginia Boccardi (Perugia - Italy)
- 10.50-11.10 NIV use in elder medical conditions

 Antonello Nicolini (Genoa Italy)
- 1 1.10-1 1.30 Chronic venous insufficiency, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism and post-thrombotic syndrome *Elisa Salsano* (Avellino Italy)



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- 11.40-12.00 COFFEE BREAK
- 12.00-14.00 II SESSION "PALLIATIVE NIV"
- 12.00-12.20 Lecture "NIV in Palliative Medicine and END-OF-LIFE Care: the perspectives of patients, families and clinicians"

 Andrea Fabbo (Modena Italy)
- 12.20-12.40 NIV in Neuromuscular patients (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and other conditions)

 Giuseppe Fiorentino (Naples Italy)
- 12.40-13.00 Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and NIV *Corrado Mollica* (Rome - Italy)
- 13.00-13.20 Respiratory failure and critically ill cancer patients

 S. Egbert Pravinkumar (Texas USA)
- 13.20-13.40 Quality of life and complications after percutaneous tracheostomy
 Maria Vargas (Naples Italy)
- 13.40-14.00 DISCUSSION
- 14.00-15.00 LUNCH



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- 15.00-17.20 III SESSION "MECHANICAL VENTILATION IN ELDERLY"
- 15.00-15.20 Lecture "Mechanical Ventilation in elderly patients: the timing" Bushra Mina (New York USA)
- 15.20-15.40 Ventilatory modes in elderly: pressure support ventilation and other ventilatory options.
 Sven Stieglitz (Wuppertal Germany)
- 15.40-16.00 Weaning mechanical ventilation in elderly Giuseppe Servillo (Naples - Italy)
- 16.00-16.20 Sedation and analgesia in mechanical mentilation Luigi Vivona (Naples - Italy)
- 16.20-16.40 Intubation and reintubation conditions

 Paolo Ruggeri (Messina Italy)
- 16.40-17.00 DISCUSSION
- 17.00-17.20 Lecture "Sarcopenia in non invasive ventilation"

 Giuseppe Rengo (Naples-Italy)



March 7th

- 08.30-10.30 IV SESSION "COMPLEMENTARY USE OF NIV AND CHRONIC STABLE CONDITIONS"
- **08.30-08.50** Lecture "Use of NIV in non-surgery procedures in elderly patients (sedation, bronchoscopy, gastroscopy)" Raffaele Scala (Arezzo - Italy)
- **08.50-09.10** Nocturnal NIV in COPD patients with prolonged Hypercapnia after ventilatory support for acute respiratory failure **Zühal Karakurt** (Istanbul Türkiye)
- **09.10-09.30** The role of NIV home in elderly patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease **Dario Leosco** (Naples -Italy)
- **09.30-09.50** The role of respiratory physiotherapy during non-invasive ventilation: devices and indications **Salvatore Musella** (Naples Italy)
- **09.50-10.10** Complementary use of NIV and Therapy of COPD and pulmonary fibrosis *Giorgio Castellana* (Bari Italy)
- 10.10-10.30 DISCUSSION
- 10.30-10.00 COFFEE BREAK



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- 11.00-12.40 V SESSION "OUTCOME"
- 1 1.00-1 1.20 Lecture "Predictors of outcome of NIV in elder, palliative and END-OF-LIFE care patients"

 Francesco Panero (Turin Italy)
- 1 1.20-1 1.40 Prognosis following acute exacerbation of COPD treated with non-invasive mechanical ventilation

 Giancarlo Garuti (Reagio Emilia Italy)
- 11.40-12.00 Legal Issues (Surrogacy Laws Informed Consent)
 Nicola Vargas (Avellino Italy)
- 12.00-12.20 Hospital organizations of ARF in elderly, palliative and END-OF-LIFE.

 The role of scientific society

 Andrea Cavalli (Rome Italy)
- 12.20-12.40 DISCUSSION
- 12.40-13.00 Closure of Conference and recommendations for the future *Nicola Vargas* (Avellino Italy)



GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE:

Hotel Royal Continental Via Partenope 38/44 - 80121 - Naples - Italy

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:

The official language of the Conference is English

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IS A HYBRID CONFERENCE:

This will allow attendees to participate in-person or online through a dedicated virtual conference platform.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration fees	EARLY REGISTRATION (until February 1)	LATE REGISTRATION (until February 2)
IN PERSON ## IN PRESENZA	350,00 €	450,00 €
ONLINE CONNECTION COLLEGAMENTO DA REMOTO	175,00 €	225,00 €
RESIDENT SESSIDENT SPECIALIZZANDO	100,00 €	150,00 €
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Registration fees includes: admission to all the conference, conference materials, CME points, coffee breaks and lunch, certificate of participation.

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SEGRETERIA SCIENTIFICA

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