THE GREAT CONTROVERSIES

This session will deal with the great debates currently discussed in the world of venous access devices, such as:

- The actual risk of venous thrombosis related to the use of PICCs
- The role of interventional radiology in the insertion of VADs
- The advantages of PICCs over CVCs in terms of risk of blood stream infection
- The cost-effectiveness of the currently available technique for tip navigation during tip insertion
- The most appropriate method of tip location in patient with atrial fibrillation candidate to central line insertion
- The most appropriate VAD for long term home parenteral nutrition
- How to choose the most cost-effective needleless connector
- The proper indication to epicutaneous-caval catheters vs. ultra sound guided CICCs in neonates
- Differential role of PICCs, tunnelled cuffed catheters and ports in the oncological patient
- Different technologies for 24/7 release of chlorhexidine on the exit site of non-tunnelled central lines
- The actual role of antibacterial coated central lines in clinical practice

RECOMMENDED BUT NOT ADOPTED: WHY?

Many strategies and technologies – currently recommended by the international guidelines on the basis of strong scientific evidence – are not consistently adopted or overtly ignored. We will discuss the evidence as well as the strategies for implementation of several of these recommendations:

- The adoption of cyanoacrylate glue in sealing the exit site of VADs, in terms of security, protection from extraluminal contamination and reduction of local bleeding
- Wireless devices for ultrasound venipuncture as well as for intracavitary ECG method
- The reappraisal of brachial ports (so called ‘PICC ports’)
- A new device: the ‘long peripheral cannula’ (or ‘mini-midine’)
- Clinical indication to tunnelled cuffed PICCs
- Lock with taurolidine and/or citrate for prevention of catheter-related infections

THE NEW STUFF

A lot of novelties - both in terms of technology and methodology - have appeared in the last two years, still struggling to get to the status of scientific evidence or to enter the clinical practice, we will try to cover most of them:

- The new devices for securement of VADs: subcutaneously inserted sutureless devices, securement devices in-built in transparent dressings, etc.
- Port protectors for the continuous disinfection of needle-free transparent dressings, etc.
- Inserted sutureless devices, securement devices in-built in clinical practice
- Tunneling of non-cuffed PICCs and CICCs

LOOKING FOR A WORLDWIDE NETWORK

While representatives from more than 30 countries usually attend the WoCoVA, still there are many (and profound) differences among the policies of indication, insertion and maintenance of venous access devices in different countries. One of the institutional goals of WoCoVA is to facilitate the communication and the worldwide exchange of experiences, so to improve and spread the culture of venous access devices in every part of the world, with special attention to some aspects such as:

- Sharing common guidelines and policies
- Certification of competence in the field of vascular access
- Possibility of international studies
- Worldwide approach to legal or ethical sensitive issues in the field of VAD
- The role of nurses in PICC insertion
- The international role of WoCoVA in the next few years

ALSO...

Some sessions will be run in collaboration with other vascular access societies. A special session dedicated to VAS - the European Vascular Access Society for Dialysis access - will address several issues related to the insertion and maintenance of venous catheters for hemodialysis, discussing techniques and methodologies potentially relevant also for non-dialysis access. Another special session will be reserved to GAVeCeLT – the Italian Group of Venous Access Devices – which will present the results of two important consensus documents developed by the Group, one focused on the most appropriate lock for non-dialysis venous access devices and the other on the use of PICCs for home care. Finally, a special session will be dedicated to the state of the art of venous access in Portugal, the country which will be hosting WoCoVA 2016.

ON THE EDUCATIONAL SIDE...

June 20 and 21, the fourth edition is scheduled of the course, developed by the International PAN (PICC Academy Network), to examine and certify PICC trainers.

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE…!

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

Scientific sessions with top level speakers, organized by well known companies on vascular access products and procedures.

ORAL AND POSTER ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts can be submitted on the various topics and will be presented as part of the scientific sessions.