

22nd Annual Critical Care Symposium

Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel
Portland Street
Manchester
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Portland Suite

Programme

April 23rd April 2026

07.45 – 08.45

Registration

Plenary session in International Suite

08.45 – 0900

Introduction

Dr Ram Matsa

09.00 – 10.50

Plenary Session in International suite

10.50 – 11.10

Coffee Break

Controversies - 1: Chair Persons: Dr Lauro Prisco/Dr Daniel Rapple

11.10 – 11.25

Is prophylactic hemodynamic optimization of
high risk surgical patient a bad idea?

Prof Bernard Cholley

11.25 – 11.40

To use AI in diagnosis and decision support or not.

Dr Gareth Kitchen

11.40 – 11.55

Static Indices of Fluid Responsiveness:
Obsolete or Still Relevant?

Prof Amol Kothekar

11.55 – 12.10

Should we use antifungal agents in
intraabdominal infection?

Prof Marc Leone

12.10 – 12.25

Challenging dogma

Prof Mervyn Singer

12.25 – 12.45

Questions

12.45 – 13.40

Lunch

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Haemodynamics

Chairpersons: Prof Manu Shankar-Hari / Prof Mervyn singer

13.45 – 14.00	The B-profile of the BLUE-protocol in hemodynamic pulmonary edema. An update.	Prof Daniel Lichtenstein
14.00 – 14.15	haemodynamic monitoring - use of PA catheter	
	U/S – TOE	Dr Donna Hall
14.15 – 14.30	Highlights from the (hopefully) 2025 ESICM guidelines on shock and hemodynamic monitoring	Prof Michelle Chew
14.30 – 14.45	Haemodynamic effects of PEEP	Prof Xavier Monnet
14.45 – 15.05	Questions	

15.05 – 15.30 Coffee Break

Neuro Critical Care

Chairpersons: Prof Filippo Annoni/ Prof Tonny Veeneth

15.30 – 15.45	EEG in critical care - from logistics, indications, to clinical applications	Dr Laura Prisco
15.45 – 16.00	How to prevent ventilator associated infection in Neuro ventilated pts?	Prof Ian Seppelt
16.00 – 16.15	subarachnoid haemorrhage (SAH), an orphan disease that requires more help and attention.	Prof Tonny Veeneth
16.15 – 16.30	Movers and shakers! All that shakes is not seizure?	
16.30 – 16.45	critical care considerations related to involuntary movements	Prof Aarti Sarwal
	Questions	

Topics-2

Chairpersons: Dr Ms Katerina Illiapolou/Prof Paul dark

16.45 – 17.00	Haematological emergencies for the intensivist (HLH/ TTP/ sickle cell);	Dr Victoria Metaxa
17.00 – 17.15	Aspect of Bleeding, Coagulopathy, and DIC: same phenomenon, different perspective	Dr Yoshiro Kobe
17.15 – 17.30	Gattinoni's sodium bicarbonate challenge test	Dr Niles Van Regenmort
17.30 – 17.45	making sense of the vascular waterfall	Dr Ashley Miller
17.45 – 18.00	Questions	

19.00 for 19.30 Symposium Dinner Park Suite

21.30 After Dinner speak Prof Paul Barach

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April 24th 2026

08.00 – 09.00

Registration

09.00 – 09.30

Plenary Session - Keynote address in Main Auditorium

Topics - 3

Chairpersons:

Prof Barbara Philips / Prof Xavier Monnet

09.35 – 09.50

The small museum of horrors of LUCI
(lung ultrasound in the critically ill).

Prof Daniel Lichtenstein

09.50 – 10.05

Supporting the bereaved child in the adult ICU.

Dr Katerina Iliopoulou

10.05 – 10.20

Acute Brain Injury

Prof Ian Seppelt

10.20 – 10.35

To be announced

Dr Miguel tavares

10.35 – 11.00

Questions

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee Break

Topics

Chairpersons:

Prof Suveer Singh/ Prof Fang Gao Smith

11.30 – 11.45

End of life care at home from critical care

Dr Donna Hall

11.45 – 12.00

multi-morbidity and its impacts in planning
global critical care

Prof Paul Dark

12.00 – 12.15

Staffing in ICU

Prof Natalie Pattison

12.15 – 12.30

Recognizing Bias in Critical Care Practice:

Prof Don Chalfin

12.30 – 12.50

Questions

12.50 – 13.45

Lunch

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Biomarkers

Chairpersons:

Dr Niels Van Regenmortel/ Prof Marlies Ostermann

13.45 – 14.00	Emerging Biomarkers in Sepsis and Critical Care Medicine	Prof Don Chalfin
14.00 – 14.15	Role of AKI biomarkers in clinical practice	Prof Marlies Ostermann
14.15 – 14.30	Delirium biomarkers (serum and electrophysiological)	Dr Laura Prisco
14.30 – 14.45	Does IL-6 levels predict treatment response to IL6 blockers in COVID-19?	Prof Manu Shankar-Hari
14.45 – 15.00	Questions	

15.00 – 15.20

Coffee Break

15.20 – 17.00

Closing session at the International Suite
Exciting closing lecture – do not miss