

22nd Annual Critical Care Symposium

Programme

Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel
Portland Street
Manchester
M1 4PH
International Suite

April 23rd 2026

07.45 – 08.45 **Registration**

08.45 – 09.00 **Introduction** **Dr Ramprasad Matsa**

Keynote Address

09.00 – 09.30 **Back to basics in the world of AI** **Prof Jan Bakker**

Chairpersons: **Dr Ramprasad Matsa**
Prof Fang Gao Smith

What is coming?

09.30 – 09.45	The new SOFA -2 score	Prof Mervyn Singer
09.45 – 10.00	The Pursuit of Equity and Equality in Intensive Care: Not Just About Women	Prof Sheila N Myatra
10.00 – 10.15	How the results of ANDROMEDA SHOCK-2 should affect your early treatment of septic shock	Prof Jan Bakker
10.15 – 10.30	Fluid responsiveness: what's new in 2026	Prof Xavier Monnet
10.30 – 10.50	Questions	

10.50 – 11.10 **Coffee Break**

Sepsis

Chairpersons: **Prof Marc Leone/Prof Marlies Ostermann**

11.10 – 11.25	Why understanding vaccine biology in sepsis survivors is important to enhance survivorship?	Prof Manu Shankar-Hari
11.25 – 11.40	Does echocardiography define sepsis induced myocardial dysfunction?	Prof Michelle Chew
11.40 – 11.55	Managing Sepsis in Oncology Patients: Key Differences from the General Population	Prof Amol Kothekar
11.55 – 12.10	Organ Perfusion	Dr Ashley Miller
12.10 – 12.30	Questions	

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Pro – Con Debate: Everybody’s Got the Fever—But Post-Cardiac Arrest, **We’re Not Sweating it!!**
Is temperature control gone in post cardiac arrest?

Chairperson: Prof Tonny Veeneth

12.30 – 12.45 Pro Prof Aarti Sarwal

12. 45 – 13.00 Con Prof Filippo Annoni

13.00 – 13.10 Questions

13.10 – 14.00 **Lunch**

Antibiotics

Chairpersons: Prof Jan De Waele/ Dr Victoria Meaxa

14.00 – 14.15 When to start and when to stop antibiotics in suspected sepsis Prof Paul Dark

14.15 – 14.30 Antimicrobial therapy for sepsis and septic shock – what is new in the Surviving Sepsis Guidelines? Prof Jan de Waele

14.30 – 14.45 Get the dose right: therapeutic drug monitoring for effective antibiotic dosing in sepsis Prof Paul Dark

14.45 – 15.00 Antimicrobial stewardship in ICU and beyond Prof Marc Leone

15.00 – 15.20 Questions

15.20– 15.50 **Coffee Break**

Controversies_1

Chairpersons : Prof Paul Barach / Dr Gareth Kitchen

15.50 – 16.05 ICU admission solely for organ donation support Dr Victoria Metaxa

16.05 – 16.20 Should we still use chlorhexidine oral care? Yes or no? Dr Katerina Iliopoulou

16.20 – 16.35 Do we really need the word ‘sepsis’ ? Prof Jean-Louis Vincent

16.35 – 16.50 Is precision medicine possible within Surviving Sepsis Campaign? Prof Manu Shankar Hari

16.50 – 17.00 Questions

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Education and Ethics

Chair Persons :

Prof Niall Fergusson/ Prof Don Chalfin

17.00 – 17.15	Levelling the Field: Achieving Equity and Equality in Intensive Care	Prof Sheila N Myatra
17.15 – 17.30	Inequity in clinical care, demonstrating how it significantly impacts patient outcomes	Prof Tonny Veeneth
17.30 – 17.45	The pro's and cons of increasing complexity of trial methodology	Dr Gareth Kitchen
17.45 – 18.00	Everything you wanted to know about accreditation in Critical Care Ultrasound but were afraid to ask"	Dr Segun Olusanya
18.00 – 18.20	Questions	

19.00 for 19.30

Symposium Dinner

Park Suite

After Dinner Talk

21.30 – 22.00	Exceptional ICU Care: The Vital Role of Clinical Governance Prof Paul Barach
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Tutorials/Workshops/Round Table

11.10 – 12.30	Round Table	Fluid resuscitation – indications, limitations, risks, fluid tolerance
	Park Lane:	Moderators: Prof Jan Baker
	Panel:	Dr Jonathan Wilkinson, Dr Cosmin Balan Prof Sheila N Myatra, Prof Xavier Monnet
11.10 – 12.10	Congress Room:	Tutorial: Dr Niels Van Regenmortel
		Acid base all you need to know with Steward's and Traditional Approach
11.10 – 12.10		
	Board Room:	Workshop: Prof Suveer Singh
		Bronchoscopy in ICU – all you need to know
11.10 – 12.10	Park Avenue:	
	Round Table:	All you need to know about clinical trials, design, conduct and publishing
		Moderator: Prof Ian Seppelt
		Panel: Prof Tonny Veenth / Prof Fang Gao smith / Dr Gareth Kitchen

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Tutorials/Workshops/Round Table

14.00 – 1500

Park Lane: **Tutorial:** How to Read, Understand, and Conduction a Health
Economic Analysis: An Evidenced Based Approach
to Cost-Effectiveness Analysis
Prof Don Chalfin

Congress Room: **Tutorial:** Prescribing in critical illness
Prof Barbara Philips

Park Avenue: **Tutorial:** Tools to address and improve Safety and
Quality in Critical Care
Prof Paul Barach

1600 – 1700

Park Lane: **Tutorial:** “Basic cardio-vascular physiology:
what do intensivists should know”
Prof Xavier Monnet
Prof Jan Baker

Park Avenue: **Tutorial:** Delirium in ICU
Moderator: Dr Peter Spronk
Panel: Dr Lauro Prisco

Congress room: **Tutorial:**

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08.00 – 09.00

Registration

Keynote address

Chairpersons

Prof Hatem Soliman Aboumarie/
Prof Barbara Philips

09.00 – 09.30

To be announced

? Prof Marlies Osternmann

Topics

Same Chairpersons

09.30 – 09.45

SDD – is there a place in 2026

Prof Ian Seppelt

09.45 – 10.00

CARMAT total artificial heart : end of the story?

[Prof Bernard Cholley](#)

10.00 – 10.15

Optimal PaO2

Prof Jean-Louis Vincent

10.15 – 10.35

Post operative delirium in Adult and Kids

Prof Fang Gao Smith

10.35 – 10.50

Questions

10.50– 11.10

Coffee Break

Pro-con debate:

Biomarkers to guide antimicrobial use in sepsis and septic shock

Chairperson:

Prof Don Chalfin

11.10 – 11.25

Pro Prof Paul Dark

11.25 – 11.40

Con Prof Jan De Waele

11.40 – 11.50

Questions

Pro - Con Debate

Lactate should not be part of the variables that should be monitored in shock

Chairperson:

Prof Mervyn Singer

11.50 – 12.05

Pro Prof Jean Louis Vincent

12.05 – 12.20

Con Prof Jan Baker

12.20 – 12.30

Questions

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

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ICU Issues

Chairpersons: Prof Michelle Chew / Dr Donna Hall

13.30 – 13.45	Difficult airway management in ICU	Dr Donna Hall
13.45 – 14.00	The elderly patients in the ICU	Prof Marc Leone
14.00 – 14.15	How I assess the effectiveness of a fluid bolus?	Prof Xavier Monnet
14.15 – 14.30	End of life care in ICU	Prof Natalie Pattison
14.30 – 14.45	Prescribing in elderly critically ill patients	Prof Barbara Philips
14.45 – 15.00	Questions	

15.00 – 15.20 Coffee Break

Chairpersons: Dr Ramprasad Matsa/ Dr Peter Spronk

Updates in Critical Care

15.20 – 15.35	Effects of outdoor exposure to ICU patients	Dr Peter Spronk
15.35 – 15.50	Burns inhalation injury – state of the art update	Prof Suveer Singh
15.50 – 16.05	Emerging Biomarkers in Sepsis and Critical Care Medicine	Prof Don Chalfin
16.05 – 16.20	Questions	

Closing Lecture

16.20 – 16.50	AI in the ICU: enhancing or eliminating the Intensivist?	Dr Jonny Wilkinson
16.50 – 17.00	Closing Remarks	Dr Ramprasad Matsa

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09.35 – 10.35

Park Lane: **Tutorial:** How to monitor early resuscitation efforts in septic shock patients
Prof Jan Bakker

09.35 to 11.00

Park Avenue **Round Table:** POCUS in Critically Ill Patients-case presentations
Moderator: Dr Ashraf ALTayar
Panel: Prof Funda Gok / Dr Segun Olusanya
Dr Ashley Miller

10.00 – 11.00

Board Room: **Workshop:** Bronchoscopy in ICU – all you need to know
Prof Suveer Singh

11.00 – 12.00

Park Lane: **Tutorial:** How to manage the haemodynamics in shock
Dr Ashley Miller/Prof Michelle Chew

Park Avenue: **Tutorial:** Physiology of heart lung interactions, Bedside applications
Prof Michel Slama

Congress Room:

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12.10 – 13.00

Congress Room: Interesting cases in ICU Prof Suveer Singh

12.10 – 13.00

Park Lane:

Round Table

Antimicrobial in ICU

Moderator: Prof Marc Leone

Panel: Prof Barbara Philips, Prof Jan De Waele, Katarina Illiopolou

Park Avenue:

Round Table

Why intensive care outcomes haven't improved
as much as expected

Prof Paul Barach/Prof Jan Baker/Prof Sheila N myatra,

14.00 - 15.00

Park Lane:

Tutorial:

Want to get published? Tips for trainees

Prof Michelle Chew

Park Avenue: