

22nd Annual Critical Care Symposium

Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel

Portland Street

Manchester

M1 4PH

Senate Suite

Programme

April 23rd April 2026

07.45 – 08.45 Registration

08.45 – 10.50 Plenary session in International Suite

11.10 – 12.10

Ventilation - ARDS

Chairpersons: Dr Miguel Tavares/ Prof Niall Fergusson

11.10 – 11.25	Echocardiography in ARDS patient's for hemodynamic assessment	Dr Ashraf Al Tayar
11.25 – 11.40	Optimizing Ventilation in ARDS	Prof Salvatore Maggiore
11.40 – 11.55	Don't forget to measure airway opening pressure in ARDS patients	Prof Michel Slama
11.55 – 12.10	How we will manage ARDS in the future	Prof Jean-Louis Vincent
12.10 – 12.25	To be announced	Prof Niall Fergusson
12.25 – 12.50	Questions	

12.50 – 13.50 Lunch

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Weaning

Chairpersons: Prof Ian Seppelt / Dr Yoshiro Kobe

13.50 – 14.05	Diaphragmatic Ultrasound vs NAVA in prediction of weaning	Dr Ashraf Al Tayar
14.05 – 14.20	Protocolised and computer driven weaning	Prof Salvatore M Maggiore
14.20 – 14.35	Weaning failure from cardiac origin	Prof Xavier Monnet
14.35 – 14.50	Questions	

Pro Con Debate **Passive Leg Raising (PLR) - is it useful/reliable to assess fluid responsiveness? YES/NO**

Chairperson: Prof Xavier Monnet

14.50 – 15.05	Pro	Dr Segun Olusanya
15.05 – 15.20	Con	Dr Cosmin Balan
15.20 – 15.30	Questions	

15.30 – 15.45 **Coffee Break**

Vasopressors

Chairpersons: Dr Victoria Metaxa / Dr Ms Katerina Iliopoulou

15.45 – 16.00	RAAS in 2025: certitudes and opportunities / a topic on non-adrenergic vasopressors	Prof Filippo Annoni
16.00 – 16.15	Rationale use of inotropes in the critically ill patient	Prof Michelle Chew
16.15 – 16.30	Multimodal vasopressor use in septic shock	Prof Marc Leone
16.30 – 16.45	Questions	

Renal

Chairpersons: Dr Laura Prisco/ Prof Paul Dark

16.45 – 17.00	How to protect the kidneys	Prof Jean-Louis Vincent
17.00 – 17.15	AKI in liver cirrhosis – what is new?	Prof Marlies Ostermann
17.15 – 17.30	AKI, measuring kidney function in patients and/or augmented renal clearance	Prof Barbara Philips
17.30 – 17.45	AKI in ECMO patients / Management of CRRT in ECMO patients	Prof Marlies Ostermann
17.45 – 18.00	How to take the p**s on ITU – the key to unlocking the kidney	Dr Jonny wilkinso
18.00 – 18.15	Questions	

19.00 for 19.30 **Symposium Dinner** **Park suite**
After Dinner talk

21.30 Exceptional ICU Care: The Vital Role of Clinical Governance Prof Paul Barach

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08.00 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 09.30 Key note address in Main Auditorium

ECMO

Chairpersons: Dr Segun Olusanya/Prof Aarti Sarwal

09.35 – 09.50	The First Hours on V-A ECMO: Hemodynamic	
	Priorities After Cannulation	Dr Daniel Rapple
09.50 – 10.05	VA ECMO supporting complex cardiac surgery	Dr Donna Hall
10.05 – 10.20	Echo in short term. Mechanical circulatory support	Prof Hatem Soliman Aboumarie
10.20 – 10.30	Questions	

10.30 – 10.50 Coffee Break

Fluids

Chair Persons: Dr Ashley Miller/Dr Jonathan Wilkinson

10.50 – 11.05	Should we predict fluid responsiveness for everyone?	Prof Sheila Nynan Myatra
11.05 – 11.20	Fluid decision in Septic shock:	
	How much is too much, Echo knows better	Dr Ashraf Al Tayar
11.20 – 11.35	Ultrasound assessment of Congestion	Prof Hatem Soliman Aboumarie
11.35 – 11.50	Goal Directed Fluid Deresuscitation/Evacuation	Dr Cosmin Balan
11.50 – 12.05	Questions	

Basics

Chairpersons: Dr Amol Kothekar/ Prof Mervyn Singer

12.05 – 12.20	The macro - to microcirculatory coupling in sepsis.	
	A real clinical problem?	Prof Jan Bakker
12.20 – 12.35	lactate beyond: how lactate can be used to treat	
	critically ill patients	Prof Filippo Annoni
12.35 – 12.50	Heart lung interactions - pathophysiology	Prof Michel Slama
12.50 – 13.00	Questions	

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Management of Acute Medical conditions

Chair Persons: Prof Xavier Monnet/ Prof Ian Seppelt

1345 – 14. 05	postpartum ICU - what's really dangerous – what are the pitfalls?	Dr Christian Sitzwohl
14.05– 14.20	Management of hyponatraemia	Prof Mervyn Singer
14.20 – 14.35	The abdominal compartment in critical illness: monitoring, prevention, and response	Prof Jan De Waele
14.35 – 14.50	Problems of sodium Overload	Dr Niels Van Regenmortel
14.50 – 15.00	Questions	

15.00 – 15.20 Coffee Break

15.20 – 17.00 Closing session in Main Auditorium
Exciting closing lecture – do not miss