



Joint RSCN-MeFAVS workshop

Managing chronic diseases in the COVID-19 pandemic storm: the case for diabetes complications

December 2nd, 2020

10.00-13.30

Globally, our societies are faced with a number of health challenges, that cross country boundaries and hence require concerted global policies aimed at implementing sustainable approaches. Health inequalities, public health emergencies, environmental factors affect high, medium and low income countries, where they hinder humans to achieve their full potential.

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has created additional pressures on health and care systems globally. Providers now find they are having to manage the response to the pandemic and at the same time ensure regular health and care services are available. For those patients with chronic disease, such as diabetes, this is particularly important in ensuring there is no detrimental impact on their quality of life. This may mean the development of new care pathways and/or the adoption of innovative solutions are necessary to improve the outcomes for patients, manage health and care systems more effectively, and reduce the pressures on consultants, doctors and other health and care professionals. Evidence-based patient centered technology and digital innovations along with new ways of working, such as multi-disciplinary teams are capable of supporting the transformation of health and social care systems to address such challenges being faced.

This event is being organised jointly by the RSCN and MeFAVS, as part of a joint agreement to build knowledge capacity across their respective through stimulating discussion on topical matters; share innovative good practices and learning; and identify opportunities for wider collaboration.

AGENDA

10.00 Welcome Triassi M.

Introduction. Bracale G., Hoballah J.J., Illario M.

10.15 Opening session

The global view

Chairman: Illario M., Carriazo A.

- Innovative digital approaches to global health challenges. Perez Nuevo V.I.,
- The digital transformation of health and care. Pestina S.,
- The collaborative approach of the mHealth Hub. Belen Sotillos Gonzales B.,
- Examples of large scale mHealth programs: MASK ARIA. Bousquet J.

11.00 Discussion

11.15 Session 1

Chairman: Farrell J., Taurino M.

Epidemiology of diabetes, looking at:

- Southern Mediterranean Shore. Hussein E.,
- Northern Mediterranean Shore. Serra R,
- Middle East Area. Hoballah J.J.,
- Greece Area. Saratzis N.,
- Eastern Adriatic Area. Cvjetko I.,
- Central-Nothern Europe. Saleem B.

12.05 Discussion

12.15 Session 2

Innovative approaches for the management of diabetes and its complications

Chairman: Roller-Wirnsberger R., Iaccarino G.

- Multidisciplinary integrated approach to the management of diabetic complications. Sraieb T.,
- How Covid-19 changed the situation in vascular disease. Bouayed N.M.
- Current treatment of diabetic retinopathy. Martinez Brocca M.A.,
- Scaling innovative approaches for diabetes: bottlenecks and enablers. Gizem Nacak K.
- Managing diabetes during the pandemic in the perspective of the specialistic care. Annuzzi G.

13.15 Discussion: Roller-Wirnsberger R., Iaccarino G.

13.30 Conclusions & Final remarks: Illario M., Bracale G., Farrell J.

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