



2026 GAVeCeLT Event
Roma, Auditorium del Massimo, December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 2026
in collaboration with WoCoVA e IVAS



5th PICC-port Conference
14th GAVeCeLT Congress
19th PICC Day

December 1st
2:00–6:30 p.m.
5th PICC-port Conference

Chairmen: Roberto Biffi and Mauro Pittiruti

2:00 p.m.

Introduction: PICC-ports in Italy Today

Mauro Pittiruti (30 min)

2:30–3:10 p.m.

Session 1: Indications

Choosing Between External Catheters and Ports: A Comparison of GAVeCeLT-IVAS
Recommendations and International Guidelines – *Fulvio Pinelli (10')*

The PICC port as the first-line device for chemotherapy in cancer patients – *Domenico
Merlicco (10')*

Alternative options to the PICC port: chest port, chest-to-arm port, FICC port – *Maria
Giuseppina Annetta (10')*

Discussion (10')

3:10–3:50 PM

Session Two: Implantation Techniques

The GAVeCeLT protocol for PICC-port implantation – *Andrea Musarò (10')*

The GAVeCeLT protocol for chest-port and chest-to-arm implantation – *Edoardo Piervincenzi (10')*

The GAVeCeLT protocol for FICC-port implantation – *Bruno Marche (10')*

Discussion (10')

3:50–4:30 p.m.

Session Three: Management

A New WoCoVA-GAVeCeLT-IVAS Algorithm for Safe Port Access – *Gloria Ortiz Miluy (10')*

Device Flushing and Maintenance of Patency – *Christian Dupont (10')*

Prevention and Treatment of Port Infections – *Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (10')*

Discussion (10')

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Clinical Experiences with PICC Ports

- Experiences in the U.S. – *Matt Ostroff*
- Experiences in Spain – *Rafael Angel Moron Cobos*
- Experiences in Italy – *Stefano Benvenuti – Alessandro Nasone – Marco Soldani*

5:30–6:10 p.m.

Session Four: Complications

Catheter-related thrombosis and fibroblastic sheath: diagnosis and treatment – *Fabrizio Brescia (10')*

Chemotherapy extravasation: strategies for effective prevention – *Mauro Pittiruti (10')*

Operator training as a fundamental strategy for preventing all complications related to implantation and management – *Laura Dolcetti (10')*

Discussion (10')

6:10–6:30 PM

Closing remarks

The Future of Totally Implanted Venous Access Devices

Fulvio Pinelli (20')

6:30 p.m. **End of the day**

December 2nd

9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

14th GAVeCeLT Congress

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

WoCoVA-GAVeCeLT Special Session

Updates from the 9th WoCoVA (Valencia 2026), as told by the key players

9:00 –10:00 a.m.

Updates from WoCoVA 2026 (1)

Moderated by Victor Rosenthal and Tim Spencer

Long-Term Venous Access – *Fulvio Pinelli (15')*

Catheter-Related Infections – *Marcia Ryder (15')*

The Lock – *Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (15')*

Discussion (15')

10:00–11:00 a.m.

Updates from WoCoVA 2026 (2)

Moderated by Matt Ostroff and Mauro Pittiruti

The femoral approach – *Maria Giuseppina Annetta (15')*

Tunneling – *Davide Giustivi (15')*

Arterial Catheters – *Tim Spencer (15')*

Discussion (15')

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Updates from WoCoVA 2026 (3)

Moderated by Gloria Ortiz Miluy and Giancarlo Scoppettuolo

Peripheral Access – *Adam Fabiani (15')*

Access in the Newborn – *Vito D'Andrea (15')*

Device Stabilization – *Fabrizio Brescia (15')*

Discussion (15')

12:00–1:00 p.m.

Updates from WoCoVA 2026 (4)

Moderated by Marcia Ryder and Fulvio Pinelli

Cyanoacrylate Adhesive – *Antonio Gidaro (15')*

Pediatric Access – *Alessandro Crocoli (15')*

Thrombotic Complications – *Mauro Pittiruti (15')*

Discussion (15')

1:00–3:00 p.m.

Oral Presentations Session

Satellite events

3:00–3:20 p.m.

Lecture

Catheter-Related Infections Around the World Today

Victor Rosenthal (20')

3:20–4:00 p.m.

Three New GAVeCeLT-IVAS 2026 Documents and Their Potential Impact at the National Level

Moderated by Daniele Elisei and Vincenzo Faraone

Position paper on informed consent – *Rita Celli (10')*

Position paper on skin antisepsis – *Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (10')*

Position paper on power injectability – *Giuseppe Capozzoli (10')*

Discussion (10')

4:00–4:20 p.m.

Lecture

Training of Healthcare Professionals in Venous Access Management: A Global, Still Unresolved Problem

Christian Dupont (20')

4:20–5:00 p.m.

The New GAVeCeLT-IVAS 2026 Recommendations for Home Venous Access

Moderated by Filippo Carlucci and Vincenzo Faraone

Selection of Venous Access for Out-of-Hospital Use – *Elisa Deganello (10')*

Home placement of PICC, FICC, and midline catheters – *Pietro Dormio (10')*

Management of home venous access – *Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (10')*

Discussion (10')

5:00–5:40 p.m.

GAVeCeLT Recommendations for Best Practices in Venous Access: A Comparison with International Recommendations

Moderated by Roberto Biffi and Tim Spencer

GAVeCeLT recommendations on venous access in critically ill patients – *Fulvio Pinelli (10')*

The GAVeCeLT-IVAS 2026 Consensus Document on Tip Location – *Vincenzo Faraone (10')*

The new DAV Expert 2026 algorithm (DAV Expert 2.0) – *Mauro Pittiruti (10')*

Discussion (10')

5:40–6:40 p.m.

From Evidence to Clinical Practice: GAVeCeLT Protocols for the Placement of External Central Venous Accesses

Moderated by Stefano Benvenuti and Antonio Dell'Anna

The SIP Protocol – *Antonio Gidaro (15')*

The SIC Protocol – *Emanuele Iacobone (15')*

The SIF protocol – *Bruno Marche (15')*

Discussion (15')

6:40–7:00 p.m.

Lecture

The WoCoVA NAVIGATE document: the importance of internationally agreed-upon terminology

Tim Spencer (20')

7:00 p.m.

Closing of the day

December 3rd
9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
19th PICC Day

9:00–9:30 a.m.

Introductory Lecture

PICCs in Italy today

Mauro Pittiruti (30 min)

9:30–11:00 a.m.

GAVeCeLT-IVAS Special Session - The Vascular Access Team

Vascular Access Team: The IVAS Perspective – *Fulvio Pinelli (10')*

Vascular Access Team: The GAVeCeLT Perspective – *Mauro Pittiruti (10')*

Remarks by the Italian Minister of Health – *Orazio Schillaci (10')*

Roundtable Discussion

The Vascular Access Team: A Strategic Infrastructure for Safe and Efficient Healthcare

Moderators: *Fulvio Pinelli and Mauro Pittiruti*

Participants: *Elena Bignami · Barbara Mangiacavalli · Giancarlo Scoppettuolo · Francesco Venneri · Alessandro Vergallo*

11:00–11:40 a.m.

The New GAVeCeLT-IVAS 2026 Protocols for the Placement of Peripheral Venous Access Devices

Moderators: *Adam Fabiani and Gloria Ortiz Miluy*

The ISCaPeC protocol – *Renata Bastos (10')*

The ISCaPeL protocol – *Davide Giustivi (10')*

The ISCaMid protocol – *Stefano Elli (10')*

Discussion

11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lecture

Virtual/Immersive Reality in Vascular Access Training

Matt Ostroff (20')

12:00–12:40 p.m.

GAVeCeLT and IVAS Collaborations with the Istituto Superiore di Sanità and Other Scientific Societies

Moderated by *Antonio Gidaro and Giada Maspero*

The ISS Bundle for the Prevention of Central Venous Catheter-Related Infections –
Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (10')

Recommendations for Good Clinical and Care Practices: Venous Access in Adults and
Children – *Daniele G. Biasucci (10')*

Discussion (10')

12:40–1:00 p.m.

Lecture

Selection and Use of Needleless Connectors and Disinfectant Caps: The State of the Art

Marcia Ryder (20')

1:00–3:00 p.m.

Oral Presentations

Satellite events

3:00–3:30 p.m.

GAVeCeLT-IVAS Special Session

Multidisciplinary Collaboration as a Guarantee of Quality Care

Remarks by the President of the Lazio Region – *Francesco Rocca (10')*

The Example of the Tuscany Region's Guidelines for Venous Access – *Fulvio Pinelli (10')*

Discussion (10')

3:30–4:00 p.m.

Lecture

Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of PICC and Midline Infections

Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (20')

Discussion (10 min)

4:00–4:30 p.m.

Thrombosis Associated with PICC and Midline Catheters

Moderated by Roberto Biffi and Fabrizio Brescia

Incidence of venous thrombosis and fibroblastic sheath in PICC and midline catheters –
Giovanna Passaro (10')

Nursing and medical expertise in the diagnosis of thrombosis – *Bruno Marche (10')*

Discussion (10')

4:30–5:00 p.m.

Skin Complications of Venous Access (CASI)

Moderated by Laura Dolcetti and Antonio Gidaro

Prevention of CASI – *Gloria Ortiz Miluy (10')*

Treatment of CASI – *Matrona Oliva (10')*

Discussion (10')

5:00–5:40 p.m.

Mechanical Complications of PICC and Midline Catheters

Moderated by Stefano Elli and Davide Giustivi

Algorithms for resolving malfunction/occlusion – *Edoardo Piervincenzi (10')*

Prevention of primary malposition: intra-procedural tip location – *Daniele Elisei (10')*

Diagnosis and treatment of tip migration – *Maria Giuseppina Annetta (10')*

Discussion (10')

5:40 – 6:00 p.m.

Lecture

The Present and Future of PICC and Midline Catheters

Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (20')

6:00 p.m.

Closing