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')

6:10–6:40 PM

Closing remarks

The socio-economic impact of PICC-ports – *Massimo Lamperti (15')*

The Future of Totally Implanted Venous Access Devices - *Fulvio Pinelli (15')*

6:40 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 Massimo Lamperti and Matt Ostroff
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