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PREvent-SSI Europe

PREventing Surgical Site Infections across Europe



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PROGRAM

Chairs: Claire Kilpatrick (UK), Elena Carrara (Italy)

Welcome and Introduction: Reinforcing a Collaborative European Network for Surgical Site Infection Prevention

Massimo Sartelli (connecting online from Italy)

Surgical Infections in Europe: Sharing Experiences and Building the Standards.

Ines Rubio-Perez (connecting online from Spain)

PERSPECTIVES FROM EUROPE - TABLE ROUND 1 10:30-12:15

Perspectives from Italy

Francesco Venneri (connecting online from Italy)

Perspectives from Spain

Josep Badia (connecting online from Spain)

Perspectives from Greece

Ioannis Galanis (connecting online from Greece)

Perspectives from Belgium

Gabrielle Van Ramshorst (connecting online from Belgium)

Perspectives from Slovenia

Tadeja Pintar (connecting online from Slovenia)

Discussion

Surgical site infections: Is it time for new definitions?

Giles Bond-Smith (connecting online from the UK)

From Evidence to Implementation: A SIMPIOS Multimodal, Continuous Improvement Approach to Prevent Surgical Site Infections

Massimo Sartelli (connecting online from Italy)

TABLE ROUND 2 12:30-14:00

Perspectives from Germany

Christian Eckmann (connecting online from Germany)

Perspectives from Ireland

Deborah McNamara (connecting online from Ireland)

Perspectives from Croatia

Goran Augustin (connecting online from Croatia)

Perspectives from Bulgaria

Boris Sakakushev (connecting online from Bulgaria)

Perspectives from Latvia

Margarita Ptasnuka (connecting online from Latvia)

Discussion

Take-home messages

Claire Kilpatrick (UK)

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The webinar will be broadcast live from the Congress venue in Verona, Italy, as a pre-congress session of the National Congress of the Italian Multidisciplinary Society for the Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections, and will be simultaneously streamed online to healthcare professionals across Europe.



By bringing together perspectives from eleven European countries, the meeting will provide an opportunity to compare national approaches, identify effective interventions and barriers to implementation, and explore the factors that facilitate or hinder the implementation of evidence-based SSI prevention practices.



The webinar will be free of charge and accessible to all healthcare professionals across Europe through a dedicated Zoom platform, allowing attendees to join and watch the event remotely from any location.

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