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CONSENSUS CONFERENCE ON DEEP ENDOMETRIOSIS

"Quality of surgery, quality of life"

PROMOTING COMMITTEE PRESIDENT: **Fiorenzo De Cicco**

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It is a pleasure to invite you to the 1st "Consensus Conference on Deep Endometriosis" which will cover the surgical aspects of deep endometriosis and will take place at the Catholic University of Rome on 22-24 April 2009.

The scientific, clinical and surgical interest, developed at our University, has led to the promotion in 2009 of two conferences of international relevance, the "Consensus Conference on Deep Endometriosis" and the "4th International Congress on Endometriosis".

The specific target of the "Consensus Conference on Deep Endometriosis", promoted by Fiorenzo De Cicco, is to focus on the diagnostic and surgical procedures in deep endometriosis, which represents the most severe form of endometriotic disease and is one of the most complex challenges in the field of laparoscopic surgery.

The treatment difficulties, the high rate of recurrence, the serious impact on the quality of life for the woman in terms of pelvic pain and infertility, the high social and economic costs, are all aspects which need to be addressed scientifically in order to develop a consensus for the ultimate approach to this particularly challenging aspect of endometriosis.

The programme, consisting of three main sections: the impact, the "consensus", and the live surgery, will involve all participants and will guarantee a meeting of high scientific quality, with clinical input from those who treat deep endometriosis.

We hope to see you in Rome along with your colleagues from all over Europe, in order to share opinions and stimulate discussion for both congresses organised by our institution in 2009!

Alessandro Caruso

Antonio Lanzone

Giovanni Scambia



Dear colleagues, dear friends

deep endometriosis represents a diagnostic and surgical challenge and is becoming increasingly more relevant due to the impact it can have on a woman's quality of life.

Deep endometriosis has subsequently ignited a global clinical and scientific interest.

This Consensus Conference will approach deep endometriosis from a scientific perspective starting from existing evidences in order to develop agreement and a global consensus on clinical guidelines addressed to the care of women with deep endometriosis.

The focus of the conference will be on how quality of surgery affects woman's quality of life.

The working group will comprise an international panel of experts in endometriosis care as well as representatives of women affected by endometriosis.

We believe this Consensus Conference will be an important occasion for the meeting of great minds and great skill, where those treating deep endometriosis can and will learn from each other with a view to improve the treatment of a disease that can have a profound effect on a woman's quality of life.

We welcome you to Rome in April.

Promoting Committee President

Fiorenzo De Cicco



Symposium

"Deep Endometriosis and Quality of Life"

Presidents: A. Caruso, L Hummelshoj

- 15.00 |
- Focusing on quality of life when dealing with patients with deep endometriosis: expectations, fears and the problem of fertility
 - The role of the World Endometriosis Research Foundation for researchers and for scientists
 - The Italian Endometriosis Association as a partner of a task force for the raising awareness of deep endometriosis
 - The European Network on Endometriosis: the first EU funded project on endometriosis
 - The impact of endometriosis and the importance of local institutions in ensuring high levels of care

Life with Endometriosis: women share their experience

OPENING CEREMONY WITH AUTHORITIES

- 18.30 | The role of the Italian Government in promoting endometriosis as a social disease

ITALIAN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES MINISTRY

Keynote lectures

- 19.00 |
- **Deep endometriosis: "learn more today"**
 - **Deep Endometriosis: the past, present and future**

20.00 | **Welcome Cocktail**

21.00 | **Concert for the woman affected by endometriosis**

Simultaneous translation will be provided.

Continuing Medical Education credits (CME) have been requested to the Health Minister for the "Symposium" (categories: doctors, general practitioners, psychologists, midwives and nurses)

Consensus Conference

Presidents: A. Lanzone, M. Moscarini, A. Wattiez

SESSION I DIAGNOSTIC WORKUP

- 09.00
- Pain symptoms and clinical examination: what can be done for a better and earlier diagnosis of deep endometriosis?
 - Imaging techniques (MRI, TAC, Barium Enema, IVP, Vaginal and Rectal Ultrasound): open discussion on results and application feasibility in the diagnosis and pre-operative assessment

MEMBERS OF THE JURY

The jury after comparison of available proof, opinions and on the base of speakers' clinical experience, develops a draft of recommendations for a good clinical practice on Deep Endometriosis Diagnosis.

OPEN MIND TO THE FUTURE

- Sonovaginography: a new tool for the mapping of deep endometriosis
- PET and scintigraphy for non invasive detection of deep endometriosis

SESSION II NEW INSIGHTS IN THE USE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT IN DEEP ENDOMETRIOSIS

- 11.00
- Is medical therapy a treatment option in primary or recurrent disease? Selection of patients and modulation of therapy.
 - The role of medical therapy in pre- and post- surgical management of women with deep endometriosis

MEMBERS OF THE JURY

The jury after comparison of available proof, opinions and on the base of speakers' clinical experience, develops a draft of recommendations for a good clinical practice on the value of medical therapy in the treatment of deep endometriosis.

OPEN MIND TO THE FUTURE

- Deep endometriosis and effect on reproduction

THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2009



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SESSION III FRONTIERS OF LAPAROSCOPIC TREATMENT

- 14.00
- The concept of radicality in deep endometriosis surgery
 - Selection criteria for bowel resection in recto-vaginal and sigmoidal endometriosis
 - Selection criteria for discoid resection in recto-vaginal and sigmoidal endometriosis

MEMBERS OF THE JURY

The jury after comparison of available proof, opinions and on the base of speakers' clinical experience, develops a draft of recommendations for a good clinical practice on Deep Endometriosis Treatment.

OPEN MIND TO THE FUTURE

- Quality of surgery: the need for endometriosis centres of excellence and quality control in endometriosis surgery

SESSION IV COMPLICATIONS MANAGEMENT IN ENDOMETRIOSIS SURGERY

- 16.00
- Bowel perforation following endometriosis surgery: the role of the laparoscopic team in the management
 - Approach to ureteral endometriosis: treatment options and laparoscopic management of lesions
 - Strategies for the early detection and management of complications

MEMBERS OF THE JURY

The jury after comparison of available proof, opinions and on the base of speakers' clinical experience, develops a draft of recommendations for a good clinical practice on Complications Management following deep endometriosis surgery.

OPEN MIND TO THE FUTURE

- Treatment of peritonitis: laparoscopic abdominal lavage

SESSION V A BETTER SURGEON-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP

- 18.00
- Informed consent and medico-legal aspects in deep endometriosis surgery
 - Should video recording be mandatory?

MEMBERS OF THE JURY

The jury after comparison of available proof, opinions and on the base of speakers' clinical experience, develops a draft of recommendations for a good clinical practice on the surgeon-patient relationship.

OPEN MIND TO THE FUTURE

- Is it correct to talk about "diagnostic delay" in deep endometriosis?

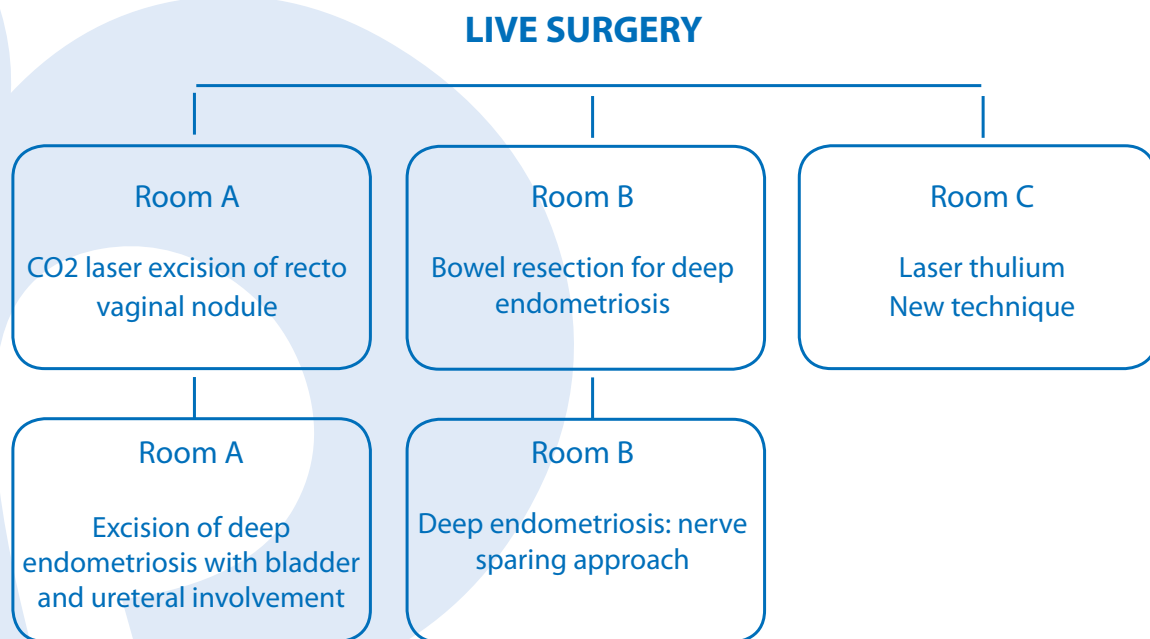
Live Surgery

Presidents: G. Scambia, P. Koninckx, G.B. Doglietto

Keynote Lecture

09.00 | Anatomic landmarks in deep endometriosis surgery

10.00-18.00 Live surgery from Gemelli Hospital



TOPICS OF DISCUSSION DURING LIVE SURGERY

- Effectiveness of laparoscopic excision of deep endometriosis
- Laser versus electro-surgery
- More steps in advanced surgery
- The pelvic surgeon

The official languages of the conference will be Italian and English, simultaneous translation will be provided.

Continuing Medical Education credits (CME) have been requested to the Health Minister for the "Consensus Conference" and the "Live Surgery" (categories: gynecologists, surgeons, urologists, anesthesiologists, nuclear medicine and internal medicine specialists, radiologists, general practitioners, midwives and nurses)

What is a Consensus Conference

"The Consensus Conference involves a group of people, in order to debate on strong social impact issues".

- *Consensus aspects: clear, explicit and shared evaluation of existing scientific evidences;*
- *Participants: experts, scientific societies' members, patients' representatives, politicians, Health General Directors and Managers, healthcare professionals*

The consensus conference is a tool to promote a multi-professional and interdisciplinary consultation process. The possibility to consult invited experts to obtain information and build a specific opinion in regard is the characteristic of a consensus. The discussion between audience and experts is mediated by the moderators. The experts, based on a detailed literature research and their own clinical experience provide updated information and answer to participants' questions avoiding any academic exposure. At the end of the consultation, after a discussion, the experts panel produces a document containing suggestions, proposals and considerations on the debated topic. The aim of the final document is to expose the different viewpoints and to clearly represent the agreement building process as the product of discussion between involved people.

The method of the consensus consists in a jury drafting recommendations after a presentation and consultation process of experts summarizing scientific knowledge on a fixed argument.

The jury, composed by specialists and non-specialists, listens to the experts' relation on any controversial aspect of the disease or the procedure in discussion and at the end of the presentations defines the answers to the main questions for a public presentation. This takes place in the presence of experts such as scientific societies representatives, and grants a first public debate on the elaborated suggestions.

The "Consensus Conference on Deep Endometriosis" will cover the following five topics of discussion:

- 1) Diagnostic Workup*
- 2) New Insights in the use of Medical Treatment in severe Endometriosis*
- 3) Frontiers of Laparoscopic Treatment*
- 4) Complications' Management in Endometriosis Surgery*
- 5) A Better Surgeon-Patient Relationship*

The Consensus Conference will end with a public presentation of the elaborated recommendations, following the Round Table method.

Fiorenzo De Cicco

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