

THE ECOSYSTEM OF EVIDENCE

Navigating the future of the ecosystem of evidence

Artificial intelligence and digital transformation
in research and healthcare

11th EBHC International Joint Conference | Taormina, 21st - 24th October 2026



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Welcome to our Conference

Welcome to the 11th EBHC International Conference, joint meeting with the 11th Conference of the International Society for Evidence-Based Health Care.

In this edition, the Conference delves into groundbreaking themes such as artificial intelligence (AI) and digital transformation in research, clinical practice, and healthcare service delivery.

The focus also extends to the digital realm, emphasizing the pivotal role of artificial intelligence and digital technologies in improving healthcare outcomes. As we navigate through these transformative times, our conference will serve as a platform for discussing and disseminating the latest advancements and their implications within the evidence ecosystem.

Join us as we explore important insights and practical strategies from top international experts and organizations on how AI is supporting the digital transformation of the three pillars of the evidence ecosystem:

- **Evidence generation:** explore how AI technologies are pioneering new methods for planning, conducting, analyzing, and reporting new studies. Discuss the integration of digital tools in evidence generation to meet emerging healthcare demands.



Welcome



- **Evidence synthesis:** delve into the impact of AI and digital tools on the synthesis of evidence. Learn about advanced methods that are revolutionizing the way systematic reviews are conducted and how they contribute to real-time, dynamic updates in clinical practice guidelines.
- **Evidence translation:** witness the transformation in evidence translation through digital innovation. Examine case studies where AI and digital tools have successfully implemented evidence into clinical practice, improving patient outcomes and healthcare efficiency.

Do not miss the opportunity to network with worldwide EBHC leaders in the wonderful frame of Taormina, the pearl of the Mediterranean Sea! This will be a very good use of your time and, as all the participants of the previous editions would ensure, you will come back home with your trolley filled of very relevant souvenirs: connections, friendships, beautiful places seen and, most important of all, new inspiring expertise.

Nino Cartabellotta

Chair of the 11th EBHC Conference
GIMBE Foundation

Gordon Guyatt

Co-Chair of the 11th EBHC Conference
International Society for Evidence-based Healthcare

Welcome

Our Speakers



Paul Glasziou
Bond University
Australia



Gordon Guyatt
McMaster University
Canada



John Ioannidis
Stanford University
USA



Tanja Kuchenmüller
World Health Organization
Switzerland



Victor Montori
Mayo Clinic
USA



David Nunan
University of Oxford
United Kingdom



Bianca Pilla
JBI
The University of Adelaide
Australia



Rupa Sarkar
The Cochrane
Collaboration
UK



Andrea Tricco
Li Ka Shing Knowledge
Institute, St. Michael's Toronto
Canada

Program

Wed, 21st October 2026

10.00 - 18.30	14.00 - 15.30	16.00 - 17.00	18.30 - 20.00	20.00 - 22.00
WELCOME COFFEE AND REGISTRATION	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS	ITALIAN SURVIVAL KIT: SPEAK, SMILE & FEEL AT HOME! Learn the essential words, expressions and gestures you need to navigate everyday Italian life. A fun and interactive introduction to Italian culture.	CONFERENCE INAUGURATION OPENING LECTURES Chair Tiziano Innocenti	WELCOME BUFFET



Thu, 22nd October 2026

07.00 - 07.50	08.00-08.30	08.30 - 10.30	10.30 - 11.00	11.00 - 13.00	13.00 - 14.30	14.30 - 15.45	14.30 - 15.45	14.30 - 15.45	15.45 - 16.00	16.00 - 17.00	17.00 - 18.30
REBALANCE BODY-MIND-BREATH Start your day with a gentle Hatha Yoga practice combining mindful movement, breathwork, and moments of awareness.	SPONSORED SESSION WOLTERS KLUWER Solving the AI Evidence Challenge in Healthcare	PLENARY SESSION 1 From evidence to practice: implementation, clinical decision support and learning health systems Chair Andrea Tricco	COFFEE BREAK	PLENARY SESSION 2 Trustworthy evidence generation, reporting and critical appraisal Chair Nina Rydland Olsen	LUNCH	PARALLEL SESSION A AI-enabled evidence synthesis, living reviews and digital infrastructure Chair David Nunan	PARALLEL SESSION B Teaching, competencies and communication in EBHC Chair Jennifer Yost	PARALLEL SESSION C AI governance, digital health and clinical decision support Chair Julie Tilson	COFFEE BREAK	WORKSHOPS	CAPTURE SICILY: PHOTOGRAPHY & SOCIAL MEDIA LAB 17.00 - 18.30 ROLL, FILL & TASTE: THE SICILIAN ARANCINI EXPERIENCE

Fri, 23rd October

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Sat, 24th October

09.00 - 11.00	11.15 - 12.00	12.00 - 12.30	12.30 - 13.30
PLENARY SESSION 5 Inclusive EBHC teaching, competencies and communication in the AI era Chair Juan Franco	PLENARY SESSION 6 Critical thinking and active learning for EBHC Chair Jennifer Yost	CLOSING CEREMONY	LUNCH



Wed, 21st October 2026

10.00 - 18.30

WELCOME COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

14.00 - 15.30

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS



- Lines in the sand: rethinking thresholds and targets in guideline development
Jamie Falk, Danielle Perry, Caitlin Finley
- Core GRADE
Gordon Guyatt
- Teaching learners to use AI effectively in EBHC
Julie Tilson, Drew Keister, Clarisa Martinez, Janet Martin

16.00 - 17.00

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18.30 - 20.00

CONFERENCE INAUGURATION | OPENING LECTURES



AI and digital transformation in the evidence ecosystem

Chair: Tiziano Innocenti

- Welcome to Sicily
Nino Cartabellotta / GIMBE Foundation
Gordon Guyatt / International Society for Evidence-based Healthcare
- KEYNOTE | From evidence to action: leveraging AI in health policy
Tanja Kuchenmüller / WHO, Switzerland
- KEYNOTE | The EBM of AI and the AI of EBM
John Ioannidis / Stanford University, United States

20.00 - 22.00

WELCOME BUFFET



07.00 - 07.50

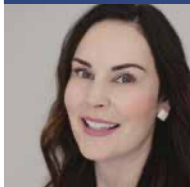
REBALANCE (BODY-MIND-BREATH) – ALL LEVELS

08.00 - 08.30

SPONSORED SESSION WOLTERS KLUWER | Solving the AI evidence challenge in healthcare

08.30 - 10.30

PLENARY SESSION 1



From evidence to practice: implementation, clinical decision support and learning health systems

Chair: Andrea Tricco

- KEYNOTE | The other future of health care
Victor Montori | Mayo Clinic, USA
- Making evidence implementable: feasibility and usability of a SaaS platform supporting front-line implementation
Melanie Barwick | The Hospital for Sick Children and University of Toronto, Canada
- A deep learning artificial intelligence diagnostic model for adult rib fractures across 35 U.S. hospitals to improve activation of a best practice clinical care pathway for patients with rib trauma
Christopher Tignanelli | University of Minnesota, United States
- Linking context, culture, and behavior: a meta-framework for embedding audit and feedback to sustain knowledge translation
Julie Tilson | University of Southern California, United States
- The People's Review: an online citizen science approach to involving the public in a systematic review
Ele Quinn | University of Galway, Ireland
- A worked example demonstrating questionnaire development integrating AI tools and evidence synthesis methods
Lillebeth Larun | Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Norway
- From evidence synthesis to clinical translation in nursing: actionable updates to the evidence-based practice process
Madeleine Whalen | The Johns Hopkins Hospital, United States

10.30 - 11.00

COFFEE BREAK

11.00 - 13.00

PLENARY SESSION 2



Trustworthy evidence generation, reporting and critical appraisal

Chair: Nina Rydland Olsen

- KEYNOTE | Diagnostic drift, lame labels, and the evidence ecosystem
Paul Glasziou | Bond University, Australia
- Impact of non-randomised controlled studies on systematic reviews in the presence of randomised controlled trials: an exploratory analysis of conclusions and certainty of evidence
Petteri Sjögren | Region Västra Götaland, Sahlgrenska University Hospital Gothenburg, Sweden
- A scoping review to inform development of a Tool for Risk of bias Assessment of Meta-research (TRAM)
Jennifer Yost | Villanova University, United States
- Survey of barriers and enablers to publishing Sub-Saharan African (SSA) randomised trials: implications for AI-enabled reporting support
Ameer Steven-Jorg Hohlfeld | South African Medical Research Council, South Africa
- Development of a critical appraisal tool for the analytic approaches involving pairwise meta-analyses through international consensus
Gordon Guyatt | McMaster University, Canada
- Core competencies of evidence-based health care educators: a development and validation study
Ching-Chi Chi | Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Linkou, Taiwan
- Coverage, gaps and maternal experiences in perinatal mental health care: findings from 10 countries of the WHO European Region
Maria Verdecchia | IRCCS Burlo Garofolo Trieste, Italy

13.00 - 14.30

LUNCH

14.30 - 15.45

PARALLEL SESSION A



AI-enabled evidence synthesis, living reviews and digital infrastructure

Chair: David Nunan

- Exploring the use of an integrated end-to-end platform, the SK Platform, in evidence synthesis: a case study from one recommendation question informing the ASH AML Guideline
Maria Jose Oliveros | Universidad de La Frontera - McMaster University, Canada
- Efficacy of fall prevention interventions in older adults: a living systematic review and network meta-analysis
Andrea Tricco | Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital, Unity Health Toronto, Canada
- Enhancing systematic reviews through neuro-symbolic AI: logic augmented generation for evidence-based healthcare
Luana Bulla | CNR, Italy
- Human-centered AI for evidence synthesis: a scoping review of user experience and adoption
Chelsea Valenzuela | Adelaide University, Australia
- Seeing the unseen: a systematic mapping review of explainable artificial intelligence (xAI) in mental disorder diagnosis
Xi Jia | University College London, United Kingdom
- Unmasking the "Zombie" trial: a comprehensive analysis of 236 retracted studies threatening the reliability of clinical evidence
Tala Jajieh | Jean Monnet University, École des Mines de Saint-Étienne, INSERM Unit 1059, Health Engineering and Biology Saint-Étienne (SAINBIOSE), Saint-Étienne, France
- Machine learning for updating living evidence and gap maps: what do current reporting practices reveal?
Fiona Campbell | University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
- AI-assisted topic suggestion system used in triaging clinical articles for updating evidence-base: development and external evaluation
Ashirbani Saha | McMaster University, Canada
- Designing a machine-interoperable repository for readily shareable clinical evidence
Muhammad Ammar Shahid | Birmingham City University, United Kingdom
- Mapping AI integration in evidence synthesis: emerging practices in medical libraries and HTA units
Elisabeth Mueller Nylander | Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Sweden

14.30 - 15.45

PARALLEL SESSION B



Teaching, competencies and communication in EBHC

Chair: Jennifer Yost

- Promoting evidence literacy: using artificial intelligence to strengthen evidence-based healthcare competency in nursing
Kim Bissett | The Johns Hopkins Hospital, United States
- Structure and outcomes of an evidence-based medicine educational initiative: the Evidence Based Medicine Champion Program
Bronwyn Southwell | University of Minnesota, United States
- Evidence based medicine faculty development in rural and underserved residency programs
Drew Keister | Thomas Jefferson University, United States
Mary Alice Scott | University of North Carolina, United States
- Two new teaching approaches to improve the understanding of evidence-based practice (EBP) among healthcare students in Norway
Hilde Tinderholt Myrhaug | Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway
- Embedding evidence-based healthcare in Ireland: insights from an interdisciplinary postgraduate cohort
Elaine Toomey | University of Galway, Ireland
- Redesigning SDM education using a flipped classroom and simulation: insights from an action research study
Lena Victoria Nordheim | Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway
- Same evidence, different risks: prompt engineering and format-specific failure modes in AI-assisted EBHC communication
Heather McCulloch | JBI, Australia
- Using a role-play simulation approach to teach people about evidence-informed guideline processes
Claire Glenton | Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway
- Implementation of an archived, searchable, and milestone based journal club model to teach EBHC to emergency medicine resident physicians in the United States
Alexander Finch | Mayo Clinic, United States

14.30 - 15.45

PARALLEL SESSION C



AI governance, digital health and clinical decision support

Chair: Julie Tilson

- Communication of patient benefits, risks, evidence uncertainties, and cost considerations in evidence-based HTA and AI-generated summaries
Constanze Wartenberg | Region Västra Götaland, Sahlgrenska University Hospital Gothenburg, Sweden
- Characteristics of Belgian primary healthcare professionals influencing the frequency of using AI and the type of AI tool being used
Carolien Strouwen | Cebam vzw and Hasselt University, Belgium
- The use of AI tools by 1st line Belgian primary healthcare professionals within the context of evidence based practice
Patrick Vankrunkelsven | KU Leuven, Belgium
- A co-designed digital tool (e-HANDI) to support the prescription of evidence-based non-drug interventions in general practice: a mixed-methods feasibility pilot randomised controlled trial
Loai Albarqouni | Center Research in Evidence Based Practice (CREBP), Australia
- Governing a deployed deep learning model: practical use case determining process and decision points for ensuring optimal performance
Cynthia Lokker | McMaster University, Canada
- From Text to algorithms: simplifying occupational health guidelines with embedded decision support
Dunja Dreesens | Dutch Society of Occupational Medicine (NVAB), Netherlands
- Prescriptive appropriateness of proton pump inhibitors: digital strategies and clinical decision support systems to reduce overuse and misuse in the Azienda Toscana Sud-Est, Arezzo Operational Area, 2023–2025
Michela Nelli | South East Tuscany Local Health Authority, Italy
- Preventing hospital admissions with urgent community response teams
Cherlyen Teo | Singapore General Hospital, Singapore
- Use of Digital Health Technologies (DHTs) among LGBTQIA+ populations in the WHO South-East Asia Region: a rapid systematic review
Ishanka Weerasekara | Federation University, Australia

15.45 - 16.00

COFFEE BREAK

16.00 - 17.00

WORKSHOPS



- Inclusive science communication in healthcare: a hands-on workshop for integrating AI and EDI principles
Heather McCulloch, Bianca Pilla
- The development of the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic reviews and Meta-Analyses extension for Rapid Reviews (PRISMA-RR)
Andrea Tricco
- Leveraging your knowledge and strengths as a knowledge broker: an interactive workshop focused on sharing and learning new approaches for a unique role
Maureen Dobbins

17.00 - 18.30

CAPTURE SICILY: PHOTOGRAPHY & SOCIAL MEDIA LAB

Turn the beauty of Sicily into photos worth sharing! Join Micaela and Sofia to discover simple tips and creative tricks for taking eye-catching pictures and producing engaging social media content. Bring your smartphone, your curiosity and your best smile.

17.00 - 18.30

ROLL, FILL & TASTE: THE SICILIAN ARANCINI EXPERIENCE

Get your hands deliciously busy with one of Sicily's most iconic street food. Join a live cooking demonstration, learn the secrets behind the perfect arancino, prepare your own and - most importantly - enjoy tasting your delicious creation.

07.00 - 07.50

REBALANCE (BODY-MIND-BREATH) – ALL LEVELS

08.30 - 10.30

PLENARY SESSION 3



Fit-for-purpose evidence synthesis: living synthesis methods, infrastructure and critical appraisal

Chair: Gordon Guyatt

- KEYNOTE | Evidence with purpose: leading through change
Rupa Sarkar | Cochrane, United Kingdom
- Best practice methods for living evidence synthesis in health care: an international modified Delphi survey
Melanie Golob | University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- Towards a fit-for-purpose approach to certainty and confidence in mixed methods evidence synthesis
Edoardo Aromataris | Adelaide University, Australia
- How to build a responsive and rigorous evidence synthesis infrastructure in health and care organisations through harnessing AI
Justine Karpusheff | The Health Foundation, United Kingdom
- Developing a Genomic Evidence Synthesis (GES) hub at Cochrane South Africa to strengthen genomic review capacity
Mark Engel | South African Medical Research Council, South Africa
- QUADAS-3: updated tool to evaluate risk of bias and applicability concerns in diagnostic test accuracy studies
Penny Whiting | University of Bristol, United Kingdom

10.30 - 11.00

COFFEE BREAK

11.00 - 13.00

PLENARY SESSION 4



Responsible AI and automation in evidence synthesis

Chair: Lubna Al-Ansary

- KEYNOTE | Responsible AI use: perspectives from a researcher and editor
Andrea Tricco | Unity Health Toronto, Canada
- Artificial intelligence in evidence synthesis: insights from Studies Within a Review (SWAR)
KM Saif-Ur-Rahman | University of Galway, Ireland
- Automation of systematic reviews with large language models
Christian Cao | University of Toronto, Canada
- Quantifying the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) assisted screening on findings, certainty of evidence, and resource utilization in rapid reviews: a Study Within a Review (SWAR)
Maureen Dobbins | McMaster University, Canada
- Integrating AI literacy into early evidence-based medicine education: a pre-recorded, asynchronous session for first-year medical students
Juliana Magro | NYU Grossman School of Medicine, United States
Joey Nicholson | NYU Langone Health, United States
- Medical students' interpretation of an AI-generated evidence-based answer to a pharmacotherapeutic query before and after a two-day hands-on educational session on systematic review methodology
Susanna Wallerstedt | Region Västra Götaland, Sahlgrenska University Hospital Gothenburg, Sweden
- Evimeter: synthesizing, grading and visualizing clinical evidence on emerging medical technologies using a structured mixed-method approach
Leeza Osipenko | Consilium Scientific, United Kingdom

13.00 - 14.30

LUNCH

14.30 - 15.45

PARALLEL SESSION D



Knowledge translation, implementation and learning health systems

Chair: Julie Tilson

- Evidence access and policy practice: a randomized encouragement study in Odisha
Ashima Mohan | Campbell South Asia, India
- Embedding implementation science in quality improvement: advancing evidence translation for sustainable, scalable healthcare change
Lucylynn M. Lizarondo | Adelaide University, Australia
- Implementation of CRD guidelines in primary health care in Jordan: lessons from a lower-middle-income country
Anas Almohtaseb | Ministry of Health - Jordan, Jordan
- State Health Technology Assessment Program reduces incidence of controversial therapies for musculoskeletal pain conditions
Gary Franklin | University of Washington, United States
- Evidence mobilization during a pandemic: drivers of evidence uptake by decision makers
Maureen Dobbins | McMaster University, Canada
- Building municipal capacity for evidence-informed planning: experiences from a mini-HTA learning collaborative in Norway
Maria Bjerk | Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Norway
- Building national infrastructure to translate pediatric emergency evidence into practice in Canada: co-developing a pediatric respiratory distress KT tool with healthcare providers
Lisa Knisley | University of Manitoba, Canada
- Hospital at home care: from health technology assessment to structured research and implementation
Ylva Carlsson | Region Västra Götaland, Sahlgrenska University Hospital Gothenburg, Sweden
- Developing implementation capacity through team training: an evaluation of individual- and team-level outcomes
Emma Hedberg Rundgren | Karolinska Institute, Sweden
- Integrating NANDA-I Taxonomy to support evidence-based interdisciplinary collaboration between nursing and social work students
Ulvi Kõrgemaa | Tallinn Health UAS, Estonia

14.30 - 15.45

PARALLEL SESSION E



Rigorous methods: bias, certainty of evidence, research integrity and patient-important outcomes

Chair: David Nunan

- How uncertainty visualization shapes interpretation of comparative results: a systematic review and meta-analysis
Lukasz Banaszek | Medical University of Warsaw, Poland
- The development of Risk of Bias Instrument for Use in Systematic Reviews for Cluster Randomized Controlled Trials (ROBUST-CRT)
Shahab Sayfi | McMaster University, Canada
- Who participates? Quantifying the healthy-volunteer effect in a real-world RCT
Scott Garrison | University of Alberta, Canada
- Make methods go viral! Evaluating a global digital media campaign for evidence synthesis integrity
Bianca Pilla | JBI - University of Adelaide, Australia
- Parents' experiences with early intervention for children (aged 0–6 years) with autism: a qualitative evidence synthesis
Gunnhild Berdal | Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Norway
- Predictors of clinical deterioration in hospitalized adults: a systematic scoping review
Min-shan Chung | National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Sciences, Taiwan
- Patient-important outcomes account for fewer than half of reported outcomes and are synthesised differently from surrogate outcomes in rehabilitation systematic reviews
Pamela Seron Silva | Universidad de La Frontera - McMaster University, Chile

14.30 - 15.45

PARALLEL SESSION F



Public engagement, evidence literacy and responsive evidence ecosystems

Chair: Gordon Guyatt

- Evidence resources on the preparedness for the pandemic response: an evidence platform
Bhumika Tumkur Venkatesh | Campbell South Asia, India
- Strengthening nursing safety education through evidence-based digital reporting competencies, standardized terminology and proactive safety management
Jaana Sepp | Tallinn Health University of Applied Sciences, Estonia
- Trends in patient and public involvement in health research 2000-2024: bibliometric analysis
Colin Macarthur | Hospital for Sick Children, Canada
- Beyond single outcomes: a population-based comparison of 20 patient-important risks in type 2 diabetes
Caitlin Finley | University of Alberta, Canada
- Training needs of maternal and newborn healthcare professionals: results from the IMAGiNE Research Network 12 european countries
Ilaria Mariani | Institute for Maternal and Child Health IRCCS Burlo Garofolo, Italy
- "Briefly Summarised": presenting research evidence in plain language to a local audience
Kristine Titlestad | Western Norway University of Applied Sciences and Cochrane Norway, Norway
- Developing a peer-led telephone intervention for older adults that would slow down and/or prevent the progression of frailty
Patrick McGowan | University of Victoria, Canada
- Learning by doing: introducing Cochrane Crowd and Cochrane Classmate
Anna Noel-Storr | Cochrane, United Kingdom

15.45 - 16.00

COFFEE BREAK

16.00 - 17.00

WORKSHOPS



- Evidence Based Research: towards economy, efficiency, and equity
Jennifer Yost, Klara Brunnhuber
- Governing AI in science communication: standards, oversight, and accountability
Ashima Mohan
- The value and policies of evidence synthesis in academia: a mapping workshop to support international coordination and collaboration
Martin Ringsten, Susanna Wallerstedt
- How are evidence-based practice core competencies interpreted and used? Insights from citation analysis and collaborative reflection to inform future directions
Nina Rydland Olsen, Loai Albarqouni, Kristine Berg Titlestad, David Nunan

17.00 - 18.30

SHAKE SICILY: A TASTE OF ISLAND MIXOLOGY

Shake, stir, and sip your way through Sicily! Guided by AcquaMarina's expert bartenders, you will discover local flavours and learn how to create refreshing signature alcohol-free cocktails. A hands-on mixology experience with a distinctly Sicilian twist.

17.00 - 18.30

ITALIAN CHALLENGE: PUT YOUR SURVIVAL SKILLS TO THE TEST!

How much Italian have you picked up during the conference? Join this playful final session to practise your new vocabulary, clear up any doubts and take on a series of entertaining language challenges. Expect conversation, laughter and plenty of Italian gestures!

20.00 - 23.00

GALA DINNER

Sat, 24th October

09.00 - 11.00

PLENARY SESSION 5



Inclusive EBHC teaching, competencies and communication in the AI era

Chair: Juan Franco

- KEYNOTE | Who does AI write for? Accountability, equity, and the future of evidence-based health communication
Bianca Pilla | JBI - University of Adelaide, Australia
- KEYNOTE | The Sicily Statement 20 years later: what does evidence-based practice in 2026 mean?
David Nunan | University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- Tracing the thread: curriculum-mapping document analysis of longitudinal evidence-based health care integration in Stellenbosch University's Renewed MBChB Curriculum
Steve Jacobs | Stellenbosch university, South Africa
- Co designing EBHC assessments in a renewed MBChB curriculum: lessons from a Marathon Workshop
Anke Rohwer | Stellenbosch university, South Africa
- The effectiveness of evidence-based practice educational interventions measured with the EBP Beliefs Scale and the EBP Implementation Scale: a systematic review and meta-analysis
Nina Rydland Olsen | Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway

11.15 - 12.00

PLENARY SESSION 6



Critical thinking and active learning for EBHC

Chair: Jennifer Yost

- Changes in attitudes of Evidence-based practice (EBP) among healthcare bachelor students during an EBP course
Astrid Torbjørnsen | Oslo Metropolitan University - OsloMet, Norway
- Debate as a cognitive training strategy to promote evidence-based practice competencies among healthcare professionals: A case study from the Royal Hospital, Oman
Thuraiya Al Harthi | Royal Hospital, Oman
- How to think critically? A user-centered design approach to developing a bank of open access educational resources for students preparing for work in societally critical professions.
Astrid Dahlgren | Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway

12.00 - 12.30

CLOSING CEREMONY

12.30 - 13.30

LUNCH



Information

VENUE

Hotel Caparena

Via Nazionale, 189
98039 Taormina, Messina, Italy

Set in Taormina Mare overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, Hotel Caparena offers a peaceful setting surrounded by lush subtropical gardens with palm trees, acacias, hibiscus and colourful bougainvillea.

Its seafront location, welcoming atmosphere and elegant Mediterranean style make it an ideal venue for the conference. Terracotta floors, spacious terraces, a swimming pool and direct access to the sea create a relaxing environment where delegates can meet, exchange ideas and enjoy their stay in Taormina.



TRAVEL

BY PLANE

Catania Fontanarossa International Airport is the nearest airport, located approximately 55 km from Taormina. Group transfers to and from Catania Airport will be organised only for delegates registered with the **All-Inclusive option**.

Delegates registered with the **Only Conference fee** can reach Taormina:

- By car: approximately one hour by car via the A18 motorway (direction Messina, Taormina exit).
- By bus: direct buses from Catania Airport to Taormina are available daily. Journey time: approximately 1.5 hours. etnatrasporti.it
- By taxi: the fare is approximately €150 one way and the journey takes about one hour.

BY TRAIN

Taormina-Giardini railway station is located on the seafront, approximately 2 km from the town.

Regular trains run to and from Messina and Catania. For train schedules and frequency, please visit www.trenitalia.com.

NOTES FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE

WELCOME BUFFET

When: 21st October, 20.00–22.00

Where: Hotel Caparena

Who: all delegates and their accompanying persons

GALA DINNER

When: 23rd October, 20.00–23.00

Where: Villa Garbo

Who: delegates in the All-Inclusive option and their accompanying persons. Delegates in the Only Conference option may purchase a place for the Gala Dinner directly at the Conference Desk upon availability.

GROUP TRANSFERS TO AND FROM THE CONFERENCE VENUE

From and to Catania Airport: only for delegates in the All-Inclusive option and their accompanying persons.

From and to Hotel Lido Méditerranée: only for delegates in the All-Inclusive option lodged there (timetable available at the Conference Desk).

Delegates in the Only Conference option: no transfers provided.

CONFERENCE DESK

When: 21st, 22nd, 23rd (8:00–18:30), 24th October (8:00–15:00)

Where: Hotel Caparena

Who: GIMBE Foundation Staff

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The GIMBE Foundation's mission is to empower health professionals through continuing medical education, fostering a self-directed, lifelong learning process integrated into clinical practice. It strives to enhance the methodological quality, ethics, integrity, and social value of health research; translate the best available evidence into professional, managerial, and political decision-making; improve healthcare quality by focusing on safety, effectiveness, appropriateness, equity, patient and public involvement, and efficiency.

Through its observatory, GIMBE is actively monitoring the adoption of artificial intelligence in healthcare, analysing regulatory frameworks and available evidence, and engaging with institutional stakeholders to promote its responsible integration into the Italian healthcare system.



About ISEHC

The International Society for Evidence-Based Health Care (ISEHC) is an international society committed to fostering and promoting Evidence-Based Health Care worldwide. It provides a recognised international platform for interaction and collaboration among practitioners, educators, researchers and the public, bringing together and strengthening initiatives developed across different countries and healthcare settings.



ISEHC aims to advance the appropriate use of evidence in healthcare decision-making by encouraging research, promoting professional and public education, and supporting international collaboration and knowledge exchange. By connecting individuals and organisations with shared interests and expertise, the Society contributes to the wider development and implementation of Evidence-Based Health Care in policy and practice, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality, effectiveness and sustainability of healthcare.





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