

PREVENTION LAB - HIV & STI: CHANGE THE COURSE. PREVENT!
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RAZIONALE

Despite the significant progress achieved in the prevention and treatment of HIV infection, viral transmission remains a public health challenge in Europe and in Italy. Epidemiological data from recent years

show a stable incidence of new diagnoses, particularly among specific key populations, highlighting limitations in the implementation, access, and adherence to currently available prevention tools. These challenges are compounded by social and structural determinants, such as stigma, discrimination, and marginalization, which continue to hinder the effectiveness of prevention programs. The National Conference represents a highlevel scientific forum aimed at critically and multidisciplinary analyzing HIV and related infection prevention strategies, integrating epidemiological evidence, public health models, therapeutic innovation, and person-centered approaches. The objective is to promote an up-to-date vision of combination prevention, aligned with international recommendations and the needs of the national context, with the goal of fostering continuous professional development among healthcare workers, encouraging the adoption of evidence-based preventive strategies, and contributing to the development of more

effective, equitable, and sustainable HIV prevention models. The program also addresses the role of social determinants of health, with particular attention to the impact of stigma and discrimination on access to prevention services. In this context, the identification and characterization of populations at higher risk represent a crucial step in the development of targeted and effective interventions. The use of risk assessment models and outcome indicators can enable the measurement of the impact of preventive strategies and guide evidence-based health

policies. In parallel, updates on HIV testing strategies and partner notification emphasize the importance of early diagnosis as a cornerstone of prevention. A central area of scientific discussion is dedicated to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), recognized as one of the most effective tools for HIV prevention. The program examines the current state of PrEP

implementation, with particular attention to delivery models, territorial dissemination, and challenges related to access, adherence, and retention. It also explores the role of community engagement and peer educators in improving the effectiveness of preventive interventions and reducing inequalities in access, particularly among populations such

as women, young people, migrants, and transgender individuals. The forward-looking perspective is further expanded through the analysis of long-acting PrEP formulations, from their biological foundations to clinical trial results and early implementation experiences. These new approaches represent a significant evolution in pharmacological prevention, with the potential to overcome some of the limitations of oral PrEP and to better address the needs of currently underserved populations. Another key pillar of the program is Treatment as Prevention (TasP), discussed both in the context

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of rapid initiation of antiretroviral therapy in newly diagnosed individuals and in strategies for re-engagement in care and management of adherence challenges to antiretroviral therapy. The evidence supporting virological suppression as a prevention tool, in accordance with the U=U (Undetectable = Untransmittable) concept, is applied to complex clinical scenarios, including those characterized by high clinical and social vulnerability. Finally, the program integrates HIV prevention with vaccination strategies in high-risk populations and in people with HIV, examining the role of anti-HPV, antipneumococcal-, and anti-Herpes Zoster vaccination in preventing comorbidities and long-term complications. This approach reflects a modern and integrated vision of prevention, aimed not only at reducing HIV transmission but also at improving overall health and quality of life.

The Conference is intended for Physicians specialized in Infectious Diseases, Hygiene and Public Health, Internal Medicine, Microbiology and Virology, Epidemiology.

PROGRAMMA

Day 1 – April 28th, 2026

10:30-11:00 Registration for participants

11:00-11:20 Welcome and opening

C. Matranga, A. Antinori, E. Girardi

11:20-11:50 OPENING LECTURE

Chairs: M.L. Cosmaro, C. Mussini

How contrast to stigma, marginalization and discrimination may improve access to prevention programs *J. Del Amo Valero*

11:50-12:00 Discussion

12:00-13:30 SESSION I - RISK ASSESSMENT AND MODELING FOR PREVENTION

Chairs: E. Girardi, A. Siddu

12:00-12:20 HIV key populations in Italy: assessing risk and targeting people *F. Vairo*

12:20-12:40 Reducing HIV incidence by PrEP expanding strategies *H. Wang*

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12:40-13:00 Update on HIV testing strategies and indicator diseases *A. Skrzat-Klapaczyńska*

13:00-13:30 Panel discussion

13:30-14:30 Light lunch

14:30-16:00 SESSION II - PrEP CURRENT ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

Chairs: A. Castagna, A. Cattelan

14:30-14:50 Towards the target: implementing and disseminating PrEP *J. Ghosn*

14:50-15:10 The oral PrEP hardcore in Italy: the PrIDE assessment *S. Nozza*

15:10-15:30 Community engagement and PrEP delivery: how to organise and promote it *C. Weber*

15:30-16:00 Panel discussion

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:15 SESSION III - STRATEGIES FOR EQUITY IN PREVENTION MODELS

Chairs: M. Farinella, F. Maggiolo

16:30-16:50 Language first: a powerful tool for breaking down barriers *F. Dragotto*

16:50-17:10 Improving PrEP adherence by navigators and peer educators *V.L. Del Negro*

17:10-17:30 PrEP for equity: women, young, migrants and transgender people
R. Rossotti

17:30-18:00 Panel discussion

18:00-18:15 Closing remarks

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Day 2 – April 29th, 2026

09:00-10:30 SESSION IV - LA PrEP FOR THE PRESENT AND FUTURE

Chairs: M. Cernuschi, A. Gori

09:00-09:20 LA PrEP pipeline: from biologic models to clinical trial assessment
A. Calcagno

09:20-09:40 LA CAB for PrEP Italian landscape: the PrIDE perspective *D. Moschese*

09:40-10:00 Expanding PrEP access: is LA-PrEP the silver bullet? *E. Hoornenborg*

10:00-10:30 Panel discussion

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 SESSION V - TaSP IN THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

Chairs: G. Madeddu, C.M. Mastroianni

11:00-11:20 TaSP for naive people: the same-day starting model *V. Mazzotta*

11:20-11:40 TaSP in re-engagement of unsuppressed people with adherence challenges *M. Gandhi*

11:40-12:00 TaSP in HTE PWH: challenging and innovative strategies *R. Gagliardini*

12:00-12:30 Panel discussion

12:30-13:30 Light lunch

13:30-15:00 SESSION VI - VACCINE STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION IN HIGH-RISK PEOPLE

Chairs: L. Sarmati, C. Torti

13:30-13:50 HPV vaccination and anal cancer screening in targeted risk population *E.N. Cavallari*

13:50-14:10 New frontiers of pneumococcal vaccination in immunocompromised people *M. Lichtner*

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14:10-14:30 Herpes Zoster vaccination and protection of PWH from major cardiovascular events *M. Iannetta*

14:30-15:00 Panel discussion

15:00-15:15 Closing remarks

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ACRONIMI

HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus

PrEP: Pre-exposure prophylaxis

TasP: Treatment as Prevention

U=U: Undetectable = Untransmittable

HPV: Human Papilloma Virus

PrIDE: Prevention ICONA Dedicated Ensemble

LA: long-acting

CAB: Cabotegravir

HTE PWH: [Heavily Treatment-Experienced](#) People with HIV

PWH: People with HIV

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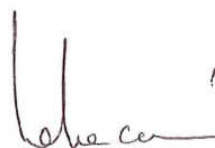
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