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RAZIONALE

7th HTIDE Conference nasce con l'obiettivo di offrire ai clinici un aggiornamento essenziale e integrato sulle sfide più attuali nel campo delle malattie infettive a livello internazionale. Il programma mette in relazione i progressi nella terapia antimicrobica, l'evoluzione delle resistenze, le nuove tecnologie diagnostiche e la gestione dei pazienti più fragili, proponendo una visione moderna e multidisciplinare della pratica infettivologica.

La prima giornata approfondisce il ruolo crescente della microbiologia avanzata e delle nuove strategie terapeutiche nella gestione delle infezioni da patogeni resistenti, mostrando come l'interpretazione dei meccanismi di resistenza, l'impiego di nuove molecole e l'uso consapevole degli strumenti diagnostici possano migliorare significativamente gli esiti clinici. Accanto a questo, grande attenzione è dedicata alla prevenzione, sia attraverso approcci vaccinali personalizzati sia tramite strumenti innovativi per ridurre il rischio infettivo nei pazienti più vulnerabili. Anche il tema delle infezioni fungine invasive viene affrontato con un taglio pratico, evidenziando come epidemiologia, diagnostica e terapia stiano cambiando rapidamente.

La seconda giornata amplia lo sguardo verso scenari che stanno ridefinendo la medicina infettivologica contemporanea: l'emergere di nuovi virus, l'impatto delle zoonosi, la necessità di riconoscere precocemente minacce globali e di prepararsi a gestirle con strumenti aggiornati. Parallelamente, viene approfondita la complessità crescente dei pazienti immunocompromessi, nei quali l'equilibrio tra rischio infettivo, nuove terapie e monitoraggio immunologico richiede competenze sempre più specialistiche. La giornata si conclude con una riflessione critica su alcuni dilemmi della pratica clinica quotidiana, offrendo ai partecipanti spunti concreti per orientarsi in aree dove le evidenze sono ancora in evoluzione.

La Conferenza **HTIDE 2026** si rivolge a un'audience nazionale e internazionale molto ampia, composta da professionisti di diverse Specialità mediche, dando valore alla multidisciplinarietà per la gestione dei pazienti con problemi infettivologici di grande rilevanza clinica.

PROGRAMMA SCIENTIFICO:

Wednesday, 14th October 2026

08:30–08:45 Registration

08:45–09:00 Welcome and introduction - *M. Bassetti (Italy)*

Lecture

Chairs: *M. Tumbarello (Italy), A. Vena (Italy)*

09:00–09:20 From nightmare to treatable infection? A decade of progress in KPC-producing enterobacteriales infections - *M. Bassetti (Italy)*

Symposium

When microbiologists become essential for modern antimicrobial therapy

Chairs: *G.M. Rossolini (Italy), E. Tacconelli (Italy)*

09:20–09:35 Beyond susceptible and resistant: advanced interpretation of MICs and resistance mechanisms - *G.M. Rossolini (Italy)*

09:35–09:50 Same resistance, different mechanisms: the evolving landscape of carbapenemases in Gram-negative infections - *S. Stefani (Italy)*

09:50–10:05 Understanding and preventing resistance to new Anti-gram-negative agents
V. Di Pilato (Italy)

10:05–10:20 Discussion

Lecture

Chairs: *M. Falcone (Italy), M. Bassetti (Italy)*

10:20–10:40 MBL producing non fermenting Gram-negative infections: practical treatment choices in real life - *A. Soriano (Spain)*

10:40–11:10 Coffee Break

Symposium

Cutting-edge methods in infectious diseases and clinical microbiology

Chairs: *O. Cornely (Germany), P. Muñoz (Spain)*

11:10–11:25 16S and 18S rRNA sequencing: clinical meaning, interpretation and pitfalls
M. Sanguinetti (Italy)

11:25–11:40 NGS and WGS in clinical microbiology: from diagnosis to outbreak investigation without being misled - *C.F. Perno (Italy)*

11:40–11:55 From occult bacteria to invasive fungi: PET/CT in challenging infectious diseases
G.M. Sambucetti (Italy)

11:55–12:10 Discussion

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Preventing severe infections in vulnerable patients: who, when and why?

Chairs: C. Mastroianni (Italy), C. Torti (Italy)

12:10–12:25 **Vaccination beyond the standard schedule: tailoring prevention to individual risk**

W. Ricciardi (Italy)

12:25–12:40 **Vaccine hesitancy in high-risk patients: why it happens and how to improve uptake**

P.L. Lopalco (Italy)

12:40–12:55 **Monoclonal antibodies: current role in preventing respiratory infections** - *R. Burioni (Italy)*

12:55–13:10 Discussion

13:10–14:10 *Lunch*

Symposium

Invasive fungal infections in transition

Chairs: O. Cornely (Germany), M. Sanguinetti (Italy)

14:10–14:25 **Changing epidemiology: from *Candida auris* to rare molds – which fungi are emerging?**

O. Cornely (Germany)

14:25–14:40 **Changing diagnostics: earlier, faster and more precise detection** - *P. Muñoz (Spain)*

14:40–14:55 **Changing treatment: where do new antifungals fit?** - *G. Tiseo (Italy)*

14:55–15:10 **How long is long enough? Optimizing antifungal duration in candidiasis** - *A. Vena (Italy)*

15:10–15:25 Discussion

Symposium

Management of severe MDR infections

Chairs: M. Bassetti (Italy), F.G. De Rosa (Italy)

15:25–15:40 **Still powerful, still dangerous: the modern role of carbapenems** - *J.F. Timsit (France)*

15:40–15:55 **Cefepime-Enmetazobactam: in which context, when, where, how and why?** - *F.G. De Rosa (Italy)*

15:55–16:10 **Development of novel inhibitors active against PBPs and β -Lactamases** - *M. Falcone (Italy)*

16:10–16:25 **AI-assisted empirical therapy: can we treat earlier without treating broader?** - *D.R. Giacobbe (Italy)*

16:25–16:40 Discussion

Lecture

Chairs: C. Tascini (Italy), A. Russo (Italy)

16:40–17:00 **Complicated intra-abdominal infections: treating polymicrobial disease in the era of resistance**

C. Eckmann (Germany)

Thursday, 15th October 2026

Lecture

Chairs: A.M. Cattelan (Italy), A. Di Biagio (Italy)

09:00–09:20 **Selecting ART in a changing landscape: efficacy, convenience, and long-term outcomes**

C. Mussini (Italy)

Symposium

Emerging viruses and global threats

Chairs: A. Gori (Italy), G. Cenderello (Italy)

09:20–09:35 **Tropical diseases at zero kilometres: which diseases should we expect in Europe?**

C. Sepulcri (Italy)

09:35–09:50 **Everything we need to know to be prepared for Ebola: how to recognize, diagnose and treat It**

E. Nicastri (Italy)

09:50–10:05 **Hantavirus and other potential zoonoses: are we ready for the next pandemic?** - *C. Dentone (Italy)*

10:05–10:20 **Antibiotic resistance in migrants: what do we know?** - *M. Colaneri (Italy)*

10:20–10:40 Discussion

Lecture

Chairs: G. Poulakou (Greece), P.L. Viale (Italy)

10:40–11:00 **Difficult-to-treat *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* pneumonia: precision treatment beyond guidelines**

M. Giannella (Italy)

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

Lecture

Chairs: A. Torres (Spain), J.F. Timsit (France)

11:30–11:50 **The value of rapid diagnostics: treat earlier, narrow sooner, stop unnecessary antibiotics**

D. Koulenti (Greece)

Symposium

Sometimes prevention is better than cure

Chairs: P. Durando (Italy), F. Braido (Italy)

11:50–12:05 **Prevention and management of respiratory infections: strategies to reduce antibiotic overprescription** - *F. Blasi (Italy)*

12:05–12:20 **Optimal management of patients with recurrent urinary tract infections** - *M. Bassetti (Italy)*

12:20–12:35 **Central venous catheters in daily practice: how can we prevent catheter-related bloodstream infections?** - *A. Soriano (Spain)*

12:35–12:50 **Preventing aspergillosis: is air quality the missing piece?** - *P. Muñoz (Spain)*

12:50–13:10 Discussion

13:10–14:10 Lunch

Lecture

Chairs: A. Cascio (Italy), A. Gori (Italy)

14:10–14:30 **Using fosfomycin wisely: urinary infections, combination therapy and antimicrobial stewardship**

J. Rodriguez Baño (Spain)

Symposium

Management of infections in immunocompromised patients

Chairs: P. A. Grossi (Italy), M. Giannella (Italy)

14:30–14:45 **Infections after CAR-T or bispecific antibodies treatment: what every ID specialist needs to know**

M. Mikulska (Italy)

14:45–15:00 **CMV- specific immunity monitoring** - *F. Baldanti (Italy)*

15:00–15:15 **MDR infections in solid organ transplantation: from pre-transplant risk to post-transplant management** - *M. Peghin (Italy)*

15:15 -15:30 **HHV-6: when a positive PCR is not sufficient for diagnosis** - *C. Bartalucci (Italy)*

15:30–15:45 **HHV-8: how to provide the optimal management strategy** - *A. Mularoni (Italy)*

15:45–16:00 Discussion

Symposium

Debatable answers to complex questions

Chairs: I. Gentile (Italy), A. De Maria (Italy)

16:00–16:15 **Should all patients with community-acquired pneumonia receive a macrolide?** - *A. Torres (Spain)*

16:15–16:30 **Enterococcus faecalis endocarditis: do we have new evidence to prevent relapse?**

M. Bartoletti (Italy)

16:30–16:45 **Rifampicin for osteoarticular infections: when, where, how and why?** - *S. Tedeschi (Italy)*

16:45–17:00 **What microbiota interventions are feasible today to improve patient outcomes?** - *G. Ianaro (Italy)*

17:00 -17:15 **Preventing recurrence in *Clostridioides difficile* infection: why the first treatment choice matters**
A. Russo (Italy)

17:15–17:30 Discussion

17:30 – 17:40 **Take home messages and congress closing** - *M. Bassetti (Italy)*

LEGENDA:

AI	Artificial Intelligence
AMR	Antimicrobial Resistance
MICs	Minimal Inhibitor Concentrations
MBL	Metallo Beta Lattamasi
16S e 18S rRNA	RNA ribosomiale 16S e 18S
NGS	Next Generation Sequencing
WGS	Whole Genome Sequencing
PET/CT	Positron Emission Tomography / Computed Tomography
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
CAR-T	Chimeric antigen receptor T cell
ID	Infectious Diseases
CMV	Citomegalovirus
MDR	Multi Drug Resistance
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
HHV-6	Human Herpesvirus 6
HHV-8	Human Herpesvirus 8