
Tuesday 4 April

16.30-17.00 Registration and welcome

17.00-17.30 Course introduction (C Gluud and D Conte)

17.30-8.15 The architecture of diagnostic studies (D Conte)

18.15-19.00 The Cochrane systematic review of diagnostic test accuracy (DTA) (G Casazza and D Nikolova)

19.00-19.45 Small group exercises. Title formulation (G Casazza and D Nikolova)

20.00 Dinner

Wednesday 5 April

9.00-9.30 Validity, reliability, and reproducibility of an index test. Definitions and assessment (PG Duca)

9.30-10.00 Range of index test results in healthy people (D Prati)

10.00-1.00 Tutor-led methodological review of a medical article. Analysis of diagnostic studies: defining the questions, study phases, and designs (PG Duca and D Prati)

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.00 Reference standard (F Filippini and G D'Amico)

12.00-12.30 Diagnostic test accuracy: the 2-by-2 table (F Filippini)

12.30-13.15 Tutor-led methodological review of a medical article. Analysis of diagnostic studies: patient selection, index test, and reference standard (G Casazza and G D'Amico)

13.15-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.00 Sensitivity and specificity (M Fraquelli)

15.00-15.30 Likelihood ratios (A Colli)

15.30-17.00 Tutor-led methodological review of a medical article. Analysis of diagnostic studies: sensitivity, specificity, and likelihood ratio estimates (M Fraquelli and A Colli)

17.00-17.30 Coffee break

17.30-19.30 Small group exercises. Steps in title and protocol development (1) (D Nikolova)

20.00 Dinner

Thursday 6 April

9.00-9.30 Index test results: positivity and negativity criteria. The cut-off value (A Colli).

9.30-10.00 The receiver operating characteristic curve (G Casazza)

10.00-11.00 Tutor-led methodological review of a medical article. Analysis of diagnostic studies: the cut-off values (A Colli and G Casazza)

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.15 Pre-test and post-test probabilities. When is the post probability sufficient for decision-making? (A Colli)

12.15-13.00 Diagnostic accuracy and statistical significance (M Fraquelli)

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00 Tutor-led methodological review of a medical article. Diagnostic accuracy study designs: case-control studies, cross-sectional studies, cohort studies, and randomised clinical trials (M Fraquelli and A Colli)

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.00 Sample size (PG Duca)

17.00-19.00 Small group exercises. Steps in developing the review protocol (2) (Participants)

20.00 Dinner

Friday 7 April

9.00-10.30 Quality assessment QUADAS 2 (M Fraquelli) with small group exercises

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.30 Analysis and discussion of a DTA review: Platelet count, spleen length and platelet count/spleen length ratio for the diagnosis of oesophageal varices in patients with chronic liver disease or portal vein thrombosis (A Colli and G Casazza)

13.30-14.45 Lunch

14.45-17.00 Clinical reasoning:

14.45-15.30 Diagnosis (L Pagliaro)

15.30-16.15 Prognosis: diagnosing the future. The temporal dimension of diagnosis. (G D'Amico)

16.15-17.00 Treatment (C Gluud)

17.00-17.30 Coffee break

17.30-19.30 Small group exercises: completing a format for a title of a DTA review

20.30 Farewell dinner

Saturday 8 April

9.00-9.30 Course summary (D Conte and C Gluud)

9.30-11.30 Small group reports

11.30-12.30 Plenary discussion (participants)

12.30-13.30 Buffett lunch

Course information to be obtained from:

Organizing secretary: *Sara Comparetti*,

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