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Dear colleagues, dear friends,

It is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to the 8th Croatian Congress of Emergency Medicine with International Participation and the 7th South-Eastern European Emergency and Disaster Medicine Congress (SEEDMC), held together as a single joint event in Opatija from May 6th to 9th, 2026.

This congress represents an important opportunity for us to come together and exchange the latest knowledge, clinical experiences, and best practices in emergency and disaster medicine. It brings together professionals from different countries and disciplines, all united by a common goal—to improve the quality of care for patients in emergency situations.

We look forward to a rich scientific program featuring lectures by leading experts, engaging discussions, and the sharing of practical insights that can be directly applied in everyday clinical work. The congress will also provide a valuable platform for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas among colleagues.

We sincerely thank you for joining us at this important event and for contributing to the continued development of emergency and disaster medicine. We look forward to your active participation and to a successful and inspiring congress.

Sincerely,

Professor Višnja Nesek Adam, MD, PhD





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06.05.2026.

Prehospital Ultrasound Module*Effie Polyzogopoulou***Instructors: Mate Lerga, Petra Šverko Zinaić**

09:00-09:15 Intro to the day

09:15-09:30 Introduction to Prehospital Ultrasound

09:30-09:45 e-FAST (lecture)

09:45-10:45 Hands-on

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-11:30 Shock-RUSH protocol (lecture)

11:30-12:30 Hands-on

12:30-13:10 Lunch break

13:10-13:30 Cardiac arrest (lecture)

13:30-14:30 Hands-on

14:30-14:45 Coffee break

14:45-15:15 Free hands-on

15:15-16:00 Case discussion / Sonoquiz / Wrap-up

Advanced abdominal ultrasound Module*Zeki Atesli***Instructors: Ivan Gornik, Adis Keranović, Maša Sorić**

09:00-09:10 Intro to the day

09:10-09:30 Abdominal aorta lecture

09:30-09:50 Sono-KUB lecture

09:50-10:50 Practical – AAA and KUB

10:50-11:05 Coffee break

11:05-11:35 Biliary tract lecture

11:35-12:30 Practical Biliary tract

12:30-13:10 Lunch break

13:10-13:50 GI tract POCUS

13:50-14:30 Practical – Appendix

14:30-14:45 Coffee break

14:45-15:20 Practical – SBO & ileus

15:20-16:00 Practical – Diverticulitis

16:00 Close

Ultrasound guided nerve and fascial plane blocks in trauma Module

Chris Yap

Instructors: Marina Banović, Pete Croft, Ashley Matthies

09:00-09:10	Intro to the day
09:10-09:30	Nerve block basics
09:30-09:50	Forearm blocks (Median, Ulnar, Radial)
09:50-10:50	Live model practice & phantom needling

10:50-11:05 Coffee break

11:05-11:35	Hip fracture blocks (SIFI, IFI, PENG)
11:35-12:30	Live model practice & phantom needling

12:30-13:10 Lunch break

13:10-13:40	Truncal Blocks (ESP and SAP)
13:40-14:30	Live model practice & phantom needling

14:30-14:45 Coffee break

14:45-15:15	Popliteal Sciatic, Saphenous & Tibial N blocks
15:15-16:00	Live model practice & phantom needling
16:00	Close

The Role of Simulation in Modern Medical Education

Uroš Zafošnik

Instructors: Davorin Markovič, Urška Ivanc

9:00–10:15	ABCDE, Pediatric BLS & ALS Scenarios: Pediatric cardiac arrest, basic and advanced life support.
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10:15 -10:30 Coffee break

10:30-11:45	Pulmonary & Circulatory Emergencies Scenarios: Anaphylaxis, septic shock, hypovolemic shock.
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11:45-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:15	Trauma & Environmental Emergencies Scenarios: Head injury
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13:15-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:45	Toxicology & Infectious Emergencies Scenarios: Medication poisoning.
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17:00	Grand Opening Ceremony Presentation of the university textbook "Atlas of Clinical Skills" Višnja Neseek Adam et al.
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Room 1	
08:30-10:30	Prime Time Opening Chairs: Robert Leach, Višnja Nesek Adam
08:30-08:50	Pain Management - New Guidelines Robert Leach
08:50-09:10	What Is New in ERC Guidelines 2025 Carmen-Diana Cimpoesu
09:10-09:30	Strategies for Effective Career Development in Academia Lisa Moreno-Walton
09:30-09:50	How to Read Vitals Signs and ABCDE Exam between the Lines? Gregor Prosen
09:50-10:10	All Quiet on the PE Front? Ivan Gornik
10:10-10:30	Discussion
10:30-11:00 Coffee break	
11:00-12:30	ED Cardiology Highlights Chairs: Murat Ersel, Branka Bardak
11:00-11:20	Should I Stay or Should I Go? A Risk-Based Guide to Syncope Disposition in the ED Murat Ersel
11:20-11:40	The use of vasopressin in emergency resuscitation Lisa Moreno-Walton
11:40-11:50	Management of acute heart failure complicated by acute coronary syndrome: A pre-post educational study (Impact of high-fidelity clinical simulation on emergency medicine trainees) Albana Kociaj



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11:50-12:00 Health care disparities and short-term outcomes for patients with aortic disease in Jerusalem
Asher Taragin

12:00-12:10 Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation in emergency medicine: Indications, use, and institutional experience
Maja Materljan

12:10-12:20 From protocol to flow: Real-world deliverability of ECPR pathways in shockable OHCA
Nora Knez

12:20-12:30 Discussion

12:30-13:00 **SPONZORIRANO PREDAVANJE**
Astra Zeneca
 Uvođenje postupnika za zbrinjavanje bolesnika sa ZS u rutinu OHBP-a (Implementation of protocols for the management of patients with heart failure (HF) into the routine of the Emergency Department (ED))
Ivan Gornik

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:30 Ultrasound -Beyond the Screen: EM Ultrasound
Chairs: **Effie Polyzogopoulou, Adis Keranović**

14:30-14:50 POCUS Gone Wrong: Pitfalls Every Emergency Clinician Should Know
Effie Polyzogopoulou

14:50-15:10 Pocus in Emergency Medicine - How I use PoCUS in my practise
Chris Yap

15:10-15:30 Lung Ultrasound Enables Faster Diagnosis and Better Outcome in Patients with Dyspnea in the Emergency Department
Adis Keranović

15:30-15:45 Lessons from the Dark Side of the Moon: a Radiologist's Insights into Renal Point-of-Care Ultrasound
Vinko Bubić

15:45-15:55 It's Not Magic, It's (Hocus) POCUS – Real-Life Examples of Expediting Diagnosis and Treatment in the Emergency Department Using Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS)
Điđi Delalić

15:55-16:10 Integration of Artificial Intelligence into Point-of-Care Ultrasound in Emergency Medicine
Carmen-Diana Cimpoesu

16:10-16:30 Discussion

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

Room 2	
11:00-13:00	Brain Matters: From Biomarkers to CT (CRO) Chairs: Tatjana Rajković, Saša Ignjatijević
11:00-11:20	Forgotten Clinical Signs: a Lifesaving Parachute in the ED Tatjana Rajković
11:20-11:40	Urgent Diagnostic and Therapeutic Management of Syncope Saša Ignjatijević
11:40-12:00	Differential Diagnosis of Headache in Emergency Department Vlasta Vuković Cvetković
12:00-12:10	Spontaneous cervical artery dissection as a hidden cause of headache and neck pain Dragana Bekić
12:10-12:20	Diagnostic and therapeutic procedures in the management of epileptic seizure and epileptic status in the emergency department Darinka Tunjić Pejak
12:20-12:30	Hospital Emergency Care and Chronic Coronary Syndrome Vedrana Baraban
12:30-12:40	Diagnostic performance of gfap and uch-l1 in mild traumatic brain injury across different age groups Erika Ptičar
12:40-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-16:30	Emergency Moves: Decisions, Ethics, Innovation (CRO) Chairs: Aleksandar Džakula, Ingrid Bošan-Kilibarda
14:30-14:50	From the Complex to the Complicated – and from Reform to Micro-Intervention! Aleksandar Džakula
14:50-15:00	Death Determined During Emergency Intervention and Transport: a Management Algorithm Ana Maria Antić
15:00-15:10	Refusal of Treatment and Transport in Outpatient Emergency Medicine: Legal, Ethical and Clinical Aspects Željka Berbić
15:10-15:20	Reconsidering the Division between Prehospital and Hospital Emergency Care: a Matter of Environment, Not Expertise Ana Tancabel Mačinković
15:20-15:30	Analysis of Pre-Announced Critically Ill Patients in a Tertiary Emergency Department Paola Bajlo
15:30-15:40	It's a Kind of Magic: How "Vibe Coding" with AI Empowers Clinicians to Build Their Own Tools Alan Kvarantan
15:40-15:50	Job Satisfaction and Perceived Scope of Practice Among Nurses and Medical Technicians Specialized in Emergency Medicine Darko Stošić
15:50-16:00	Knowledge and Attitudes of Health Care Professionals and Patients on Living Will Tamara Petrić
16:00-16:10	Criteria Based Dispatch and Unclear Problem Radmila Majhen Ujević
16:10-16:30	Discussion
16:30-17:00	Coffee break

POSTERS**Moderators: Jim Connolly, Senka Kajčić****11:00-12:30 Brain on Call**

1. Misdiagnosed as Panic Attack: a Case of Acute Laryngeal Dystonia and Akhatizia Following Aripiprazole LAI **Drinko Granić**

2. Is ischemic stroke only an adult disease?: A case of ischemic stroke in a pediatric patient **Ahmet Celal Özsoy**

3. Transient Global Amnesia Following a Stressful Event – a Case Report **Lovro Jančić**

4. An Uncommon Cause of Headache **Timothy Wong**

5. Not Just Back Pain - a Cauda Equina Emergency **Petra Terzić**

6. Insidious HSV-1 Encephalitis **Ivan Raguz**

7. Does Tinnitus Hide Something More Serious? – a Case Report of a Patient with Cerebellar Infarction **Jan Težak**

8. Stroke Management in the Emergency Department as Part of the Angels Initiative Project **Dijana Osman**

9. Our Experience in the First Year of Participation in the Angels Initiative **Ivana Grubešić**

10. Ischemic Stroke in a Patient Receiving Anticoagulant Therapy: a Case Report **Nikolina Požega**

11. Intracerebral Hemorrhage Triggered by Sexual Activity with Predominant Visual Field Deficit **Zdeslav Strika**

12. Severe Traumatic Brain Injury: Early Emergency Decisions and Clinical Outcome **Antonio Šegota**

13. Headache: When the Apparently Benign Becomes Serious – a Case Report **Dijana Maslarda**

14. Spontaneous Intracranial Hypotension Following Minor Trauma: a Diagnostic Challenge in the Emergency Department **Ivana Škara**

15. New-Onset Vertigo as the Initial Presentation of a Cerebral Venous Angioma: a Case Report **Karolina Beg**

16. Acute Ischemic Stroke Presented as a Peripheral Facial Nerve Paralysis: a Case Report **Domagoj Bukvić**

17. Headache and Fever as Emergency Manifestations in Patients with Temporal Arteritis **Besiana Hysi**

18. Application of serum biomarkers in assessing mild traumatic brain injury in children **Anja Martić**

19. A Case of Superior Mesenteric Vein Volvulus Initially Interpreted as Unprovoked Superior Mesenteric Vein Thrombosis in an Adult Female **Sophia Wong**

20. Wearable Physiological Monitoring During OSCE: Astroskin-Derived Stress Markers Predict Performance in Paramedic Final Exams **Attila Pandur**

12:30 -13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch break**POSTERS****Moderators: Damir Rošić, Andrija Babić****14:30-16:00 From Falls to Polytrauma:**

1. Active Methodology and the Kirkpatrick Model in the Assessment of Clinical and Cognitive Skills in the Emergency Internship - University of Ribeirão Preto – Brazil **Rosemary Furlan Daniel**

2. Predictors of Professional Exhaustion: a Cross-Sectional Study on Work Organisation and Workplace Violence in the Croatian Emergency Medical Service **Luka Rogoznica**

3. Relationship between the Presence of PTSD and Depression Symptoms with the Level of Psychological Resilience and Social Support of Out-Hospital Emergency Service Workers **Andreja Domitrović**

4. Blood Product Administration in the Emergency Department of University Hospital Sveti Duh – a Three-Year Experience and the Role of Nursing Staff **Melina Nelyh Đikoli**

5. Something's Wrong, I Can Feel It
Nikolina Borščak Tolić

6. Challenges in Emergency Medicine in Caring for Geriatric Patients **Bruno Sen**

7. Low-Energy Traumatic Subdural and Subarachnoid Hemorrhage in an Elderly Patient Following Low-Energy Head Injury in an Elderly Patient – Clinical Decision-Balancing Making between Conservative and Surgical Management
Magdalena Šiljković

8. Minor Trauma – Major Consequences: Severe TBI in a Geriatric Patient; a Case Report
Mateo Bartolović

9. Management of Penetrating Chest Wounds in the Prehospital Emergency Medical Service
Ljubica Mežnarić

10. Diagnostic Challenge in the Emergency Department: Cervical Spine Fracture Presenting as Stroke – a Case Report **Sabina Rendulić**

11. Pancreatic Contusion Following Blunt Abdominal Trauma: a Case Report
Marija Rokсандić

12. When Infection Is Not the Cause: Delayed Splenic Rupture Mimicking Pneumonia
Anđela Šimunović

13. Prolonged Limb Compression Presenting as Compartment Syndrome: a Case Report
Tea Štajduhar

14. Myocardial Contusion Following Blunt Chest Trauma Revealing Severe Multivessel Coronary Artery Disease: a Case Report **Maritea Arelić**

15. Polytrauma after a Suicide Attempt: Emergency Approach and Clinical Course
Hana Ćurtović

16. Abdominal Penetrating Injury by a Metallic Projectile: Clinical Presentation and Therapeutic Approach **Mirjam Majstorović**

17. Successful non-operative Management of Boerhaave Syndrome Presenting with the Classic Mackler's Triad: A Case Report
Ahmet Celal Özsoy

18. Importance of Early Recognition and Management of Open Pneumothorax in Prehospital Emergency Medical Services
Mario Hlavaček

16:00-16:30 Discussion

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

Debate

Moderators: **Martina Pavletić, Anđela Simić**



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Prophylactic intubation in patients with GCS \leq 8 – is it always justified?

PRO Paola Bajlo
Jasmin Hamzić

Tamara Murselović
Marina Banović **CON**

2

Venous vs. arterial blood gas analysis

PRO Maja Materljan
Marinka Otočan

Ivan Gornik
Mirna Alvir **CON**

3

Prehospital blood transfusion – is it justified?

PRO Ana Tancabel Mačinković
Dragana Bekić

Višnja Neseć Adam
Lea Miklić **CON**

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08:30-10:30 Safe & Smart: ED Innovations S
Chairs: **Tamara Murselović,**
Desislava Katelieva

08:30-08:50 Training for rare events
Jim Connolly

08:50-09:05 How safe is my emergency patient?
Tamara Murselović

09:05-09:20 AI-based clinical decision support systems in the ED: Current landscape and future horizon
Murat Ersel

09:20-09:35 Medical education in Croatia: Where we are, what's next, and how to get there
Ksenija Kos

09:35-09:50 The role of simulation in modern medical education
Uroš Zafošnik

09:50-10:05 Omissions and errors in the management of emergency mental conditions in emergency care
Desislava Katelieva

10:05-10:15 Postmortem genetic testing: Ethical, cultural, and familial perspectives on decision-making after death
Asher Taragin

10:15-10:30 Discussion

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:50 When Every Minute Counts R
Chairs: **Branka Bardak,**
Alan Kvarantan

11:00-11:20 Operational Review of Medical Support for a Mass Gathering Event Held in Zagreb
Adis Keranović, Branka Bardak, Alan Kvarantan

11:20-11:30 EMS Response to Earthquake
Branka Bardak

11:30-11:40 Closing the Therapeutic Vacuum: Impact of Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) in Civilian Mass Casualty Incidents
Alan Kvarantan

11:40-11:50 Disaster Response Caseload Analysis: Experience of the Singapore Emergency Medical Team (SGEMT) Acute Care Area Following the 2025 Sagaing, Myanmar Earthquake
Li Juan Joy Quah

11:50-12:00 A Practical Approach to Emergency Department Management of Exertional Endurance Event Casualties
Jeevan Raaj Thangayah

12:00-12:15 Oncologic emergencies in the ED
Leon Sanders

12:15-12:30 Discussion

12:30-12:50 SPONZORIRANO PREDAVANJE
Swixx Pharma



Kada glukoza izmakne kontroli: hiperglikemijska hitna stanja u praksi (When glucose gets out of control: hyperglycemic emergencies in practice)
Sanja Klobucar

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:30 ED Trauma Spotlight
Chairs: **Ovidiu Alexandru**
Mederle, Anđela Simić

14:30-14:50 When Minutes Define Lives:
Trauma Care Evolutions in 2026
Ovidiu Alexandru Mederle

14:50-15:05 Lateral Canthotomy and
Cantholysis
Ashraf Butt

15:05-15:15 Is Head CT Always Necessary?
Experience with the Canadian
Head CT Rule in Emergency
Department
Faruk Ajdinović

15:15-15:30 Polytrauma: Actuality in the
Management of Severe Traumatic
Brain Injury. From Prehospital
Care to ICU
Levente L. Horvath

15:30-15:45 Implementation of a Dual-Energy
CT Protocol for Polytrauma
Patient in the University Hospital
Centre Zagreb
Lea Miklić

15:45-15:55 Falls in the Emergency
Department: a Clinical Symptom,
Not a Diagnosis
Jonida Kito

15:55-16:05 A Retrospective Analysis of
Polytrauma Patients in the
Emergency Department (ED)
of a Tertiary Hospital Centre in
Zagreb, Croatia, from October
2025 Through January 2026
Krešimir Rukavina

16:05-16:15 An Atypical Cause of Arm Pain
after Planking
Timothy Wong

16:15-16:30 Discussion

16:30-17:00 Coffee break



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Room 2

08:30-10:30 Substance Surprises in the ED Chairs: <i>Evvah Karakılıç, Jasmin Hamzić</i>	11:00-13:10 Breath Under Pressure Chairs: <i>Ashraf Butt, Višnja Neseć Adam</i>
08:30-08:50 When Pleasure Meets Drugs - Chemsex Emergencies <i>Jasmin Hamzić</i>	11:00-11:20 Front of Neck Access <i>Ashraf Butt</i>
08:50-09:10 Contrast-Induced Nephropathy: Myth, Reality, or Outdated Concept? <i>Martina Pavletić</i>	11:20-11:35 Physiologically Difficult Airway <i>Višnja Neseć Adam</i>
09:10-09:25 Nitrous Oxide Toxicity: Neurological, Hematological, and Emergency Implications <i>Evvah Karakılıç</i>	11:35-11:45 Is Short Transport Time a Limitation for Prehospital CPAP Application? a Comparative Study of Physician-Led EMS Teams <i>Tatjana Jevtić Drkić</i>
09:25-09:35 Exposing Radiological Myths – Order a Scan without Worry <i>Nikola Čolović</i>	11:45-11:55 High-Flow Nasal Oxygen Therapy as a Non-Invasive Respiratory Support in the Emergency Department: from Evidence to Practice <i>Nataša Mavrinac</i>
09:35-09:45 Respiratory Depression in Comatose Alcohol-Intoxicated Patients: Impact of Co-Ingestion and Airway Management – a 36-Month Retrospective Cohort Study <i>Jonida Kito</i>	11:55-12:05 Morphine Administration in the Emergency Department for Dyspnea at the End of Life <i>Asher Taragin</i>
09:45-09:55 Alcohol Use and Treatment Services: Historical Context, Public Health Impact and Treatment System Mapping in Albania <i>Irena Ceko Marko</i>	12:05-12:15 Use of Noninvasive Ventilation (NIV) in Emergency Department (ED) of Kbc Osijek <i>Sanela Unfirer</i>
09:55-10:05 Spot the Spike - ED Approach Do Drug Facilitated Sexual Assaults <i>Jasmin Hamzić</i>	12:15-12:25 Airway Management in Critically Ill Patients: Who Secures the Airway and When? a Prehospital-Hospital Analysis from a Tertiary-Level Centre <i>Mirna Alvir</i>
10:05-10:15 Polypharmacy in the Emergency Department: When Treatment Becomes the Trigger <i>Jonida Kito</i>	12:25-12:35 The physiologically difficult airway in the ED. Going beyond anatomy <i>Antonios Bouladakis</i>
10:15-10:30 Discussion	12:35-13:00 Discussion
10:30-11:00 Coffee break	13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:30	From Air to ED Belly Busters Chairs: <i>Carmen-Diana Cimpoesu, Adis Keranović</i>
14:30-14:50	HEMS Intervention for Trauma Patients <i>Carmen-Diana Cimpoesu</i>
14:50-15:10	Helicopter Emergency Medical Service Provides Faster Diagnosis and More Efficient Patient Care <i>Adis Keranović</i>
15:10-15:20	Helicopter Emergency Medical Service in Croatia <i>Saša Balija</i>
15:20-15:30	Does Anyone Still Ask If We Need HEMS? One Year of Real-World Data from Split Base <i>Andrija Babić</i>

15:30-15:40	Vipera Ammodytes Bite in a Rural Area of Dalmatia: the Role of Helicopter Emergency Medical Service <i>Zdravka Majić</i>
15:40-15:50	The Myth-Buster: Approach to Small Bowel Obstruction in the Emergency Departement <i>Lovro Hrvoić</i>
15:50-16:10	Diagnostic Approach to Acute Appendicitis in Three Emergency Departments: Value of Imaging, Clinical Signs and Laboratory Markers <i>Marinka Otočan</i>
16:10-16:30	Discussion
16:30-17:00	Coffee break

Room 3

POSTERS**Moderators: Saša Ignjatijević, Jasmin Hamzić****11:00-12:30 Critical Tox**

1. When Oxygen Lies: a Case of Hidden Methemoglobinemia **Jasmin Hamzić**
2. Cocaine Associated Sodium Channel Cardiotoxicity **Denis Senzen**
3. Case Report of Aconite Poisoning **Szemein Gan**
4. Rhabdomyolysis as a Result of Caffeine Intoxication in a Suicide Attempt: a Case Report **Anamarija Madunić**
5. An Atypical Neuropsychiatry Presentation of Chronic Cocaine Abuse **Milenica Rosić**
6. When Neurological Deficit Is Not Stroke: Mushroom Poisoning as a Diagnostic Trap **Željka Berbić**
7. Alcoholic Cardiomyopathy: a Case Report Presentation **Sonil Marko**
8. Drug-Induced Agranulocytosis **Tomislav Crnčević**
9. Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Induced Myositis-Myocarditis-Myasthenia Overlap after Pembrolizumab Therapy **Josip Puhanić**
10. Digoxin Toxicity Identified by EMS: a Case Report **Dora Meštrović**
11. From Anaphylactic Shock to Silent Troponin Elevation: Suspected Kounis Syndrome after Bee Sting **Drinko Granić**
12. Acute Carbon Monoxide Poisoning - Recognizing Key Signs and Symptoms in Prehospital Emergency Medicine **Ana Katić**
13. Severe Acute Kidney Injury from Vitamin D Toxicity Due to High-Dose Supplementation: a Case Report **Nina Nemčić**
14. Beyond back pain: procalcitonin as a biomarker in emergency care of infectious spondylodiscitis **Neada Hoxha**
15. Pain control in infectious spondylodiscitis: emergency perspectives **Neada Hoxha**

16. Underuse of evidence-based heart failure therapy in the emergency department: a retrospective analysis **Lucija Rukavina**

12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch break**POSTERS****Moderators: Gregor Prosen, Ivana Srzić****14:30-16:00 Pulse & Peril**

1. The Invisible Threat: Aortic Dissection without Warning **Ana Šverko**
2. Can Massive PE Present with Bradycardia and Normal Saturation? **Janice Soo Jie Er**
3. Gastric Rupture after CPR **Mihaela Leš Golub**
4. Beyond Triage Category: a Case of Atypical Myocardial Infarction and Intestinal Ischemia **Lara Žubrinić**
5. Massive Gastrointestinal Bleeding as a Fatal Complication of an Aortic Graft: Aortoenteric **Fistula Karla Kleščić**
6. Unexplained Hemoptysis and Hematochezia Leading to Life-Threatening Respiratory Failure Requiring ECMO in a Young Patient **Kristijan Šimunić**
7. Emergency Department Heart Failure Pharmacotherapy: Underuse of Guideline-Directed Therapy and Missed Opportunities for Optimization **Blanka Anna Belavić**
8. When the Gut Speaks to the Heart: a Case of Gastroenteritis Preceding Acute Myocardial Injury (AMI) **Ivana Srzić**
9. Gender-Related Differences in Etiopathogenesis of Coronary Artery Disease **Roko Habek**
10. When Chest Pain Strikes in Pregnancy: the CTPA or V/Q Scan Dilemma **Natalija Volgemut**

11. Primary Intervention in Heart Attack: the Importance of Emergency Helicopter Service
Marijana Bebek

12. Stepwise Approach to Patients in Cardiogenic Shock: a Case Report **Alisa Zobel**

13. The Importance of a Multidisciplinary Approach and Treatment of Recurrent Supraventricular Tachycardia in the Geriatric Population – a Case Report **Jakov Jurić**

14. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation of a Drowning Victim with Severe Hypothermia: a Case Report **Barbara Kauzlarić**

15. Tingling or Something More?
Adrian Sallabi

16. Hyperkalemia-Induced Brugada Phenocopy: a Case Report **Magdalena Kujundžić**

17. Case report: papillary muscle rupture – importance of ultrasound in emergency medicine, early detection of acute mi complications and timely intervention
Lana Đurić

18. The Importance of Early Recognition of Stemi In Team 2 **Pero Vrebac**

16:00-16:30 Discussion

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

Debate

Moderators: **Višnja Neseck Adam, Ingrid Bošan-Kilibarda**



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FAST ultrasound vs. CT in hemodynamically unstable patients	Bolus vasopressor therapy: indication or risk?	Double external defibrillation	
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09:00-09:15	Should physical examination be confined to history Jim Connolly
09:15-09:30	Empirical Use of Antibiotics in Sepsis - Choose Wisely Ivan Brdar
09:30-09:40	Sepsis without Fever: a Diagnostic Trap in the Emergency Department Jonida Kito
09:40-09:50	Procalcitonin Use and Usefulness in Emergency Department Domagoj Sajfert
09:50-10:00	New Kid on the Block – Diagnostic and Prognostic Features of Serum Calprotectin in Patients with Sepsis Đidi Delalić
10:00-10:10	Natural Disasters as Factors in the Outbreak of Infectious Diseases - Their Impact on the Public Health of Albanians, Part of Western Europe Jonida Kito
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11:00-12:30	Life on the Line Chairs: Zoltan Vamos, Radmila Majhen Ujević
11:00-11:20	Contraindications, gray zones, and ongoing controversies - ECMO beyond indications: Contraindications and clinical decision conflicts Evvah Karakılıç
11:20-11:30	Prehospital Blood Transfusion: Luxury or Necessity in the Croatian HEMS System? Ana Tancabel Mačinković
11:30-11:45	Post-CPR: The critical first 72 hours Zoltan Vamos
11:45-11:55	Simulation Training in Geographically Remote Areas Lacking Advanced Medical Services: Building Capacity Through Realistic Practice Albana Kocia
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09:00-10:30	Save the Brain Chairs: Abel Papp, Lea Miklić
09:00-09:15	Implementation of ERC 2025 Neuroprognostication after Outof-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: Early Results from a High-Volume Emergency Center in Romania Carmen-Diana Cimpoesu
09:15-09:30	Cardiac Arrest and Systemic Reperfusion. How to Save the Brain? Abel Papp
09:30-09:45	When Troponin Cannot Wait: Point-of-Care Troponin as a Clinical Support Tool in Suspected Acute Coronary Syndrome Rudina Preci
09:45-10:00	Chrashing Pregnant Patient Lea Miklić
10:00-10:10	Clinical application of blood biomarkers in suspected low-risk traumatic brain injury Iva Miloš
10:10-10:30	Discussion
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11:00- 12:30	Pain & Gainesia Chairs: Gregor Prosen, Anđela Simić
11:00-11:20	ABCDE-F(Railty); New Paradigm and Future of EM? Gregor Prosen
11:20-11:40	Beyond the Break: What Hip Fractures Teach Us About Treating Pain in the Elderly Anđela Simić
11:40-11:55	Procedural Sedation and Analgesia in EM Metin Omerović
11:55-12:05	Comparison of Croatian Acute Pain Management Guidelines by HDLB with Guidelines for Acute Pain Management in Emergency Situations by EUSEM Krešimir Šofić
12:05-12:15	Back Pain and the Needle: Are We Running an Emergency Department or an Injection Bar? Andrija Babić
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Ivan Gornik

09:00-10:30 ED Mysteries

1. Spleen Ahoy! Inadvertent Splenic Injury as a Complication of Thoracocentesis

Vedran Vuglić

2. Abdominal Pain as a Diagnostic Challenge: Appendicitis or Pyelonephritis?

Zdravka Majić

3. Patient Safety in the Emergency Department – Preventing Errors in a High-Stress Environment

Nikolina Žužul

4. Gastric Ischaemia: Rare, Overlooked and Deadly

Ena Vučković

5. Boerhaave Syndrome Presenting as Acute-Left Sided Abdominal Pain: a Diagnostic Challenge

Teodora Pilat

6. Atypical Acute Abdomen in an Elderly Patient with Rapid Progression to Sepsis

Barbara Miklečić

7. Liposarcoma as a Cause of Nonspecific Abdominal Pain: a Case Report

Luka Ćurić

8. Peptic Ulcer Perforation **Ivana Kranjec**

9. How to Cleanse Your Crystals?

Ivona Peter

10. Treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Patients in Emergency Department (ED) of Kbc Osijek-Do We Follow National Guidelines?

Sanela Unfirer

11. Are There Limitations to the Use of Ketamine During Intubation in the Emergency Department: a Two Case Report

Anika Stepic

12. Airway Management in a Patient with Neurotrauma

Željka Berbić

13. Giant Type IV Paraesophageal Hernia Presenting as Isolated Progressive Dyspnea

Hugo Mađarić

14. What Lies Behind Dyspnea? **Sara Schubert**

15. Airway Management in Prehospital Cardiac Arrest

Tomislava Mrgan

16. Identifying the Cause of a Patient's Dyspnea During a Medical Helicopter Flight, or Everything We Need to Know About B Lines

Ivan Brdar

17. Dyspnea Is Not Always the Lungs: Diagnostic Traps in the Emergency Department - Minimizing Misdiagnosis Through Simulation

Albana Kociaj

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11:00-12:30 Crisis & Clues

1. Acute Kidney Injury in the Emergency Department: Clinical Profile, Treatment and Outcomes

Laura Barta

2. Valproate-Induced Hyperammonemic Encephalopathy

Josip Lipovac

3. Metabolic Disturbance after Prolonged Transit: Rhabdomyolysis, Acute Kidney Injury, and Euglycemic Ketoacidosis in an Asylum Seeker

Lada Marijan

4. Adrenal Crisis: a Crisis Triggered by Levothyroxine in Hypothyroidism

Julia Grgurić

5. Hidden Crisis **Paula Franić**

6. Paraparesis in a Young Man after Hair Transplantation **Monika Tokić**

7. Pituitary Apoplexy: Acute Hypopituitarism – Case Report **Eric Kovačina**

8. Emergency Department Visits of Hemodialysis Patients **Ivan Jurić**

9. Seizure Unmasking Euglycemic Ketoacidosis in Acute Pancreatitis – a Case Report **Monika Ranogajec**

10. Beware of EDKA in Metabolic Acidosis – a Case Report **Tea Fabijanić**

11. Staphylococcal Sepsis and Pneumonia Secondary to Measles after Chemical Peel - Case Report **Ileana Baba**

12. From Pharyngitis to MODS: Rapid Progression of Invasive Streptococcus Pyogenes Infection **Nikola Klarić**

13. Point-of-Care Ultrasound for Rapid Bedside Identification of Infection Source in the Emergency Department: Report of Two Cases **Ivana Klarić**

14. Awakened by Headache: Prehospital Recognition of Meningococcal Meningitis Complicated by Ventriculitis **Marija Kostanjski**

15. The Reaction of the Entire Health System to the Binomial: Refugee Crisis-Risk of Infectious Diseases. Why Not Our Country as Part of the Mediterranean Region! **Besiana Hysi**

16. Pain Symptom in Patients with Herpes Zoster as a Cause of Misdiagnosis in the Emergency Department **Jonida Kito**

17. Assessment of the accuracy of triage decisions and their impact on treatment outcomes at the unified emergency department of the Split University Hospital Center **Tomislava Maleš**

12:30-13:00 Discussion

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