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ACADEMIC COMPETENCE TRACK ESTS COURSE ON SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL COMMUNICATION

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This course is intended to improve oral and written communication skills in medicine through better research methodology, written style and performance on stage. Although all course materials are related to Thoracic Surgery, attendance is also recommended for other clinical specialties, mostly for people in training.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION: www.ests.org

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DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2023

Introduction and aims of the course

Gonzalo Varela

14:20-15:00 h

Basic statistics for analytical studies

Luca Bertolaccini

Welcome to the course

Nuria Novoa [VIRTUAL]

15:00-15:30 h

Outcome prediction in surgical practice

Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz

CLINICAL RESEARCH

13:00-13:20 h **Basic principles: relevant topics and good hypothesis**

Gonzalo Varela

16:00-16:30 h

Break

16:30-17:00 h

Survival analysis

Luca Bertolaccini

13:20-14:00 h **Evidence means more than randomised trials: types of epidemiological studies in clinical medicine**

Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz

17:00-17:30 h

How many cases and where from the cases?

Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz

14:00-14:20 h **Observational studies without comparison: descriptive studies and their value**

Gonzalo Varela

17:30-18:30 h

Hands on. Design your study according to topics suggested by the faculty

All, leading Luca Bertolaccini

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DAY 2 | THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2023

THE MANUSCRIPT

09:00-09:30 h	The cycle of a manuscript: from submission to publication Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz	14:00-14:30 h	My manuscript is rejected: what now? Gonzalo Varela
09:30-10:15 h	Do's and don'ts when writing the Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion sections Alessandro Brunelli	14:30-15:30 h	Learning from others: try to find what is wrong in real anonymized examples All, leading Gonzalo Varela
10:00-10:30 h	Bibliography Gonzalo Varela	15:30-16:30 h	From clinical practice to improving the evidence Transforming real clinical problems in hypothesis and evidences. All, leading Gonzalo Varela
10:30-11:00 h	Break	16:30-17:00 h	Break
11:00-11:30 h	The conclusions section: answering the hypothesis Gonzalo Varela	17:00-18:00 h	Discussing earlier delegates' experiences. What was wrong and why? All, leading Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz
11:30-12:00 h	Choosing the right journal Luca Bertolaccini		
12:00-12:30 h	What review the reviewers and how to answer their comments? Alessandro Brunelli	19:30 h	Course Dinner
12:30-14:00 h	Lunch		

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DAY 3 | FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2023

ORAL COMMUNICATION

08:30-09:00 h	Abstracts' selection criteria in mayor international meetings Gonzalo Varela	10:30-11:00 h	How to present and keep the audience awake Alessandro Brunelli
09:00-09:30 h	Try to find out mistakes in these real abstracts and how to improve them All, leading Gonzalo Varela	11:00-11:30 h	Questioning and handling the audience questions Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz
09:30-10:00 h	Effective presentations using Power Point: a few rules Luca Bertolaccini	11:30-12:00 h	Neither oral nor written, poster Luca Bertolaccini
10:00-10:30 h	Break	12:00-12:30 h	Conclusions Gonzalo Varela

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