



Preliminary Program
IV International Conference DONARTE 2025
Donation and Art: Nicholas and Rolly Testimonials

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**Theme: Organ Maintenance: bridging intensive care, transplantation and care of the recipient.
 Peace, Hope and Science for Restoring Life**

President: Prof. Anna Teresa Mazzeo (University of Messina, Italy)

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DAY 1 Tuesday, October 7 th , Vulcano Hotel Les Sables Noirs		
0800-0830	Registration	
0845-0900	Welcome address	
0900-1000	What's new?	Moderators: Deepak Gupta (India) Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina)
0900-0915	Organ donation and transplantation: Landmarks reached and vision for the future	Giuseppe Feltrin (CNT, Italy)
0915-0930	Extraordinary cases of pediatric donation to save more lives	Thomas Nakagawa (USA) Nicholas Special lecture
0930-0945	Pregnancy with Traumatic Brain injury: Journey from saving 2 lives to saving multiple lives	Deepak Gupta (India) Rolly Special lecture
0945-1000	Organ allocation: how to balance equity and benefit	Massimo Cardillo (Milano, Italy)
1000-1100	Improving Organ Survival and Outcomes	Moderators: Giovanni Raimondo (Messina), Francesca Rubulotta (Catania),
1000-1010	The challenges of cadaveric organ donation in North India	Ajay Kumar Sharma (UK)
1020-1030	Governance in solid organ transplantation	Roberto Cacciola (Messina, Italy)
1030-1040	The Cost of Excellence: Understanding and Combating Burnout in Transplant Surgery.	Luca Toti (Rome, Italy)
1040-1050	The journey of self-realization: Scaling the learning curve.	Harjinder Singh Bhatoe (India)
1050-1100	Discussion	

1100-1130	Coffee Break	
1130-1330	Are we doing enough to improve organ donor management in ICU?	Moderators: Alberto Noto (Messina), Ajay Kumar Sharma (UK)
1130-1140	Can we optimize organ donor management?	Mathew Joseph (India)
1140-1150	Can we optimize ventilatory strategies in organ donor management?	Luciana Mascia (Lecce), Vito Fanelli (Torino)
1150-1200	Continuous renal replacement therapy after brain death in organ donors.	Francesco Alessandri (Rome)
1200-1210	Clinical strategies to reduce kidney discards and improve transplant access	Federica Giambo', Domenico Santoro (Messina)
1210-1220	Defining and profiling secondary insults in severe acute neurological injury.	Enas Abdalla (Egypt)
1220-1230	Pediatric out of hospital cardiac arrest and ROSC: journey through care, prognosis and ethics.	Gabriella Bottari (Rome)
1230-1240	Rural Transplant and awareness programmes	Avinash Odugoudar (India)
1240-1250	Beyond Tomorrow: The Next Frontier in Transplantation	Luca Toti (Rome, Italy)
1250-1300	Discussion	
1300-1400	Light Lunch	
1400-1600	International gathering to promote new achievements and Health Care Sustainability	Moderators: Giuseppe Feltrin (CNT, Italy), Thomas Nakagawa (USA)
1400-1410	Consent in Context: Rethinking Opt-In and Opt-Out Systems through Ethics, Culture, and Public Trust	Iyer Shridhar (Singapore)
1410-1420	What are the consequences of working in a country without brain death criteria?	Francesca Rubulotta (Catania, Italy)
1420-1430	Bringing Organ Donation into Focus: nationwide community engagement efforts through the Live On Festival	Chow Yee Ling (Singapore)
1430-1440	Updates on organ donation and transplantation in West Africa	Samuel Kaba (Ghana)
1440-1450	Early experience with clinical and decedent xenotransplantation	Jeffrey Stern (USA)
1450-1500	Implementing Sustainable ICU: Challenges and Opportunities	Vincenzo Francesco Tripodi (Messina)
1510-1520	Establishing the first cadaveric organ donation and transplant program in Rural North Karnataka	Avinash Odugoudar (India), Ajay Kumar Sharma (UK)
1520-1530	Organ Donation Education in India	Ashish Jain (India)
1530-1540	Optimized organ donation procedures, operative logistics considerations	Jeffrey Stern (USA)
1540-1550	Hyderabad Model of cadaveric organ donation	Chikkam Uma Maheshwaa Rao (India)
1550-1610	Discussion	
1610-1700	Pillars of communication	Moderators: Giorgio Battaglia (CRT, Sicily), Daniela Di Stefano (Catania), Antonio Scafidi (CRT Sicily),
1610-1620	How to communicate in end-of-life care	Francesca Leonardis (Roma)
1620-1630	Pursuit of Happiness - Lifestyle management for true holistic health	Mahesh Karandikar (India)
1630-1640	"DARte, education space for donation and culture"	Ernesto Duarte (Mexico)

1640-1700	Awards to Best Abstract Presentations and to Art exhibition	Moderators: Iolanda Russo Menna (USA), Mathew Joseph (India)
2030-2200	Welcome Dinner	
	DAY 2 Wednesday, October 8th, Vulcano Hotel Les Sables Noirs	
0700-0900	<i>Sport event: Canoe transplant games</i>	
0900-1000	Artificial Intelligence in end-of-life care and transplantation	Moderators: Filippo Benedetto (Messina), Roberto Cacciola (Messina)
0900-0910	Will AI ever be ready to make end-of-life care decisions for us?	Francesco Alessandri (Roma)
0910-0920	Transforming organ transplantation with Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and challenges.	Iolanda Russo Menna (Richmond, USA)
0920-0930	How Artificial Intelligence and Liquid Biopsy interception is helping to boost the post-transplantation care	Natalia Malara (Catanzaro, Italy)
0930-0940	How AI can be useful in transplant pathology	Maria Lentini (Messina)
0940-1000	Discussion	
1000-1100	Challenges in pediatric organ donation	Moderators: Thomas Nakagawa (USA), Carmelo Romeo (Messina), Deepak Gupta (India)
1000-1010	Paediatric organ donation in the UK: What have we learnt in the past decade?	Lindsay Ford (Edinburgh, Scotland)
1010-1020	Approaching families about organ donation from children	Thomas Nakagawa (USA)
1020-1030	Anesthesia for pediatric liver transplantation	Gennaro Martucci (ISMETT, Palermo)
1030-1040	Ethical Challenges in Pediatric Organ Donation	Gabriella Bottari (Roma)
1040-1050	Understanding the landscape: Qualitative study to ascertain staff knowledge and opinions in paediatric organ donation in Scotland	Lindsay Ford (Edinburgh, Scotland)
1050-1100	Discussion	
1100-1130	Coffe Break	
1130-1320	The marginal donor and the future of perfusion machines. Cardiothoracic and Abdominal organs	
	<i>Cardiothoracic</i>	Moderators: Alberto Zanella (Milano), Giuseppe Magazzu' (Messina)
1130-1140	EVLP: The role of inflammatory response	Vito Fanelli (Torino, Italy)
1140-1150	How to ventilate, perfuse and evaluate the lungs during EVLP	Andrea Costamagna (Torino, Italy)
1150-1200	Lung transplantation outcomes: the impact of donor and recipient match	Domenica Giunta, Alessandro Bertani (ISMETT, Palermo)
1200-1210	ECMO and transplantation	Giovanna Panarello (ISMETT, Palermo)
1210-1220	Heart transplantation: Sicilian experience	Sergio Sciacca (ISMETT, Palermo)
1220-1230	Discussion	

1230-1330	Abdominal	Moderators: Eugenio Cucinotta (Messina), Amit Sharma (USA)
1230-1240	Abdominal organ transplant (Kidney & Liver) from the follow up of the candidate to anesthesiologist management during transplant	Gaetano Burgio (ISMETT, Palermo)
1240-1250	Outcomes after robotic assisted kidney donation	Amit Sharma (USA)
1250-1300	A Hub for Innovation: Abdominal Transplant Surgery at ISMETT, Sicily	Duilio Pagano (ISMETT, Palermo)
1300-1310	Long-term recipient outcome for Deceased donor organ transplantation: experience from a single Organ Procurement area (ZTCC Mumbai)	Surendra Kumar Mathur (India)
1310-1320	Living donor liver transplant: what should the age limit be for donors/recipients.	Zachary Rollins (USA)
1320-1330	Discussion	
1330-1400	Lunch Break	
1400-1510	DCD	Moderators: Giuseppe Navarra (Messina), Ettore Panascia (Catania), Gaetano Burgio (ISMETT, Palermo)
1430-1440	The first DCD donation in AOU G Martino of Messina: how the hospital got ready for it	
1440-1450	DCD donor criteria to selection and management of regional perfusion for thoracic and abdominal organs	Gaetano Burgio (ISMETT Palermo)
1450-1500	DCD heart transplantation after a prolonged ‘stand off’ period: the Italian experience	Massimo Boffini (Torino, Italy)
1500-1510	DCD Lung	Alberto Zanella (Milano, Italy)
1510-1520	Discussion	
1520-1620	The Family behind the Transplant	Moderators: Antonio Scafidi (CRT, Sicily), Gurch Randhawa (UK)
1520-1530	Looking after paediatric organ donors and their families: Case-based discussion of our Scottish experience	Lindsay Ford (Edinburgh, Scotland)
1530-1540	When families disagree with the medical team. The impact on organ donation	Thomas Nakagawa (USA)
1540-1550	Organ Donation Beyond Altruism	Mahesh Karandikar (India)
1550-1600	Affective temperament and choice orientation	Carmela Mento (Messina)
1600-1610	The Head and Heart Connection: Building on Singapore’s legislative framework with a comprehensive family approach training for healthcare professionals	Chow Yee Ling (Singapore)
1610-1620	Discussion	
1620-1730	Round Table. The Vulcano Recommendations to Increase Global Awareness in Organ Donation	All the National and International Faculty
	Day 3 Thursday, October 9th Aula Magna Palacongressi AOU Gaetano Martino	Event dedicated to Students of the 3 Schools of Medicine and Surgery and Students of

		School of Nursing and Residents
0800-0845	Registration	
0900-1030	The Role of University in organ donation and Transplantation Welcome address	Moderators: Antonio David (Messina), Maria De Pasquale (Messina), Iolanda Russo Menna (USA), Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina)
0900-0915	The future of uncontrolled DCD	Martí Manyalich (Spain)
0915-0930	International cooperation programs or international perspective on Organ Donation and Transplantation	Chloe Balleste' (Spain)
0930-0945	Donor Advocate: Living Donor Protection	David Paredes (Spain)
0945-1000	The role of university students as ambassadors for organ donation	Gurch Randhawa (UK)
1000-1010	Donation as a form of Art. Testimonials.	Antonella Mollisi, moglie del Maestro Arena (Messina)
1010-1020	The role of organ donation. The life with a new organ. Waiting for a new organ	Agostino Mallamace (Messina) Gaetano Mannana (Messina)
1020-1030	Aiming at uniformity in Mediterranean and across the Ocean Universities. The Mediterranean Universities Cruise Project on Organ Donation and Transplantation.	Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina)
1030-1100	Coffe Break	
1100-1330	Workshops (30 min each)	Coordinators: Vincenzo Tripodi (Messina), Silvana Curro' (Messina), Tiziana De Salvo (Messina), Giuseppe Arena (ISMETT), Raouf Mastan (India)
1130-1200	Room 1- ICP Monitoring in acute neurological injuries	Domenico d'Avella (Padova), Flavio Angileri (Messina), Deepak Gupta (India), with anesthesia and ICU colleagues and residents
1130-1200	Room 2- Vascular accesses	Massimiliano Giardina (Messina), Silvana Curro' (Messina), With anesthesia and ICU colleagues and residents
1200-1230	Room 1- The role of Osmometry in ICU	Giuseppe Umana (Catania, Italy), With anesthesia and ICU colleagues and residents
1200-1230	Room 2- Gas-analysis for organ maintenance	Alessandro Conti (Catania), Federica Scavonetto (Catania) with anesthesia and ICU colleagues and residents
1200-1230	Room 3- Patient Blood Management	Vincenzo Tripodi (Messina), Federica Vita (Messina), With anesthesia and ICU colleagues and residents
1230-1300	Room 1- Management of In-Flight Medical Emergencies	Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina), Deepak Gupta

		(India) With anesthesia and ICU colleagues and residents
1230-1300	Room 2-Communication	Valentina Botta (CEFPAS), Vincenzo Fodale (Messina), Francesco Puliatti (Messina), Ilenia Bonanno (Catania), Luigi Cardia (Messina)
1230-1300	Room 3-VAD as a bridge to transplant	Giuseppe Arena (ISMETT), Francesco Patane' (Messina), Francesco Saporito (Messina), Giampiero Vizzari (Messina) With anesthesia and ICU colleagues and residents
1300-1400	Lunch Break	
1400-1700	Satellite Event ATOD. ATTITUDE TOWARDS ORGAN DONATION. EDUCATIONAL MEETING FOR PROSPECTIVE HEALTHCARE DOCTOR. Students of the 3 Schools of Medicine and Surgery and Students of School of Nursing.	<i>Event Coordinators:</i> Roberto Cacciola (Messina), Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina) <i>Coordinators of Schools of Medicine and School of Nursing:</i> Irene Cacciola, Daniela Caccamo, Giuseppina Rizzo, Concetta Crisafulli
	<i>Testimonials</i>	Cecilia De Gaetano, mamma di Martina
1700-1730	<i>Art exhibition and Awards for organ donation and transplantation and Closing Remarks</i>	Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina) Deepak Gupta (India)

DONARTE 2025 Organ Donation Awareness Program is combined with the Scientific Program and is focused on increasing awareness of organ donation and encouraging people to make an informed decision about donating their organs after death. The program is marked by various events, sport activities, art exhibition, involvement of school and University Students, artistic program and social media campaigns designed to inform the public and health care professionals about the importance of organ donation, how the organ donation process works, and the powerful difference that one donor can make.

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