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INTRODUCTION



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Cholangiocarcinoma represents one of the most complex and challenge in oncology today, due to its rarity, biological heterogeneity, aggressiveness, and limited therapeutic options.

Despite these obstacles, scientific research and clinical practice are making significant progress, thanks to the synergistic collaboration between clinicians, researchers, patients, and associations.

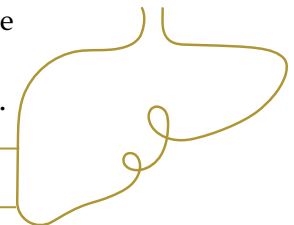
On the occasion of Cholangiocarcinoma Day 2026, this international single-topic expert meeting is organized with the aim of providing a platform for discussion, updating, and interdisciplinary collaboration, entirely dedicated to this rare but increasingly prevalent neoplasm. Basic scientists, oncologists, gastroenterologist and surgeons will share and discuss innovations and advances.

For the first time, the congress is held in close collaboration with APIC (Italian Association of Cholangiocarcinoma Patients), an organization actively promoting awareness, support, and advocacy for patients affected by this disease. Their active participation is a fundamental element for a truly patient-centered and integrated approach.

During the days of the congress, key topics related to cholangiocarcinoma will be addressed:

- Innovations in surgery and locoregional treatments
- Precision oncology and targeted therapies
- Role of molecular biology and emerging biomarkers
- Multidisciplinary diagnostic and therapeutic pathways
- Quality of life and patient support
- Testimonials and the role of patient associations

With a spirit of collaboration and sharing, we invite you to actively participate in this unique event, confident that only through joint efforts can we continue to advance in the diagnosis, treatment, and improvement of the quality of life for people affected by cholangiocarcinoma.



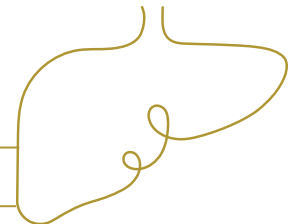
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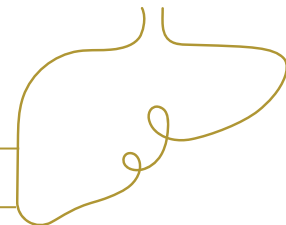
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AGENDA

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| 13:00-13:30 | Registration |
| 13:30-13:45 | Welcome Adress & Introduction to the 3-Days Meeting |
| 13:45-16:00 | <i>"State of the art" Lectures.</i> Chairmen U. BOGGI, G. de MANZONI, A. RUZZENENTE |
| 13:45-14:05 | Surgical Strategies for ICC: Present and Future Perspectives. T. PAWLIK |
| 14:05-14:25 | Understanding Molecular Mechanisms of Cholangiocarcinoma. M. FASSAN |
| 14:25-14:45 | The Impact of Minimally Invasive Surgery for Complex Procedures: Emphasizing the Importance of Outcome Evaluation. M. ABU HILAL |
| 14:45-15:05 | Liver Transplantation for Cholangiocarcinoma: From Experimental Therapy to Standard of Care. V. MAZZAFERRO |
| 15:05-15:25 | Distal Cholangiocarcinoma vs PDAC: where misdiagnosis make the difference. I. FRIGERIO |
| 15:25-15:45 | Networking, Coffee and informal Discussion |
| 15:45-16:00 | Day closure |



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| 08:30-09:00 | Registration |
| 09:00-09:15 | Welcome Adress & Introduction to the Meeting |
| 09:15-10:45 | Session 1 Recent Insights in Cholangiocarcinoma Pathophysiology and their Clinical Implications Chairmen V. CORBO, M. MILELLA, A. SCARPA |
| 09:15-09:30 | Histopathologic Landscape of Cholangiocarcinoma: From Diagnosis to Prognostic Stratification. C. LUCHINI |
| 09:30-09:45 | Exploring Present Insights and Future Challenges in Cholangiocarcinoma Basic and Clinical Research. G. GIANNELLI |
| 09:45-10:00 | Personalized Therapy for Cholangiocarcinoma: From Hope to Clinical Reality. C. BRACONI |
| 10:00-10:15 | The Role of Molecular Profiling in Cholangiocarcinoma Management. D. MELISI |
| 10:30-10:45 | Discussion |
| 10:15-10:30 | Immunotherapy for Cholangiocarcinoma: does one size fit all? M. RIMINI |
| 10:45-11:00 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00-13:30 | Session 2 Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma Chairmen G.M. ETTORRE, F. GIULIANTE |
| 11:00-11:15 | Face to Face: Minimally Invasive Surgery for ICC |
| 11:15-11:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laparoscopic Approach. A. FERRERO• Robotic Approach. R. MEMEO |
| 11:30-11:45 | Role of Lymphadenectomy in the minimally invasive era. R. CIRIA |
| 11:45-11:50 | Commented by F. RATTI |
| 11:50-12:05 | Face to Face: Trends in the Surgical Attitude for ICC with Vascular Contact. |
| 12:05-12:20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vascular Resection/Extreme Surgery. H. LANG• R1 Vascular. G. TORZILLI |
| 12:20-12:35 | Indications and results of TARE in ICC. G. BERARDI |
| 12:35-12:40 | Commented by R. DE CARLIS |
| 12:40-12:55 | Face to Face: Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Therapy in Cholangiocarcinoma: Evidence, Controversies and Future Directions |
| 12:55-13:10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Oncologist point of view. L. RIMASSA• The Surgeon point of view. C. SPOSITO |
| 13:10-13:25 | Intraarterial Therapy for Advanced ICC. F.E. D'AMICO |
| 13:25-13:30 | Commented by L. VIGANÒ |
| 13:30-14:30 | Lunch |



14:30-16:00

Session 3 | Peri-hilar Cholangiocarcinoma

Chairmen | D. BALCI, G.L. GRAZI, H. LANG

14:30-14:45

How to select the optimal Candidates to up-front Surgery. S. CONCI

14:45-14:50

Commented by G. ERCOLANI

Face to Face: Changes in biliary drainage policies

- The Endoscopist point of view. S.F. CRINÒ
- The Interventional Radiologist point of view. A. CONTRO
- The Surgeon point of view. F. ARDITO

14:50-15:00

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Robotic Approach for PCC: The new Standard of Care or Useless exercise of Technique.

F. DI BENEDETTO

15:35-15:40

Commented by R. TROISI

15:40-15:55

Emerging role of Liver Transplantation for ICC and PCC. U. CILLO

15:55-16:00

Commented by R. ROMAGNOLI

16:00-17:30

Session 4 | Technical Aspects & Videos

Chairmen | S. DI SANDRO, M. VIVARELLI

16:00-16:15

Living donor Liver Transplantation in Cholangiocarcinoma. D. BALCI

16:15-16:20

Commented by M. CESCO

16:20-16:30

VIDEO 1 | Laparoscopic ICC. N. RUSSOLILLO

16:30-16:35

Commented by M. DE BELLIS

16:35-16:45

VIDEO 2 | Robotic ICC. F. PROCOPIO

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Commented by A. BENEDETTI CACCIAGUERRA

16:55-17:05

VIDEO 3 | Robotic PCC. T. CAMPAGNARO

17:05-17:10

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VIDEO 4 | Robotic Liver Transplantation. P. MAGISTRI

17:20-17:25

Commented by A. CARRARO

17:25-17:30

Day closure

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08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:15 Welcome Adress & Introduction

09:15-12:30 **The Floor to the Patients**

Lectures, experience and debates coordinated by APIC (Associazione Pazienti Italiani di Colangiocarcinoma) the Italian Patients of Cholangiocarcinoma Association

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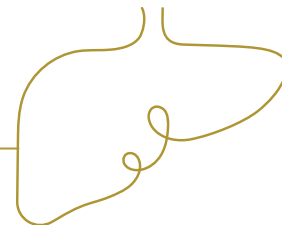
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