

Meeting Hall 1-2

WEDNESDAY MAY 27

14.30 - 18.30

Admission to the Workshop is limited to max 24 participants with mandatory pre-registration and pre-payment.

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## CONNECT WORKSHOP DESIGN YOUR TRIAL

An interactive workshop on clinical trial design in intensive care.

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Join a dynamic and gamified learning experience designed to teach you how to build a solid and reproducible mini-protocol for a randomized clinical trial (RCT). Using the PICO framework and CONSORT standards, participants will tackle key methodological challenges related to everyday clinical practice in intensive care. Through assigned project roles, unexpected scenarios introduced via Event Cards, and peer-to-peer audits, you will gain practical tools to manage bias and define meaningful, operational outcomes for clinical research.

Languages: English or Italian, no simultaneous translation.

- 14.30 **Kick-Off: PICO & CONSORT Essentials**  
Introduction to the core principles of PICO and the six essential CONSORT elements, setting the foundation for building a strong and fundable study design.
- 14.45 **Phase 1: Build Your PICO**  
Participants complete a full PICO template, refining clarity, feasibility, and alignment of their research question.
- 15.15 **Phase 2: Mini-Protocol Design**  
Transformation of the PICO into a structured mini-protocol using CONSORT blocks.
- 15.45 **Phase 3: Event Card Challenge**  
Teams draw two event cards and adapt their protocol to unexpected constraints, strengthening flexibility and critical thinking.
- 16.00 Break
- 16.20 **Phase 4: Pitch & Audit Arena**  
Four groups present a 10-minute pitch followed by a 5-minute structured peer audit and feedback session.
- 17.20 **Scoring & Debrief**  
Completion of evaluation grids, score tallying, and audience vote. Review of three common mistakes, practical fixes.
- 17.40 **Awards**  
Announcement of the winning team and key take-home messages.
- 18.00 **Award Ceremony** with Prof. L. Camporota and Prof. M. Quintel.