

Sunday 20 September

16.30-17.00 Registration and welcome

17.00-17.30 Introduction to the course. (C. Gluud - D. Conte)

17.30-18.15 The architecture of diagnostic studies. (C. Gluud - D. Conte)

18.15-19.00 Title of Cochrane systematic review of diagnostic test accuracy (DTA). (G. Casazza - D. Nikolova)

19.00-19.45 Small group work: Title of Cochrane systematic review of DTA. (G. Casazza - D. Nikolova)

20.00 Dinner

Monday 21 September

9.00-9.30 Validity, reliability, and reproducibility of the index test. Definitions and their assessment (PG. Duca)

9.30-10.00 The range of results of the index test in healthy people and associated factors (D. Prati)

10.00-10.45 Small group work: Analysis of diagnostic studies: defining the question, study phases, and designs (M. Fraquelli - D. Prati)

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.40 Feedback from the small groups.

Interactive discussion (M. Fraquelli - D. Prati)

11.40-12.00 Diagnostic test accuracy: terminology, patients selection, and reporting the results: the 2-by-2 table (G. Casazza)

12.00-12.30 The reference standard (G. Costantino)

12.30-13.15 Small group work: Analysis of diagnostic studies: patients selection, definitions of index test and reference standard.(G. Duca - G. Costantino)

13.15-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.15 Feedback from the small groups.

Interactive discussion (G. Duca - G. Costantino)

15.15-15.45 Sensitivity, specificity, and likelihood ratios (G.Filippini)

15.45-17.10 Small groups work: Analysis of diagnostic studies: estimates of sensitivity, specificity, and likelihood ratios (G.Casazza - A.Colli)

17.10-17.30 Coffee break

17.30-18.30 Feedback from the small groups.

Interactive discussion. (G.Casazza - A.Colli)

18.30-18.45 Lessons learned (M. Fraquelli)

18.45-19.30 Small groups work: Steps in writing the protocol for a DTA systematic review (1) (Participants)

20.00 Dinner

Tuesday 22 September

9.00-9.30 Continuous index test results: positivity and negativity criteria. The cut-off value (G. D'Amico).

9.30-10.00 The receiver operating characteristic curve (G. Casazza)

10.00-10.45 Small group work. Analysis of diagnostic studies: the cut-off (G. Filippini - G. D'Amico)

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.00 Feedback from the small groups.

Interactive discussion. (G. Filippini - G. D'Amico)

12.00-12.45 Diagnostic accuracy and statistical significance ((PG. Duca)

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.15 Pre-test and post-test probability. When

is the post probability sufficient for decision-making? (A Colli)

15.15-16.00 Diagnostic accuracy study designs: case-control studies, cross-sectional studies, cohort studies, and randomised clinical trials (M. Fraquelli)

16.00-17.00 Small group work. Analysis of diagnostic studies: the study design (D. Conte - C. Gluud)

17.00-17.20 Coffee break

17.20-18.15 Feedback from the small groups.

Interactive discussion (D. Conte - C. Gluud)

18.15-18.30 Lessons learned. (A. Colli)

18.30-19.30 Small group work: Steps in writing the protocol for a DTA systematic review (2) (Participants)

20.30 Farewell dinner

Wednesday 23 September

9.00-9.20 Transient elastography for diagnosis of stages of hepatic fibrosis and cirrhosis in people with alcoholic liver disease (C.S. Pavlov)

9.20-10.40 Interactive session: Systematic reviews and meta-analyses of diagnostic studies (D. Nikolova - G. Casazza - A. Colli)

10.40-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.45 Search strategies for DTA systematic reviews. (V. Pistotti)

11.45-13.30 Examination of the participants. Presentation of a title formulation for a DTA systematic review (All the Faculty)

13.30-14.00 Conclusions and perspectives. Course evaluation. (D. Conte - C. Gluud)

14.00-14.45 Lunch

Organizing secretary and course information:

Sara Comparetti,

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Early application date: until 20 June 2015

Late application date: from 21 June 2015

All sessions will be run in English. Course participants will be selected based on their CV which must be sent together with the application to *Sara Comparetti*. We encourage you to apply by **June 20, 2015**, as at least 20 people are needed in order to make this course possible. All applicants will be duly informed about the course.

Payment (by bank transfer)

Early registration fee: **750,00 € (until 20 June 2015)**

Late registration fee: **850,00 € (21 June until 10 September 2015)**

Please indicate “Centro Chalmers -- EBM Course” as the reason for the transfer.

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Copy of the bank transfer must be received no later than **10 September 2015** to ensure participation.

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