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HEAD & NECK REVOLUTION:

THE 1.5-DAY | INTENSIVE

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26–27 NOVEMBRE 2026

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Complesso S. Andrea delle Dame



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26 NOVEMBRE

09.00 Opening Ceremony and Institutional Welcomes:

- Rector of the Univ. of Campania "L. Vanvitelli" — **L. Altucci**
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09.45 Congress Introduction — **M. Fasano, F. Perri**

SESSION I: THE LIQUID & DIGITAL REVOLUTION

Chairs: **S. Cappabianca, M. Fasano, R. Franco, F. Perri**

10.00 Think outside the slide: innovation in head and neck pathology — **M. Montella**

10.15 Beyond the scan: serial ct_DNA monitoring in head and neck cancer – insights from the SHINE trial — **S. Di Lorenzo**

10.30 Major changes in the UICC/AJCC TNM version 9 stage classification of head and neck cancer: rationale and clinical implications — **L. Palermo**

10.45 Artificial intelligence (AI): from radiomics to radio-resistance prediction: transforming big data into clinical decision-making — **M.P. Belfiore**

11.00 Radiological response assessment: Interpreting tumor kinetics and pseudoprogression during novel therapies — **L. Ugga**

11.15 Predictive markers: identifying true responders to radiotherapy, towards biological rather than purely anatomical selection — **E. D'Ippolito**

11.30 Discussion

11.45 Coffee break

SESSION II: THE "REAL-WORLD PATIENT" CHALLENGE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Chairs: **F. Ciardiello, G. Colucci, M. Fasano, G. Tartaro**

12.00 Seeing the invisible: high-tech oral medicine and Intraoral ultrasound, from staging to toxicity monitoring — **D. Di Stasio**

12.15 HOW I DO IT: dental support & ORN prevention, a rapid guide to pre-RT oral cavity preparation and osteoradionecrosis (ORN) prevention — **G. Colella**

12.30 New horizons in personalized immunotherapy: cemiplimab and the paradigm shift in advanced head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC) — **A. Mirabile**

12.45 Discussion

13.00 *Keynote Lecture:* The algorithm of change: toripalimab and rewriting oncological outcomes in nasopharyngeal cancer — **P. Bossi**

13.30 Lunch

SESSION III: **NEOADJUVANT AND INDUCTION THERAPY – THE CHANGE OF PACE**

Chairs: **R. Bordonaro, M. Caraglia, M. Fasano, F. Perri**

14.30 The ideal phenotype: candidate selection for induction therapy, future challenges and molecular profiling — **M. Pirozzi**

14.45 Neoadjuvant immunotherapy: how early-use checkpoint inhibitors are disrupting subsequent therapeutic choices — **S. Alfieri**

15.00 Discussion

15.15 *Keynote Lecture:* oncological mirroring: from the NSCLC revolution to mRNA vaccines in laryngeal cancer – A paradigm shift — **M. Merlano**

SESSION IV: **DE-ESCALATION AND PERSONALIZATION: COMPARING STRATEGIES**

Chairs: **F. Buonaguro, M. Fasano, F. Sabbatino**

16.00 Selection for sparing: identifying patients for safe de-escalation without compromising survival — **F. De Felice**

16.15 The agnostic maverick: hunting NTRK gene fusions in head & neck carcinomas. Breaking histological dogmas with TRK inhibitors — **C. Resteghini**

16.30 Discussion

16.45 *Keynote Lecture:* Beyond the EGFR horizon: the paradigm shift in bifunctional targeting. From the precision of bispecifics to the selective potency of ADCs — **L. Licitra**

SESSION V: **THE DECISION ROOM & FUTURE VISION**

"The right patient, the right treatment, at the right time"

Chairs: **R. Addeo, A. Febbraro, M. Fasano, F. Perri**

17.15 Clinical chessboard & live tumor board: "Borderline" cases with interactive audience voting via smartphone

- Oncology Case — **F. Bove, M. Caterino, P. Vitale**

17.30 Reports that change therapy: focus on standardization (Margins, PNI, LVI, ENE, DOI):

- Pathologist — **E. Clery, F. Zito Marino**
- Radiologist — **M.P. Belfiore**
- Surgeon — **F. Longo**
- Radiation oncologist — **M. Muto, A. Sangiovanni**

27 NOVEMBRE

FRONTIER STRATEGIES AND CLINICAL PARADIGMS

SESSION I: **THE REALM OF UNCERTAINTY – CUP SYNDROME (CARCINOMA OF UNKNOWN PRIMARY)**

Chairs: **M. Fasano, F. Ionna, G. Motta, G. Sanguineti**

08.45 Clinical and diagnostic framework: the hunt for the primary tumor in 2026 — **A. Cirillo**

09.00 HOW I DO IT: The endoscopic "hunt": NBI (Narrow Band Imaging) and intraoperative imaging techniques to identify occult primary tumors — **G. Motta**

09.15 *Keynote Lecture:* Radiotherapy strategies in CUP: targeted volume vs pan-mucosal irradiation — **P. Bonomo**

09.30 Discussion

09.45 *Keynote Lecture:* Rethinking salivary gland carcinomas: from one size fits all to biomarker driven therapy — **L. Locati**

SESSION II: **MANAGING FAILURE – LOCOREGIONAL RECURRENCE**

Chairs: **S. Cappabianca, G. Colella, M. Fasano, M. Ghiani**

10.15 DEBATE: salvage surgery (TORS) vs definitive RT/Proton re-irradiation; which prevails in recurrent disease? — **D. Testa** *vs* **V. Nardone**

10.45 Beyond the crossfire: why the medical oncologist holds the master key after surgery and radiation fail — **M. Cossu Rocca**

11.00 *Keynote Lecture:* The horizon of salvage immunotherapy: anti-LAG3 and anti-TIGIT for non-responders — **M.G. Ghi**

11.30 Coffee break

SPECIAL SESSION: **BEYOND THE DISEASE**

Chairs: **M. Caterino, M. Fasano, A. Laudani, F. Perri**

11.45 THE PATIENT'S PERSPECTIVE:
The weight of words and the silence of care, chronicle of a revolution through the patient's eyes
In collaboration with AILAR (Italian Laryngectomee Association)
Speakers:

- **P. Pisani**
- **U. Tassini**

12.45 *Conclusions*

13.00 *ECM assessment questionnaire*

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