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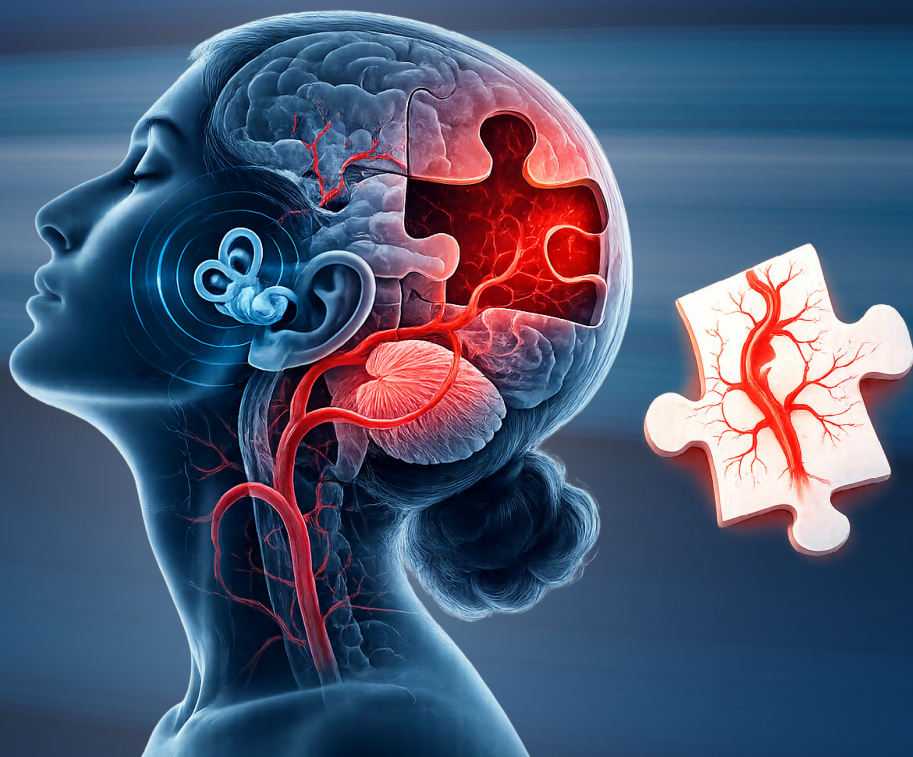
VERTIGO or STROKE?

UNLOCKING THE POSTERIOR CIRCULATION PUZZLE

ACUTE VERTIGO AND POSTERIOR CIRCULATION STROKE:
FAST-TRACK DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT

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FLORENCE



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS

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Augusto Pietro Casani, Pisa, Italy

Jonathan A. Edlow, Boston, USA

Andrea Ginestroni, Florence, Italy

Mikael Karlberg, Lund, Sweden

Nicola Limbucci, Florence, Italy

Peiman Nazerian, Florence, Italy

Maurizio Paciaroni, Ferrara, Italy

Rudi Pecci, Florence, Italy

Giuseppe Pepe, Viareggio, Italy

Anna Poggesi, Florence, Italy

Carlo Rostagno, Florence, Italy

Jonatan Salzer, Umeå, Sweden

Andrea Ungar, Florence, Italy

Simone Vanni, Florence, Italy

Paolo Vannucchi, Florence, Italy

Luca Verrecchia, Stockholm, Sweden

SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE

Acute vertigo represents one of the most challenging clinical presentations in emergency medicine. Distinguishing benign vestibular disorders from posterior circulation stroke remains a critical diagnostic task with major prognostic implications. This international scientific symposium brings together experts in emergency medicine, neurology, neuro-otology and neuroradiology to provide an evidence-based update on the diagnosis and management of patients presenting with acute vertigo and suspected posterior circulation stroke. Recent guidelines emphasize a syndrome-based bedside approach, appropriate use of HINTS/STANDING-type algorithms, and selective neuroimaging rather than an “imaging-first” strategy. The final roundtable will discuss how to translate current evidence into efficient, safe and sustainable clinical pathways for patients presenting with acute vertigo/dizziness.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

08:30 Registration of participants

09:00 Welcome and introduction

F. Annunziato - Head of the Department of Experimental and Clinical Medicine, Università di Firenze

C. Nozzoli - Director of the Emergency Department, Azienda Ospedaliero Universitaria Careggi

S. Guarducci - Medical Director, Azienda Ospedaliero Universitaria Careggi

D. Matarrese - General Director of the Azienda Ospedaliero Universitaria Careggi

MORNING SESSION I - EPIDEMIOLOGY AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Moderators: G. Asprella Libonati; S. Vanni

09:15 Prevalence and epidemiology of isolated vertigo/dizziness: does semantics matter?

M. Karlberg

09:45 Posterior circulation stroke: prevalence, pathophysiology and prognosis

A. Poggesi

10:15 Posterior circulation stroke and isolated vertigo: reality or mirage?

J. Salzer

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

MORNING SESSION II - EPIDEMIOLOGY AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Moderators: A. Ungar; L. Verrecchia

11:15 History taking in the emergency department: pearls and pitfalls

J. Edlow

11:45 Peripheral oculomotor signs

P. Vannucchi

12:15 Central oculomotor signs

R. Pecci

12:45 Discussion

13:00 Light lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION I – DIAGNOSIS

Moderators: J. Edlow; C. Rostagno

14:00 The STANDING clinical algorithm
S. Vanni

14:30 HINTS and other diagnostic algorithms: a comparative approach
L. Verrecchia

15:00 Basic and advanced neuroimaging in acute vertigo
A. Ginestroni

15:30 Discussion

AFTERNOON SESSION II – TREATMENT AND CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING

Moderators: A. Poggesi; P. Nazerian

15:45 Management and therapy of peripheral vestibular disorders
A. P. Casani

16:15 Discharge or observation: clinical decision-making in the ED
G. Pepe

16:45 Coffee break

17:00 Systemic reperfusion therapy in posterior circulation Stroke presenting with Vertigo/Dizziness
M. Paciaroni

17:30 When is endovascular treatment the best option?
N. Limbucci

18:00 Roundtable Discussion
Toward a Shared Clinical Pathway for Acute Vertigo and Posterior Circulation Stroke
All faculty

18:30 Closing Remarks
S. Vanni

18.45 CME questionnaire

GENERAL INFORMATION

COURSE VENUE

Aula Magna ex presidenza
Careggi Hospital, Florence
Largo Brambilla 3
50134 Florence

REGISTRATION

The course is free of charge and reserved for 90 participants.

The registration includes:

- Congress kit
- Participation in the sessions
- Certificate of attendance
- CME certificate (for eligible participants)
- Coffee break
- Lunch

The registration form is available by scanning the QR code

Registration is considered complete upon filling out the online form and verifying seat availability



CME PROVIDER

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Number of credits assigned: 8

Training objective: Guidelines - Protocols - Procedures

Profession: Medical Doctor

Disciplines: Emergency Medicine, General Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Otorhinolaryngology, Radiology

The issuance of credit certification is subject to:

- The match between the participant's profession and discipline and those for which the event is intended
- Attendance of at least 90% of the scientific sessions
- Submission of the evaluation and learning questionnaires duly completed

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