

AN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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# VERTIGO or STROKE?

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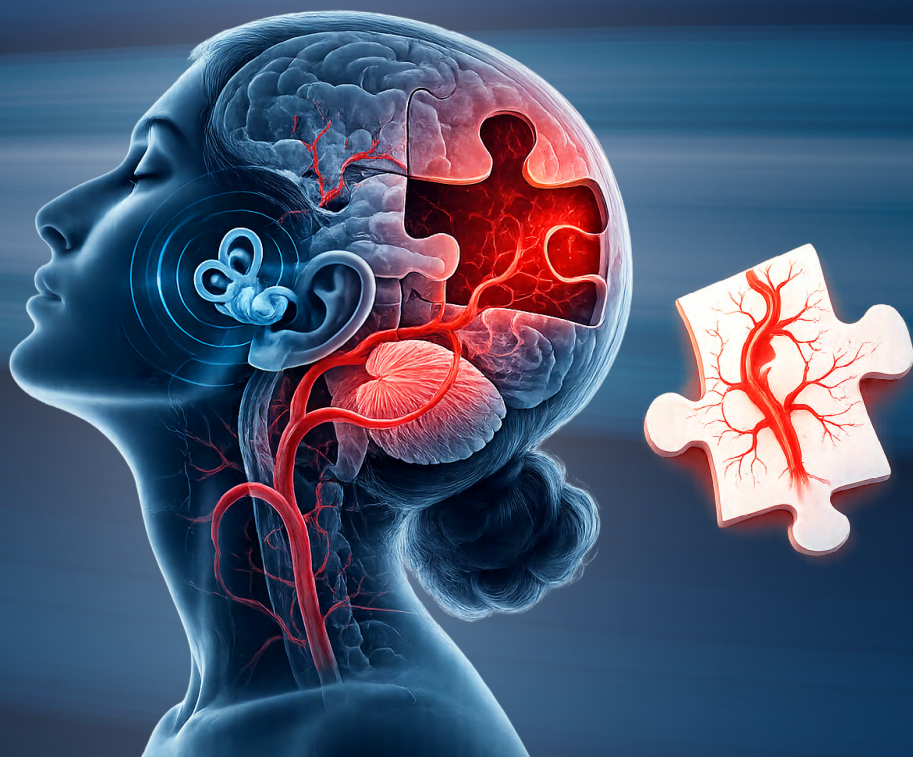
## UNLOCKING THE POSTERIOR CIRCULATION PUZZLE

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

**NOVEMBER 12, 2026**

**FLORENCE**



## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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## SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS

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Giacinto Asprella Libonati, *Matera Italy*

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 Poggese, *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

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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

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**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

**MCR Conference S.r.l.** ID 489

**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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