



UNIVERSITY OF INSUBRIA
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International Conference

***Lung Cancer Screening
and Early Diagnosis***

Five years after the 1998 Varese Conference

Como, Italy

Villa Olmo, Salone d'Onore

November 8, 2003

Program

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. To consider whether existing evidence justifies a public policy change in support of population-based screening for lung cancer.
2. To address methodological, statistical, and biologic issues relevant to the question of how to best measure screening effectiveness in randomized early detection trials.
3. To critically evaluate existing data regarding benefits and problems associated with CT screening for lung cancer.
4. To present preliminary evidence suggesting that digital chest radiography (with associated newer technologies) may be the preferred method of screening for lung cancer.
5. To consider the economic implications of population-based screening for lung cancer.

TARGET SPECIALTIES

Oncology
Internal Medicine
Pulmonology
Radiology
Surgery
Public Health

FORMAT and SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

The main topics related to lung cancer screening and early diagnosis will be addressed by invited lecturers and will be discussed among specialists.

Official language: English only. No simultaneous translation.

The Conference **book of proceedings**, including the extended abstracts of lectures will be available on site.

There will be a scientific and commercial exhibit during the Conference.

PROGRAM

SATURDAY Nov. 8, 2003

14.00 Opening

Lecture Session 1

Moderators: N. Berlin – Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami - FL - U.S.A.

J. Mandel – Department of Epidemiology and School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA - U.S.A.

G. Motta – Past President IASLC, Dept. of General and Thoracic Surgery, University of Genoa - Italy

14.15 Aftermath of the 1998 Varese Conference.

A new scenario for lung cancer screening.

G.M. Strauss – Department of Medicine, Brown Medical School, Providence, RI - U.S.A.

14.30 Public health and the economic burden of currently recommended lung cancer management.

L. Mantovani – Center of Pharmacoconomics, University of Milano – Italy

15.00 The fairy-tale of overdiagnosis and the PRE.DI.CA. lung cancer screening in Varese.

L. Dominioni – Center for Thoracic Surgery, University of Insubria, Varese - Italy

15.30 Screening for lung cancer: Its time has come

G.M. Strauss – Department of Medicine, Brown Medical School, Providence, RI - U.S.A.

15.55 Methodological and statistical issues in population-based research: Does randomization accomplish what it is supposed to?

D.G. Babbitt – Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, University of California – Los Angeles (UCLA) and Consultant, American Mathematical Society, Providence, RI – U.S.A.

16.15 Nihilistic recommendations against lung cancer screening are not justified.

O.S. Miettinen – Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McGill University, Montreal - Canada

16.45 Screening for lung cancer: The American Cancer Society perspective.

R. Smith – Senior Director, Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment, American Cancer Society, Atlanta, Georgia - U.S.A.

17.15 – 17.45 Coffee Break

Lecture Session 2

Moderators: *N. Berlin – Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami - FL - U.S.A.*

J. Mandel – Department of Epidemiology and School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA - U.S.A.

H. Becker – Department of Internal Medicine/Oncology and Endoscopy, Thoraxklinik, Heidelberg - Germany

17.45 Chest CT screening for lung cancer. Review of results from Western studies.

J.R. Jett – Division of Pneumology and Critical Care Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota - U.S.A.

18.15 Chest CT screening for lung cancer in Japan.

H. Ohmatsu and The ALCA Project Group – Division of Thoracic Oncology, National Cancer Center Hospital East, Chiba - Japan

18.45 Lung Cancer Detection on the Chest Radiograph in the Twenty-First Century.

M. Freedman – Clinical Director Imaging Science and Information Systems Georgetown University, Washington, DC - U.S.A.

19.15 What allocation of the resources to fight lung cancer? The place of screening.

F.W. Grannis – Section of Thoracic Surgery, City of Hope National Medical Center, Duarte, California - U.S.A.

19.45 Whose life is this anyway? How long must people at risk wait for early detection of lung cancer to be accepted?

P. McCarthy - ALCASE (Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy, Support and Education), Vancouver, WA - U.S.A.

20.00 Concluding remarks by moderators and lecturers.

20.15 Closure of the Conference.

NOTE REGARDING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of Brown Medical School and the University of Insubria. Brown Medical School is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Brown Medical School designates this activity for a maximum of 5.25 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the activity.

NOTE FOR ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS

Credits for Educazione Continua in medicina (ECM) have been requested.

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REGISTRATION

Online at: www.predica.it/comoconference/registration

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Registration fee entitles participants to attend both Conferences ("Pleural Mesothelioma" and "Lung Cancer Screening and Early Diagnosis") + Coffee breaks + Lunch + to receive the book of proceedings.

No discount for single-conference attendance.

Registration Fee (all taxes included): **before September 30th 2003: Euro 180,00**
after September 30th 2003: Euro 210,00

Please note that admittance is limited to the first 250 registered participants.

Hotel reservation in 4-star Hotel near the Conference site can be made at discount price by filling in **REGISTRATION FORM**.

Certificate of attendance to the Conferences will be issued on site, upon request.

Further information about participant registration forms and Hotel reservations: please contact *ASK Studio* at the address above.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Como is situated at the left lower tip of Lake Como, about 40 km north of Milan. It is served by Milano Malpensa Airport (about 45 km far), from which you can reach Como by train, bus or taxi.

More detail information about how to reach Como and your Hotel will be supplied to registered participants.

The weather in Northern Italy in early November is moderately cold (5-10°C). We suggest that you bring heavy clothes with you. Dress during the Conference will be informal.