

Workshop on
“AN UPDATE ON DIAGNOSIS, MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT OF
NEONATAL GROUP B STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS”
ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI SANITA', ROME - ITALY
June 9th, 2011

PROGRAMME

Session 1:

Chairs: **Dr Lucilla Baldassarri** (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy) and **Dr Graziella Orefici** (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy)

Registration

Opening address

Prof Enrico Garaci (*Director, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, IT*)
Dr Giovanni Rezza (*Director, Dept. of Infectious, Parasitic and Immune-mediated Diseases, ISS, Rome, IT*)

Key Opening Lecture

Overview of neonatal GBS infections
Prof Carol Baker (*Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, USA*)

The DEVANI project

Dr Graziella Orefici (*Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy*)

Prevention of GBS infection through vaccination

Dr John Telford (*Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Siena, Italy*)

GBS colonisation and screening in pregnancy: how does it work in Europe?

Dr Pierrette Melin (*CHU and ULg, Liege, Belgium*)

Epidemiology of GBS in France and insights on the pathogenesis of LODs

Dr. Clare Poyart (*INSERM, Paris, France*)

Clinical management of GBS infections

Dr Reihnard Berner (*University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany*)

Neonatal GBS infections – The Emilia Romagna network experience

Dr Alberto Berardi (*Policlinico di Modena, Modena, Italy*) & **Roberta Creti** (*Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy*)

Session 2:

Chairs: **Dr Mogens Kilian** (Arhus University, Denmark) and **Manuel de La Rosa** (Hospital Universitario, Granada, Spain)

Molecular approach to GBS serotyping and characterization

Dr. Paula Krizova (*National Institute of Public Health, Prague, Czech Republic*)

Standardized methods for GBS identification and characterization

Dr. Androulla Efstratiou (*HPACI, London, UK*)

***S. agalactiae* virulence factors: pili & polysaccharides**

Dr. Domenico Maione (*Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Siena, Italy*)

Session 3:

Chairs: **Dr. Roberta Creti** (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy) and **Dr Pierrette Melin** (CHU & ULg, Liege, Belgium)

5 Selected presentations (10' each)

(During lunch, presenters will stand by their poster).

Round table (Chairs Dr. John Telford, Dr Graziella Orefici, Dr. Reihard Berner, Dr. Alberto Berardi):

- Patient treatment: pros and cons of risk factor- vs. universal screening-based decision
- Other topics to be decided
- Final remarks

End of Symposium