

7th EFLM CONFERENCE ON PREANALYTICAL PHASE

New insights in
preanalytical quality

PADOVA - IT

12-13 DECEMBER 2025



Save the date! We do hope to see you in Padova.

Since its first meeting in Parma in 2011, six editions of the EFLM Conference on Preanalytical Phase have been organized gathering more than 2500 participants in presence along the years.

The 7th edition of the EFLM Conference on Preanalytical Phase is focused on the improvement of the preanalytical phase through innovation and sustainable solutions. The program has been tailored by the scientific committee to update the knowledge in the field and to create an open forum for interactive discussion. In addition to formal lecturers, round tables and poster sessions will be organized

The guiding principle of this conference is to be different, pragmatic, practical and interactive, to address some most common preanalytical challenges, raise questions and offer answers and solutions.

*Mario Plebani
Chair of the Organizing
and Scientific Committee*

PROGRAMME

Friday December 12, 2025

Sustainability and preanalytical phase

[1 CPECS® credit]

Chairs: Alexander Von Meyer (Germany), Snezana Jovicic (Serbia), Tomris Ozben (Türkiye)

8:45 – 9:00	Welcome and introduction, Mario Plebani (Italy)
9:00 – 9:20	“Greener” and more sustainable preanalytical phase, Sheri Scott (UK)
9:20 – 9:40	How can labs minimize patient blood loss?, Ana-Maria Simundic (Croatia)
9:40 – 10:00	Good patient blood management improves cost, patient outcome and sustainability, Michael Cornes (UK)
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break

The role of digitalization and AI in improving preanalytical phase

[3 CPECS® credits]

Chairs: Giuseppe Banfi (Italy), Tomas Zima (Czech Republic)

10:30 – 11:00	Value-score for clinical laboratories, Mario Plebani (Italy)
11:00 – 11:30	Patient related outcomes and cost of preanal errors, Giuseppe Lippi (Italy)
11:30 – 12:00	Digitalization and artificial intelligence in preanalytical phase, Andrea Padoan (Italy)
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Tube transportation: Benefits, Drawbacks and Monitoring, Janne Cadamuro (Austria)
14:00 – 14:30	Patient and sample identification and exact time of venous blood collection, Pieter Vermeersch (Belgium)
14:30 – 15:00	The role of AI in preanalytical phase – use cases, Hikmet Can Çubukçu (Türkiye)

Alternatives to classical venous blood collection

[2 CPECS® credits]

Chairs: Joao Tiago Guimares (Portugal), Klaus Peter Kohse (Germany)

15:00 – 15:30	Self-sampling benefits and challenges, Alvaro González (Spain)
15:30 – 16:00	The future of blood collection – robotic phlebotomy and other possibilities, Mads Nybo (Denmark)
16:00 – 16:30	Preanalytical challenges in decentralized laboratory testing, Gian Luca Salvagno (Italy)
16:30 – 17:00	Three Awards for the Best Selected Abstracts
17:00 – 18:00	3 PARELLEL WORKSHOPS

Saturday December 13, 2025

Various preanalytical challenges – past, present and today

[2 CPECS® credits]

Chairs: Dalius Vitkus (Lithuania), Pilar Fernandez Calle (Spain)

9:00 – 9:30	Closing the Gap on Haemolysis, Sean Costelloe (Ireland)
9:30 – 10:00	Preanalytical phase in urine collection, Rosanna Falbo (Italy)
10:00 – 10:30	Sample stability – study design and reporting, Alexander von Meyer (Austria)
10:30 – 11:00	Liquid biopsy: preanalytical changes, Enrico Iaccino (Italy)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break

Interactive session – let us talk about preanalytics

[1,5 CPECS® credits]

11:30 – 12:00	Roundtable: Pre-analytical challenges in anti-doping context Discussants: Mario Plebani (Italy), Francesco Botrè (Italy), Giuseppe Banfi (Italy) Chair: Giuseppe Lippi (Italy)
12:00 – 13:00	Preanalytical cases – interactive session, Chair: Ana-Maria Simundic (Croatia) Discussants: S. Gunaydin (Türkiye), I. Vaskovic (Serbia), M. Jovanoski-Sreca (North Macedonia)
13:00 – 13:10	Closing remarks, Mario Plebani (Italy), Alex von Meyer (Germany)

Conference venue

PADOVA CONGRESS

Via C. Goldoni, 8
35131 Padova, Italy

Well-connected to the main highways and very close to the train station, as well as within easy reach of the Venice Marco Polo International Airport, Padova Congress is in a strategic location, accessible to the main road junctions and within walking distance of the city center, a stunning showcase with its artistic and architectural treasures.



Language

The official language will be English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Secretariat Desk Onsite

The Secretariat Desk will be open on December 12 from 08.00 till the end of the congress. You could collect your congress bag and your badge. You are kindly requested to wear your badge during the whole congress time.

Certificate of Attendance

All registered attendees will receive the Attendance Certificate by email after the conference.

Remittance

Registration fees shall be paid by credit card or bank transfer through the online system. When paying by bank transfer, a copy of the transfer receipt must be sent to patrizia.sirtori@mzevents.it. Registrations

without proof of payment will not be accepted.

The registration secretariat will send the registration invoice upon receipt of payment, via e-mail. Be sure your e-mail address is filled in correctly.

Cancellations

- Registrations cancelled within October 15, 2025 will result in a 20% penalty
- Cancellations between October 15, and October 31, 2025 will be subject to a 50% penalty
- afterwards, registrations will result in a 100% penalty

Liability and insurance

Registration fees do not include the insurance of participants against personal accidents, sickness and cancellations by any party, theft, loss or damage to personal possessions. Participants are advised to take out adequate personal insurance to cover travel, accommodation, cancellation and personal effects.

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEES

	until October 15, 2025	after October 15, 2025
EFLM Academy Members*	EUR 150,00	EUR 180,00
Non-academy Members	EUR 200,00	EUR 250,00
Reduced registration fee for student/Young Scientists**	EUR 100,00	EUR 100,00

Please note that we identify Students and Young Scientists as participant less than 40 years of age as of 1st January 2025.

* Copy of the EFLM Academy certificate 2025 should be sent by e-mail to the Registration Secretariat

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The registration fee includes:

- Coffee breaks & lunch as indicated in the programme
- Certificate of Attendance
- Possibility to submit an abstract

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The EFLM Preanalytical Phase Conference has been submitted for CPECS® accreditation to deliver CPECS® credits for participants.

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Breakdown of credits

A maximum of **9,5 CPECS® credits** can be awarded for the educational sessions of the EFLM Preanalytical Phase Conference.

- 12 December (9:00-17:00) - 6 CPECS® credits
- 13 December (9:00-13:00) - 3.5 CPECS® credits

Each delegate interested in getting the CPECS® credits must sign in and out on appropriate register at the Secretariat Desk for each day they attend.

Each participant must attend at least 75% of each session to get CPECS® credits.

Once the congress is over, only delegates with 75% of attendance will receive a specific email with the evaluation questionnaire to fill in. At the end of the whole process, the CPECS® certificate will be issued and sent to the entitled participants.



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