



NEOCUP

Neonatal and Perinatal
Intensive Care Update

INTERNATIONAL MEETING

7TH EDITION



DATE

9 DECEMBER 2026



LOCATION

Sapienza University City,
University Theatre Complex,
Conference Room, 1st floor | (E01 P01-L007)



TARGET AUDIENCE

Neonatologists, Obstetricians,
Researchers and Healthcare Professionals



SCIENCE

Latest evidence in neonatology
and perinatology.



EXCHANGE

International and
multidisciplinary
experts.



CARE

Innovation, quality and
family-centered care.



INFO

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REQUESTED PATRONAGE

SAPIENZA | UNIVERSITY OF ROME

SIN | ITALIAN SOCIETY OF NEONATOLOGY

SIP | ITALIAN SOCIETY OF PEDIATRICS

UENPS | UNION OF EUROPEAN NEONATAL AND PERINATAL SOCIETIES



DESCRIPTION

The NeoCUP Perinatal Meeting (Neonatal and Perinatal Intensive Care Update) is an international scientific congress aimed at neonatologists, perinatologists, and healthcare professionals involved in maternal-fetal medicine and neonatal intensive care.

The 2026 edition is dedicated to the relationship between nutrition and neonatal outcomes. The congress aims to:

- Explore the biological mechanisms through which human milk protects the immature intestine
- Analyze the pathophysiology of NEC in light of the most recent scientific evidence
- Discuss evidence-based strategies for prevention and clinical management
- Promote the translation of research findings into daily clinical practice

The congress encourages critical discussion of clinical uncertainties, review of international literature, and improvement of maternal and neonatal outcomes through continuous education and scientific collaboration.

INVESTIGATORS SESSION

A session dedicated to researchers is planned, featuring presentations of original scientific contributions selected according to the Abstract Submission Guidelines.

The best work will be awarded the Sapienza University, supporting innovation and excellence in perinatal research.

The NeoCUP Perinatal Meeting represents a unique opportunity for professional development, scientific exchange, and international collaboration, bringing together world renowned experts in a dynamic and collaborative environment.

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

09:00 – 09:30 | OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME

INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITIES and SCIENTIFIC CHAIRS:

MASSIMO AGOSTI, FABIO MOSCA, CORRADO MORETTI, LUIGI ORFEO

09:30 – 11:30 | SESSION 1

HUMAN MILK, MICROBIOTA AND IMMUNITY IN PRETERM

Liquid Gold or Liquid Complexity: Maximizing the Benefits of Human Milk in the NICU

ENRICO BERTINO

President

SERTAC ARSLANOGLU

Speaker

ANDREA DOTTA, GUGLIELMO SALVATORI

Interviewer

VALENTINA BOZZETTI

Researcher insight

THREE DILEMMAS TO RESOLVE

1. Own mother's milk vs. donor human milk: equally protective?
2. Fortify to grow, or fortify to harm?
3. Engineer the microbiome or interfere with nature?



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12:00 – 13:30 | SESSION 2

OPTIMIZE ARTIFICIAL NUTRITION FOR PRETERM NEWBORN

Feeding the Immature Gut: Navigating the Evidence in the NICU Acute Phase

CARLO DANI

President

NICHOLAS EMBLETON

Speaker

LUCA MAGGIO, SIMONETTA COSTA

Interviewers

MARIA DI CHIARA

Researcher insight

THREE DILEMMAS TO RESOLVE

1. How much nutrients are too much?
2. Lipid quality matters: which fats, when, and how much?
3. Minimal enteral nutrition: protector or risk?



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15:00 - 16:30 | SESSION 3

PRENATAL NUTRITION AND PERINATAL OUTCOME

From Womb to World: How Maternal Nutrition Shapes the Newborn's Future

TULLIO GHI

President

FRANCESCA CROVETTO

Speaker

ILENIA MAPPA, GIOVANNI VENTO

Interviewers

SARA GRECO

Researcher insight

THREE DILEMMAS TO RESOLVE

1. Supplement more or risk more?
2. One guideline for all?
3. Save now or program for later?



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16:30 - 17:00

ROUND TABLE AND AWARD CEREMONY | BEST INVESTIGATOR |

Italian Society of Neonatology (SIN) and Italian Society of Pediatrics (SIP)
LAZIO, Italy

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The world most important university rankings place Sapienza at the national top for quality of research, education and international dimension; moreover, Sapienza excels and leads as a benchmark in many subject areas.

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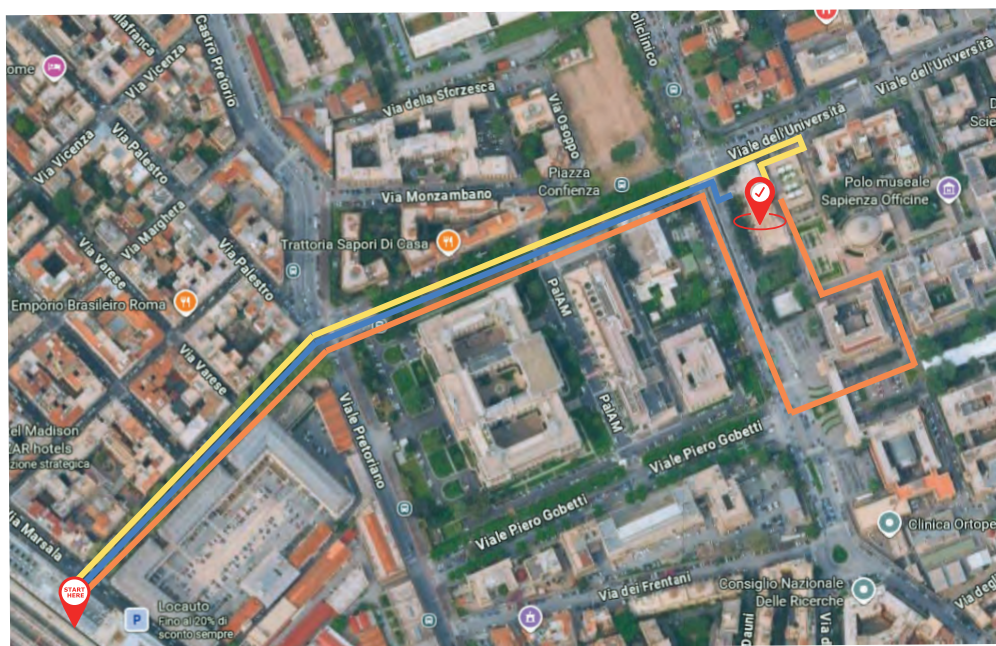
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Entrance 1: Viale delle Scienze, 1

Entrance 2: Viale dell'Università

Entrance 3: Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5



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