



Scientific Programme

CLI-C GLOBAL 2026

📅 **Wednesday 08th afternoon: Opening Session**
Thursday 09th & Friday 10th
April 2026

📍 **Venezia Terminal Passeggeri, Venice, Italy**

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About CLI-C

Founded in 2017 by Dr. Manzi and Dr. Palena, CLI-Courses was established with the goal of advancing the knowledge and clinical practice in the treatment of Critical Limb Ischemia (CLI).

Driven by a strong belief in the value of open dialogue and multidisciplinary exchange, they have fostered a dynamic and informal educational environment that brings together international experts from diverse backgrounds - particularly in the field of diabetic foot management.

CLI-Courses initiatives, whether in-person or virtual, are designed for all **healthcare professionals dedicated to the treatment of CLI**. Each project may be tailored to a global audience or focus on specific geographic regions, ensuring relevance, impact, and accessibility.

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About CLI-C Global 2026

CLI-C GLOBAL 2026 will mark the 10th anniversary of the CLI-C project-ten years of education, innovation, and international collaboration in the fight against Critical Limb Ischemia.

This milestone edition will once again bring together physicians and experts from around the world, offering a unique chance to observe the CLI-C Directors managing complex cases live from the operating room, to engage with **global Key Opinion Leaders**, and to exchange ideas in a vibrant, multidisciplinary setting.

The 2026 program will explore the latest evolutions in CLI management, from **hybrid strategies** in multilevel disease to advanced techniques for tibial and pedal interventions.

Topics such as vessel preparation, drug-eluting technologies, and the growing interest in **deep venous arterialization (DVA)** will take center stage, alongside **real-world approaches** to limb salvage in diabetic patients.

Invited Faculty



Luca DALLA PAOLA
MD, Diabetic Foot Surgeon
Ravenna, IT



Giorgio DAVIÀ
MD, Anesthesiologist
Abano Terme (PD), IT



Roberto FERRARESI
MD, Interventional
Cardiologist
Paderno Dugnano (MI), IT



Fernando GALLARDO
MD, Vascular Surgeon
Marbella, ES



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MD, Interventional
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Roma, IT



Mauro GARGIULO
MD, Vascular Surgeon
Bologna, IT



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MD, Vascular Surgeon
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MD, Vascular Surgeon
Singapore, SG



Marta LOBATO
MD, Vascular Surgeon
Barakaldo, ES



Bruno MIGLIARA
MD, Vascular Surgeon
Peschiera Del Garda (VR), IT



Tatsuya NAKAMA
MD, Interventional
Cardiologist
Tokyo, JP



Giuseppe PAPIA
MD, Vascular Surgeon
Toronto, CA



John PHILLIPS
MD, Cardiologist,
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Columbus (OH), US



Elisa PICCOLO
MD, Vascular Surgeon
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MD, Angiologist &
Vascular Surgeon
Badalona, ES



Maria Antonella RUFFINO
MD, Interventional Radiologist
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MD, Vascular Surgeon
Jeddah, SA



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MD, Angiologist &
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Leipzig, DE



Marc SIRVENT
MD, Vascular Surgeon
Granollers, ES



August YSA
MD, Vascular Surgeon
Barakaldo, ES

Day 1 – Wednesday, April 08

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE ☕

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

OPENING CEREMONY AND KEYNOTE SPEECH
Marco Manzi, Mariano Palena

3:30 pm – 6:30 pm

DID WE GET IT RIGHT? TEN YEARS OF CLINICAL DECISIONS AT CLI-C

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

CASE #1
Case presenter: Marco Manzi
Panelists: Steven Kum, Bruno Migliara

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

CASE #2
Case presenter: Mariano Palena
Panelists: Luca Dalla Paola, Ahmed Sakr

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

CASE #3
Case presenter: Marco Manzi
Panelists: Roberto Ferraresi, August Ysa

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

CASE #4
Case presenter: Mariano Palena
Panelists: John Phillips, Maria Antonella Ruffino

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

CASE #5
Case presenter: Marco Manzi
Panelists: Sherif Omar Kerdawi, Claudia Riera

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

CASE #6
Case presenter: Mariano Palena
Panelists: Marta Lobato, Giuseppe Papia

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

WELCOME APERITIVO 🍷

Day 2 – Thursday, April 09

9:00 am – 10:45 am

SESSION 1

Beyond the Skin: The Deep Impact of CLI and Diabetic Foot

Chairpeople: Steven Kum, Marco Manzi

Moderators: Luca Dalla Paola, Roberto Ferraresi, Bruno Migliara, Maria Antonella Ruffino

Live case #1

Operator: Mariano Palena

“Sciatic Block in CLTI: Indications & Practical Tips”
Giorgio Davià

“From Tissue Loss to Limb Salvage: Practical Strategies for CLI and Diabetic Foot”
Claudia Riera

“Managing Infection and Osteomyelitis in CLI: When and How to Act”
Luca Dalla Paola

“More Than Revascularisation: Combining Flow, Debridement and Off-Loading for Healing”
Giuseppe Papia

Case Competition

Nicolae Carstea

10:45 am – 11:15 am

COFFEE BREAK ☕

11:15 am – 1:00 pm

SESSION 2

PAD & CLI: Matching the Right Therapy to the Right Patient

Chairpeople: Roberto Ferraresi, August Ysa

Moderators: Mauro Gargiulo, Marta Lobato, Ahmed Sakr, Andrej Schmidt

Live case #2

Operator: Mariano Palena

“PAD and CLI in Practice: Is Revascularization always mandatory?”
Mauro Gargiulo

“Endovascular, Surgical or Hybrid: How We Choose Revascularisation in Advanced PAD and CLI”
John Phillips

“My Ideal Lab for CLI”
Andrej Schmidt

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Tatsuya Nakama

Case in the box “Managing Recoil and Dissection
in BTK CLTI - A Practical Case”
Bruno Migliara

Case Competition
Mafalda Massara

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

LUNCH BREAK ☕

2:00 pm - 3:45 pm

SESSION 3

FEM-POP Challenges: Strategic Planning for Durable Results

Chairpeople: Mauro Gargiulo, Bruno Migliara

Moderators: Sherif Omar Kerdawi,
John Phillips, Claudia Riera

Live case #3

Operator: Mariano Palena

“Value Based Solutions for Calcified Fem-Pop
Lesions”
Marc Sirvent

“Insights from the multicenter Italian study with
the novel braided peripheral stent system”
Gianmarco de Donato

“Durability in CLI: A Patient-Tailored Limb Salvage Roadmap”
Steven Kum

“Patient Selection & Strategy for Drug-Eluting Therapies in CLTI:
Evidence, Indications, and Practical Boundaries”
Roberto Gandini

Case Competition
Massimo Messina

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

COFFEE BREAK ☕

4:15 pm - 5:45 pm

SESSION 4

Backbone or Backup? Rethinking Drug-Eluting Therapies in CLTI

Chairpeople: Marco Manzi, Giuseppe Papia

Moderators: Roberto Gandini, Tatsuya Nakama, Ahmed Sakr, Marc Sirvent

Live case #4

Operator: Mariano Palena

“Access-to-Drug Delivery: How Strategy Impacts Lesion Preparation and Drug Uptake in CLTI”
Maria Antonella Ruffino

“Backbone or Backup? Positioning Drug-Based Therapies in CLTI: A Practical Decision Framework”
August Ysa

“From Hard Lesion to Flow: Practical Strategies for Vessel Modification in CLTI”
Marco Manzi

“The Power of Vessel Preparation: High Pressure Non-Compliant and DCB Approach”
Ralph Oberacker

Case Competition

Ana Paula Mollon

Day 3 – Friday, April 10

9:30 am – 11:15 am

SESSION 5

Access Matters: Navigating the Antegrade-Retrograde Dilemma

Chairpeople: Mariano Palena, Marc Sirvent

Moderators: Fernando Gallardo, Elisa Piccolo, Maria Antonella Ruffino, Andrej Schmidt

Live case #5

Operator: Marco Manzi

“When Options Are Limited: Practical Access Choices in Advanced CLTI”
Sherif Omar Kerdawi

“BTK Calcium in CLTI: Lesion Prep When the Balloon Isn’t Enough”
Mariano Palena

“Practical Access Tips for Complex CLTI Cases: Planning, Pitfalls and Solutions”
Ahmed Sakr

“Flexion Zone Stenting: Real-World Strategies”
Mariano Palena

“Antegrade, Retrograde, or Both? Real-World Access Strategies for Multi-Level CLTI”
Tatsuya Nakama

11:15 am – 11:45 am

COFFEE BREAK ☕

11:45 am – 1:30 pm

SESSION 6 CX@CLI-C

Against the Odds: Strategies for Salvage in No-Margin Scenarios

Chairpeople: Steven Kum, Andrej Schmidt

Moderators: Marta Lobato, Bruno Migliara, Giuseppe Papia, Claudia Riera

Live case #6

Operator: Marco Manzi

“End-Game CLTI Strategies: Pedal Loop, Retrograde, and DVA Techniques”
Andrej Schmidt

“Drug-Eluting Resorbable Scaffolds in BTK CLTI: Patient Selection and Practical Use in Complex Cases”

Mariano Palena

“Exercise in CLTI – What, When and How?”

Adam Haque

“Decision-Making and End-of-Life Care in Advanced Vascular Disease”

Hauwa'u Hayat Nadama

“A Scalable Method of Delivering Digital Lifestyle Interventions in CVD”

Adam Haque

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK 🍽️

2:30 pm - 4:15 pm

SESSION 7

DVA Demystified: Making the Impossible Possible in CLTI

Chairpeople: Roberto Ferraresi, Mariano Palena

Moderators: Tatsuya Nakama, John Phillips, Elisa Piccolo, August Ysa

Live case #7

Operator: Marco Manzi

Case Competition Award

“DVA Basics for Daily Practice: Physiology, Evidence, and Real Indications”

Bruno Migliara

“DVA Candidate Selection in CLTI: How to Plan Before Entering the Lab”

Roberto Ferraresi

“DVA in Practice: Step-by-Step Technique, Tips and Pitfalls”

Steven Kum

“After DVA: Follow-Up, Wound Pathway, and When to Reintervene”

Marta Lobato

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