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Cardiac interventions Under the Leaning Tower  
around percutaneous valve procedures



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## WELCOME MESSAGE

The meeting is motivated by the increasing interest in the new techniques for the transcatheter treatment of degenerative aortic stenosis and of mitral insufficiency. The ageing of population in the developed countries leads to an increase in the prevalence of these valvular diseases. Elderly patients are at higher risk for cardiac surgery, and are often denied conventional surgical treatment.

In order to put a transcatheter valve programs into effect, it is necessary that all the different specialists involved in the management of these patients collaborate with one another: clinical and interventional cardiologists, cardiac surgeons and cardio-anesthesiologists. Knowledge of the various cardiovascular imaging techniques is also of paramount importance. Furthermore, with the increasing number of percutaneous valve procedures, clinical cardiologists need to know how to screen and follow-up these patients.

## Primary aim

To broaden knowledge on the new transcatheter treatments for valvular diseases, with particular attention to patient selection, imaging techniques, and short- and long term patient care.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Pisa



## MAIN TOPICS

- ♥ Risk evaluation in degenerative aortic stenosis: new scores
- ♥ The concept of "fragile" patient
- ♥ New indications for TAVI
- ♥ How to screen for TAVI
- ♥ How to deal with comorbidities in patients submitted to TAVI
- ♥ Role of anesthesia
- ♥ Role of different imaging techniques
- ♥ Conduction rhythm disturbances
- ♥ Durability of transcatheter devices
- ♥ Indications for mitral percutaneous repair
- ♥ Treatment of functional and degenerative regurgitation
- ♥ Is repair always better than replacement?
- ♥ Medical therapy, biventricular resynchronization, percutaneous repair: which comes first?

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Clinical cardiologist  
Interventional cardiologist  
Cardio-anesthesiologist  
Cardiac surgeon

