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## Scientific Rationale

The melanoma treatment landscape has changed over the years, since the approval of the first anti-cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated protein (CTLA)-4 checkpoint inhibitor and of the first BRAF-targeted monoclonal antibody, both of which significantly improved overall survival (OS). Since then, improved understanding of the tumor microenvironment (TME) and tumor immune-evasion mechanisms resulted in new approaches to targeted therapies leading to improved outcomes for patients with advanced melanoma. Moreover, combinations with other therapeutic modalities such as chemotherapy, radiotherapy, electrochemotherapy and surgery have also been explored.

In addition, several drugs administration protocols including sequential or combination treatments are being investigated as well as strategies to overcome resistance and to potentiate the immune response.

Increasing evidence shows that tissue and blood-based biomarkers can predict the response to a therapy.

The latest findings in melanoma research, including insights into the tumor microenvironment and new biomarkers, improved understanding of tumor immune response and resistance, novel approaches for combination therapies and the role of neoadjuvant and adjuvant therapies, will be the focus of discussion at the “2<sup>o</sup> Mediterranean Conference on the Treatment of Melanoma”.



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2.00 pm Opening session and greetings from authorities

## 1° Session

Chairmen: **C. Guzzetta** | **N. Scibetta** | **S. Amato**

2.30 pm Surgical management in melanoma: where are we now and where are we going?  
**S. Di Lorenzo**

3.00 pm The current role of sentinel node biopsy for directing the management of stage III disease  
**G. Arnone** | **N. Quartuccio**

3.30 pm Advances in melanoma staging and prognosis  
**F. Frangetta**

4.00 pm Prognostic and predictive biomarkers in melanoma: which biomarkers are useful in clinical practice?  
**E. Unti**

4.30 pm Role of radiotherapy in melanoma management  
**F. Alongi**

5.00 pm Discussion

5.30 pm End of the scientific session



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## 2<sup>o</sup> Session

Chairmen: **F. Ferraù** | **L. Blasi**

- 9.00 am Adjuvant treatment melanoma: target therapy and immunotherapy  
**P. Queriolo**
- 9.30 am Updates on metastatic melanoma BRAF positive  
**G. Savio**
- 10.00 am Updates on immunotherapy for metastatic melanoma  
**E. Bronte**
- 10.30 am Host microbiota and response to immunotherapy  
**P. Marchetti**
- 11.00 am Advances in basal / squamous cell carcinoma and merkel cell  
**T. Franchina**
- 11.30 am Discussion
- 12.00 am Closing remarks



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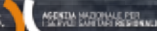
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## CONGRESS VENUE

Complesso Monumentale dello Steri - Sala delle Capriate | Piazza Marina, 69. Palermo

## CME CREDITS

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The conference has been granted **4,2 CME credits by the Italian National Commission for Continuing Medical Education for the following medical specialties:** Physicians specialize in: dermatology and venereology, oncology, plastic and reconstructive surgery.

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