

Foreword

Fluid Therapy continues to be one of the key pillars of peri- and post-operative care to improve the clinical outcome in patients and there is a continual quest via meta analyses, systemic reviews and clinical trials to re-evaluate the existing evidence on colloids and crystalloids. Over time, scientific opinion has become more varied on the type and amount of fluid to be administered to maintain/improve homeostasis; but a consensus exists that one fluid does not fit all therapeutic segments and to trade off the benefits over some adversities that each fluid presents.

At B. Braun, we have always strived to work together with the medical fraternity in developing safer and reliable products and this has resulted in promoting the benefits of Balanced Fluid Therapy not restricted only to colloids but also to crystalloids. We offer a broad portfolio across types of colloids and crystalloids and do believe that the best judge of the patient and to improve his outcome, rests on the opinion of the clinician and not limited to any product portfolio or promotion.

Our brand promise of 'Sharing Expertise' is demonstrated continually through our partnership with Aesculap Academy, in building up a platform to engage and learn on the current clinical updates across the therapeutic spectrum with clinicians.

Since 1995, the Aesculap Academy has been organizing courses to provide a forum for exchange of knowledge and expertise amongst medical professionals from around the world in the field of medicine and management. The courses are of premium quality and are accredited by the respective medical societies and international medical organizations. Aesculap Academy is a three-time consecutive winner of the Frost and Sullivan Award for Global Medical Professional Education Institution of the Year from 2005 – 2007.

Joined by a group of distinguished speakers from all over Europe, the 1st European Advanced Fluid Therapy Conference aims to provide a perfect balance between clinical education and the latest scientific developments in fluid therapy.

The theme of this conference "Modern Fluids for Improved Patient Outcome & Enhanced Hospital Performance" provides a platform for all of us to share knowledge and exchange expertise and experience.

We take this opportunity to thank the faculty and the participants for taking out your time and efforts to attend this event and do hope that this enables you to enrich your expertise and in improving healthcare delivery to your patients.

We would like to wish all of you a good meeting in Palermo and we hope that you will have the opportunity to make new friends or rekindle your friendship with your colleagues from all over Europe.

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