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EAQ 2026

External Quality Assessment



UPDATE

RARE NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES

Role of External Quality Assessment (EQA)
in the correct interpretation of muscle biopsy

March 6, 2026

From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



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Event Location

Mangiagalli Auditorium
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PROGRAM

MORNING SESSION

Chairs: S. Corti, S. Ferrero, M. Moggio.

10:00 - 10:30

Welcome and introduction to the day

M. Stocco, N. Orfeo, M. Giachetti, F. Blandini, F. Blasi, F. Peyvandi, S. Corti, G.P. Comi

10:30 - 10:50

Structure and management of EQA programs: Lombardy Region experience

S. Buoro

10:50 - 11:10

EQA Program for Neuromuscular Diseases

F. Pasotti

11:10 - 11:30

European Reference Network (ERN) Neuropathology Group and EQA

E. Malfatti (remote presentation)



11:30 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK



12:00 - 12:20

Indications and diagnostic contribution of muscle biopsy in the post-genomic era

F. Magri

12:20 - 12:40

Indications and diagnostic contribution of ultrastructural investigations



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D. Velardo

12:40 - 13:00

Histopathology of peripheral nerve

S. Previtali

 **13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH** 

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chairs: G.P. Comi, C. Fiorillo, D. Ronchi

14:00 - 14:20

Biopsy evaluation as an outcome measure in therapeutic trials

G.P. Comi

14:20 - 14:40

Pathogenesis and pathological variability of muscular dystrophies

A. D'Amico

14:40 - 15:00

Intermediate and energy metabolism in myopathies

C. Bruno

15:00 - 15:20

The evolving landscape of inflammatory myopathies

L. Maggi

15:20 - 15:40

"Spatial multi-omics" technologies in the study of neuromuscular diseases

S. Zanotti

15:40 - 16:00

From diagnosis to therapy in neuromuscular diseases

S. Corti

16:00 CLOSING REMARKS

S. Corti, G.P. Comi





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