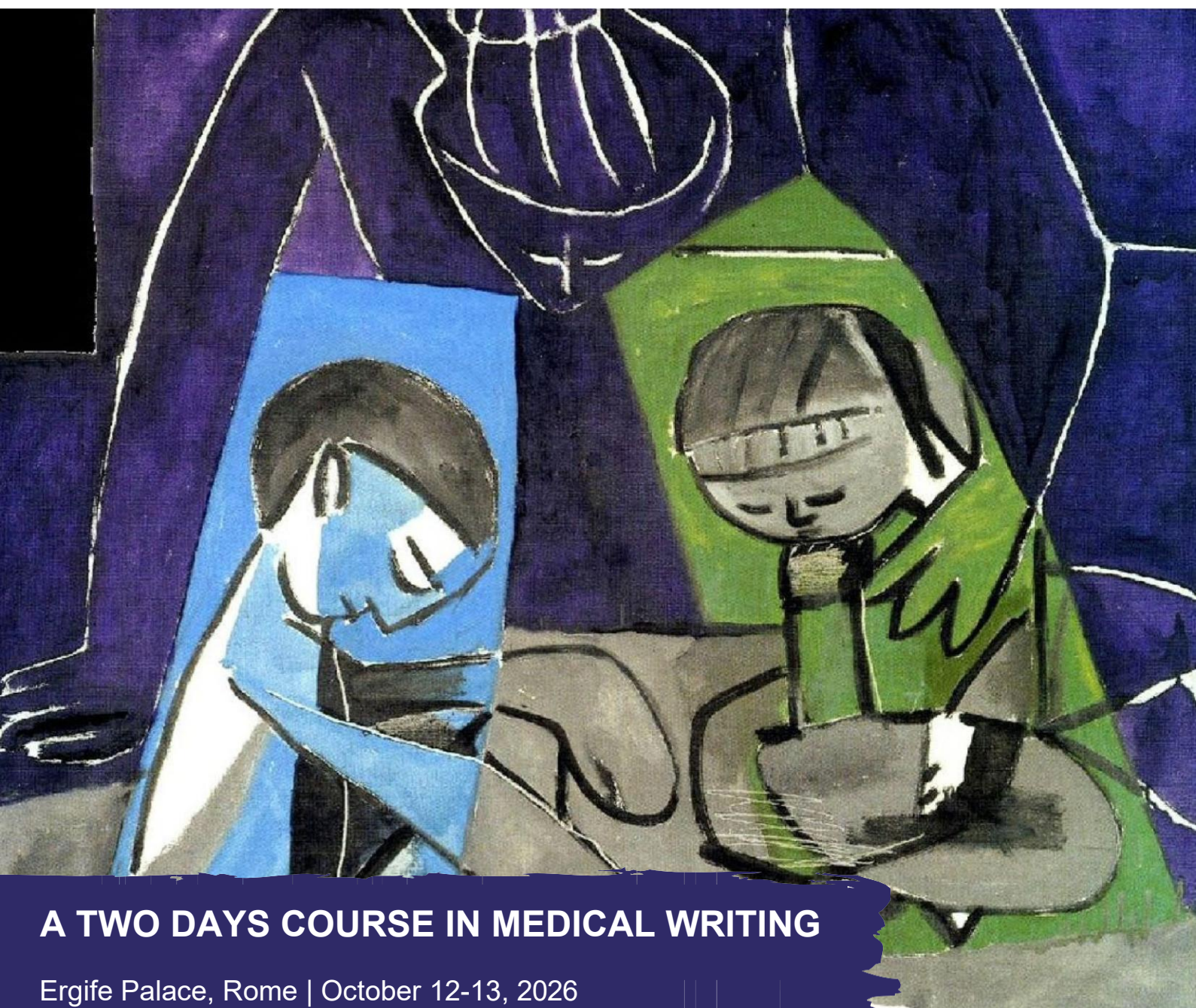


# LIGHT INTO A SCIENTIFIC PAPER:

## HOW TO CONCEIVE, WRITE AND REVIEW IT



### A TWO DAYS COURSE IN MEDICAL WRITING

Ergife Palace, Rome | October 12-13, 2026

**Chairman: Paolo Miccoli**

On behalf of SIC (ITALIAN SOCIETY OF SURGERY)





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### **DAY 1**

#### **FIRST SESSION *Monday, October 12***

##### **8.15 A.M.**

###### **Welcome**

Ludovico Docimo, Andrea Mingoli, Emanuele Santoro

###### **Course presentation**

Paolo Miccoli

###### **A bird's eye overview**

Luca Viganò (20')

##### **9.00 A.M.**

**Chairpersons: Ludovico Docimo - Fulvio Calise**

**The IMRaD format / From data to clinical practice** Fabio Casciani (30')

**Database building and data selection** Giammauro Berardi (15')

###### **Questions**

##### **9.45 A.M.**

### **Writing a paper (1)**

**Chairpersons: Ugo Boggi, Sergio Alfieri**

**The title: imagination, importance, length, consistency with the content** Domenico D'Ugo (20')

###### **Abstract**

Donato F. Altomare (15')

###### **Authorship**

Antonella Del Vecchio (15')

###### **Questions**

##### **10.35 A.M. Coffee break**

11.00 A.M.

## Writing a paper (2)

**Chairpersons:** Giuseppe M. Ettorre, Massimo Carlini

**Introduction: nature, design, scope, background orientation, method of investigation, coping with the selected journal**

Aldo Rocca (20')

**Material and methods:**

1. Reporting design of the study, retrospective, prospective collection of data, source, quantity, inclusion and exclusion criteria, reproducibility, the limitation of non-inferiority trials
2. Methods of statistical analysis, power of the study (sample calculation), propensity score analysis

Simone Giacomuzzi (30')

Alice Mannocci (30')

**How to create a slides presentation**

Andrea Benedetti Cacciaguerra (15')

**Questions 10'**

12.45 P.M. Lunch box

2.00 P.M.

## Writing a paper (3)

**Chairpersons:** Marco Vivarelli, Alessandro Anselmo

**Results:**

1. Present the results (tables), strive for clarity, past tense or present, the groups of patients, Preparing tables and figures

Laura Lorenzon (30')

**Discussion: recapitulate, (synthetically) your results, discuss them, agree/contrast with previous publications**

Roberta Angelico (30')

**Conclusions: state clearly with evidence**

Luigi Bonavina (15')

**References, Acknowledgements, Submission**

Leonardo Rossi (15')

**Questions**

3.30 P.M. End of the first day

## DAY 2

### SECOND SESSION *Tuesday, October 13*

8.30 A.M.

#### Completing, classifying a paper (1)

**Chairpersons:** Giovanni Romano - Alessandro Ferrero

Reviews, Systematic reviews: the Oxford and Grade methods

Lucrezia Furian (20')

Consensus paper: the Delphi Method

Alessandro Coppola (15')

Multicenter paper

Quirino Lai (20')

Technical notes

Gabriele Materazzi (15')

*Questions 10'*

09.50 A.M.

#### Completing, classifying a paper (2)

**Chairpersons:** Marco Montorsi – Emanuele Santoro

Ethics: authenticity, credits, disclosure

Angela Gurrado (15')

Traditional *versus* Open Access journals  
and evolution of impact indexes

Paolo Miccoli (30')

The Visual Abstract

Andrea Scacchi (15')

*Questions*

10.50 A.M. Coffee break

### THIRD SESSION

11.30 A.M.

#### Reviewing and sharing a paper

**Chairpersons:** Marco Caricato-Paolo Sapienza

Cover Letter

Francesco Ardito (15')

How to review a paper: the rules

Antonio Giuliani (20')

How to revise papers after reviewer comments

Gioia Brachini (15')

Discussion of a paper: "*The SIC Journal Club experience*"

Mauro Zago (15')

*Questions*

12.45 P.M. Lunch box

2.00 P.M.

## A new era inside medical writing

**Chairpersons:** Marco Raffaelli – Aldo Rocca

Artificial Intelligence from the publisher point of view (*Lecture*) Carlotta D'Imporzano/Federica Polverosi (Springer) (20')

Artificial Intelligence in medical writing Pasquale Avella (20')

Artificial Intelligence tools while writing a paper Paolo Magistri (20')

Will Artificial Intelligence replace scientific writers? Alessandro Pasculli (20')

*Questions 10'*

3.30 P.M. Coffee break

4.00 P.M.

## Meet the Professor: Melina Kibbe

**Chairpersons:** Andrea Mingoli, Fulvio Calise

5. P.M. End of the course: conclusions Paolo Miccoli

### Board of the Course

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| Roberta Angelico              | Melina Kibbe        |
| Alessandro Anselmo            | Quirino Lai         |
| Francesco Ardito              | Laura Lorenzon      |
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## Informations

**Official language:** lectures in Italian; slides in English.

The in-person Course is reserved for **40 young surgeons aged  $\leq 40$  years**.

Registration is available through the web app for the **Medical Writing Course – Rome 2026**:

<https://globalia.cloud/mwritng2026/>

To complete the registration procedure, please:

1. complete the online registration by clicking the “**Register Now**” button;
2. pay the **€100 registration fee** by clicking the “**Pay the Registration Fee**” button and using PayPal.

**Registration will be considered complete only after payment of the registration fee.**