

SAFEST final conference at Euroanaesthesia 2026

Event programme

10.30 - 11.00	Welcome Coffee, Poster Display & Networking	Arrival and informal networking over coffee. Explore SAFEST posters presenting key results, tools and implementation experiences from participating partners and centres.	Dr. Carola Orrego (Avedis Donabedian Research Institute, FAD)
11.00 - 11.15	Opening Remarks & SAFEST Project Overview	Welcome and introduction to the objectives of the day, followed by an overview of the SAFEST projects, their scope, progress and contribution to perioperative patient safety.	Dr. Carola Orrego (Avedis Donabedian Research Institute, FAD)
11.15 - 12.00	Keynote Speaker – Session Title To Be Confirmed	30-minute presentation followed by 15 minutes of discussion.	
12.00 - 12.30	Patient Empowerment Applied In SAFEST - Interactive Session	This interactive session presents different forms of patient participation within SAFEST. Participants will explore practical tools that support patient empowerment and discuss how these can be applied in everyday care settings.	Dr. Caroline Schlinkert, Marieke Voshaar (Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research, Nivel)
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch & Poster Presentations	Networking lunch with dedicated time to engage with poster presenters.	
13.30 - 14:30	From Recommendations To Measurement: Applying The SAFEST Compass And Core Measure Set - Presentations With Discussion	To achieve excellence in perioperative safety, we need both a roadmap and a yardstick. This session introduces the Compass—a 12-area framework for structured safety recommendations—and the Core Measure Set, a tool for harmonised measurement. These tools empower healthcare providers to make informed decisions and transform safety data into actionable benchmarking across diverse clinical settings.	Dr. Daniel Arnal-Velasco (SENSAR) Dr. Pedro Casaca (National School of Public Health, NOVA)
14.30 - 15.30	From Assessment To Action: Workshop On Prioritising Safety Improvements - Interactive Workshop	An interactive group session where participants identify and prioritise safety improvement areas based on SAFEST results and make concrete implementation proposals.	Drs. Claudia Valli, Carola Orrego (Avedis Donabedian Research Institute, FAD) Dr. Hilly Calsbeek (Radboud University Medical Center)
15.30 - 15.45	Coffee Break		
15.45 - 17.00	Improving Perioperative Safety At Scale: Learning Collaborative, Outcomes, And Costs - Three 15-Minute Presentations, Followed By Q&A	This session introduces the SAFEST Perioperative Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative and its role in supporting hospitals in implementing perioperative patient safety standards. Participants will explore the collaborative model, its core components, its contextual factors, and the results of its effectiveness evaluation, focusing on adherence to safety standards and reductions in surgical complications. The session will also address the costs of implementing these standards and highlight implications for sustainability and scale-up.	Prof. Dr. Paulo Sousa (National School of Public Health, NOVA) Dr. Caroline Schlinkert (Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research, Nivel) Prof. Dr. Oliver Groene (OptiMedis)
17.00 - 17.30	Closing Remarks, Project Exploitation Outlook & Poster Award	Summary of key takeaways, next steps for sustainability and implementation, and announcement of the poster prize winner.	SAFEST Consortium members