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## Astute Medical, Inc. To Host Educational Symposium At Critical Care Nephrology Meeting



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Astute Medical, Inc. will host an educational symposium bringing together an international panel of medical experts to discuss how newly validated biomarkers of acute kidney injury (AKI) risk can improve care of critically ill patients in the intensive care setting. The symposium, **AKI Biomarkers of Risk Assessment: A New Age**, will take place at the **31st International Vicenza Course on Critical Care Nephrology in Vicenza, Italy on Tuesday, June 11 from 15:00 to 16:30 local time.**

Registration information for the symposium is available at [www.akiassessment.com](http://www.akiassessment.com). Highlights of the event will be broadcast live via **Twitter @ACuteKidneyMan**.

"AKI incidence is rising and has recently been associated with acute health events, chronic diseases as well as certain pharmaceutical and recreational drug use," says Dr. Claudio Ronco, director of the department of nephrology at San Bartolo hospital in Vicenza, Italy. "If undetected and unchecked, AKI can result in substantial kidney damage that can hinder quality of life, raise the risk of readmission or even result in death."

Dr. Ronco, who will moderate the symposium, is the author of a recent [commentary](#) on AKI published in Critical Care.

Presenters at the symposium will discuss pathogenesis of AKI along with emerging management strategies. Dr. John Kellum of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center will highlight the symposium with [recent findings](#) demonstrating the use of two biomarkers found to be highly accurate in the assessment of AKI risk and superior to current methods. Other featured speakers include Dr. Lakhmir Chawla, associate professor of medicine at George Washington University, and Dr. Max Bell, senior researcher and physician in the Department of Anesthesiology, Surgical Services and Critical Care Medicine at Karolinska University Hospital in Solna, Sweden.

Increasingly, hospital physicians worldwide are expressing concern about the health risk and cost burden of AKI.

"Kidney complications during hospitalization are as frequent and dangerous to patients as heart attack," says Dr. Kellum. "However, unlike heart attack, AKI is silent, without signs and symptoms that guide risk assessment. It is imperative that physicians remain abreast of emerging techniques for risk assessment and management of this condition."

Astute Medical, Inc. recently commenced European commercialization of the NephroCheck® Test for AKI risk assessment. Astute Medical is an exhibitor at the [31st International Vicenza Course on Critical Care Nephrology](#). Astute Medical's booth is #17 located in the main exhibit hall.

The NephroCheck® Test and the Astute140™ Meter are not available for sale in the United States.

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