

Safeguards and Scope “Medicine In Crisis”

Symposium (LIMSC 2027)

This symposium is organized as a strictly scientific and non-political session within LIMSC, focusing on the delivery of healthcare in challenging and

resource-limited environments for human wellbeing. The aim of this symposium is to explore advancements in emergency medicine, trauma care, and the development of innovative medical tools and techniques applicable to high-risk settings.

At LIMSC, we share a common interest in medicine and the responsibility it entails. We emphasize the importance of providing appropriate, high-quality care to all patients, irrespective of personal beliefs, perspectives, or the context in which care is delivered.

This symposium reflects the academic principles of Leiden University that are rooted in its motto *Praesidium Libertatis* (bastion of freedom). LIMSC cherishes this tradition of the oldest university of the Netherlands as academic freedom brings about development, innovation, and progress. A mission that started with the founding of the University in 1575 and that we continue to this day.

To ensure a constructive and safe environment, the following safeguards will be upheld:

- **Non-political:** all discussions must remain free from political viewpoints, geopolitical analysis, or advocacy. The symposium is not intended as a platform for political discourse, but as a forum for scientific and clinical exchange in accordance with Leiden University’s standards of academic neutrality.
- **Clinical and interdisciplinary focus:** content should center on medical practice, pharmaceutical considerations, biomedical innovation, and technical applications in emergency and austere care environments. The symposium encourages integration across disciplines represented within LIMSC.
- **Neutral and respectful communication:** in line with Leiden University’s emphasis on respectful academic dialogue, speakers must use neutral, precise language and avoid statements that may be perceived as controversial or divisive.



- **Patient-centered and ethical approach:** all discussions should prioritize patient outcomes, safety, and dignity. Content must adhere to established medical ethical principles, including impartial care and respect for confidentiality.
- **Focus on innovation and societal relevance:** the symposium promotes the development and evaluation of new tools, techniques, and systems that improve healthcare delivery under challenging conditions, reflecting Leiden University's commitment to societal impact through research and innovation.
- **Educational inclusivity:** as part of a student-centered conference, the symposium aims to be accessible and relevant to participants from all backgrounds, fostering interdisciplinary understanding and collaboration.

By adhering to these safeguards, the symposium aims to create a professional, inclusive, and academically friendly environment that reflects the values of Leiden University while advancing knowledge on medical care under challenging conditions.

The organising committee of LIMSC reserves the right to remove or withhold admission of anyone they deem not adhering to these principles. There is always room for discussion, evaluation and dialogue but this will not take place during the symposium. Your cooperation and understanding is kindly appreciated.

For more information about the Leiden University vision on teaching and learning we encourage participants to visit: [Academic Freedom at Universiteit Leiden](#)