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The “permanent” hypothesis

1. Culture vs projects

2. What is still unknown vs “guidelines”

3. Continuity vs diversification

4. Scientific vs “institutional” research
The constellation of acronyms

GIVIO, ....

GISED, ....

GISEN, ....

GIVITI, ....

GISSI-AF
  • Procardis
  • Outliers
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| TOSCA         | RCT promoted by SID (Società Italiana di Diabetologia) and conducted with a network of 50 (mainly university) centers  
Design: metformin+sulphonylureas vs. metformin +pioglitazone (projected accrual: 5,000). Primary endpoint: CV events                                                                                           |
| LIRICO        | RCT involving 50 centers (diabetes clinics, nephrology units) (projected accrual: 2,200)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| NAVIGATOR/ IGLOO | NAVIGATOR involves 62 diabetes clinics (~600 patients); IGLOO involves 185 GPs (~2,500 patients)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
The scenario of primary care

1. SPS: continuity of care


3. R&P: • absolute vs perceived risk(s)
   • RCT as a component of epidemiology
Looking forwards

1. Health as Human Right (OISG ⇔ SDH)

2. EPICOM (from Ecuador to Burkina Faso to …)

3. LEC (Lab. of Epidemiology of Citizenship)