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NOT JUST AN AESTHETIC CHANGE

January 2020 saw the launch of a complete restructure of TheSynapse online services. This was the result of a yearlong exercise where we wanted to position TheSynapse to an even greater professional level to what it has been for the past 23 years.

TheSynapse network now has two distinct and interlinked portals:

1. TheSynapse.net is dedicated to providing users with news and resources from many sources. To put it in a nutshell, we scan and filter news items and publish succinct, relevant and timely news.
2. **CME30.EU** is a brand new video-based eLearning platform using one of the best reviewed eLearning engines in the world. **CME30.eu** continues to affirm TheSynapse as top content provider in the Maltese islands. Each peer-reviewed and accredited session or masterclass provides relevant CME content which is further subdivided into sections which makes it easy for the busy medical professional to assimilate knowledge. Each session is followed by a set of MCQs following which one can obtain a certificate of participation which may be used for accreditation purposes.

Both the Malta College of Family Doctors
and the Medical Association of Malta
provide accreditation of these sessions.

CME30.EU offers the opportunity to each and every medical professional to keep up to date by participating in CME sessions, delivered by some of the best local peers. This can be done in one's own space at one's own pace.

CME30.EU complements other forms of CME. An interesting feature is found in myCME, by clicking on myAccount (top right of landing page). This shows all CME credits gained through **CME30.EU** but also gives the opportunity to record CME done through other sources simply by filling in the required information and uploading a

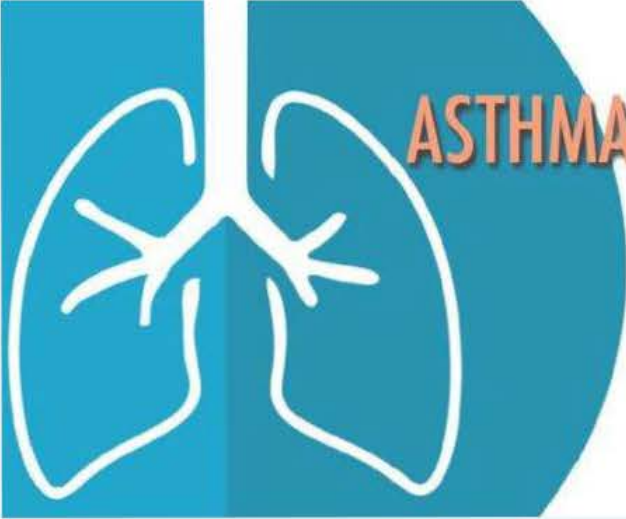
copy of certificate of participation when available. At the end of any period, one may request a report on CME which may be passed on to the relevant CME accreditors as may be required.

Behind any great service there is a great team. Indeed, TheSynapse is made up of a great team each with diverse expertise and skills but with a common passion to work selflessly and with dedication to deliver an outstanding service.

The work involved was and still is gargantuan but greatly satisfying. TheSynapse team welcomes anyone who is interested to join in consolidating **CME30.EU** as an effective resource for medical professionals. In particular, TheSynapse welcomes colleagues who are interested in participating as peer reviewers to ensure its value remains up to internationally recognised standards.

Change does not necessary mean improvement but there can be no improvement without change!





ASTHMA MASTERCLASS



Asthma is a chronic condition responsible for significant morbidity whose prevalence is increasing worldwide. Treatment options for asthma are numerous and along the years significant advances have been made in these treatment options. The high and increasing prevalence of asthma along with the recent advances in asthma management highlighted the need of this Asthma Masterclass with the aim of keeping healthcare professionals updated with the latest information and guidelines on this highly relevant condition.

The Asthma Masterclass consists of three sessions delivered by key opinion leaders in Asthma Management.



ASTHMA DIAGNOSIS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Prof Stephen Montefort

Lead consultant respiratory physician at Mater Dei Hospital. Head of Department and Deputy Dean of the Malta Medical School



ASTHMA MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Dr David Bilocca

Specialist in Respiratory Medicine. Dr Bilocca leads the endobronchial ultrasound service at Mater Dei Hospital



SEVERE ASTHMA: CASE PRESENTATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF ASTHMA Q AND A

Dr Caroline Gouder

Specialist in Respiratory Medicine at Mater Dei Hospital

After watching each session, participants are invited to attempt a short set of Multiple Choice Questions and download a certificate of participation which may be used for accreditation purposes.

Each of the three sessions is accredited as follows:

ACCREDITATION



Medical Association of Malta as representative of UEMS
0.5 Credits



Malta College of Family Doctors
0.5 Credits



Convenient
Comprehensive
Trusted