



Zoom On: Elie Azoulay, Editor-in-Chief, Intensive Care Medicine



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Prof. Élie Azoulay, MD, PhD took up post in 2013 as Editor-in-Chief of [Intensive Care Medicine](#), the official journal of the [European Society of Intensive Care Medicine](#). Dr. Azoulay is Professor of Medicine at [Paris Diderot University](#), France, and Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at [Saint-Louis Teaching Hospital](#) in Paris.

1. What are your key areas of interest and research?

In research my key areas are acute respiratory failure and ICU management of immunocompromised patients, and communication in the ICU; I also have a special interest in acute complications in patients with systemic vasculitis or connective tissue diseases.

2. What are the major challenges in your field?

- Keeping medicine and clinical examination as the only drivers for medical decisions;
- Giving priority to patients' preferences and values.

3. What is your top management tip?

Giving to people respect, perspectives and recognition.

4. What would you single out as a career highlight?

Having time to think.

5. If you had not chosen this career path you would have become a...?

I don't know.

6. What are your personal interests outside of work?

Listening to people, reading Voltaire and Camus, cooking and caring for others, dreaming.

7. Your favourite quote?

“Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists.” — Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dr. Azoulay is Director of the French FAMIREA study group, a multicentre collaborative multidisciplinary group aimed at improving effectiveness of communication with family members of ICU-patients. He directs the research group on the management of acute respiratory failure and outcomes in critically ill immunocompromised patients ([Grrr-OH](#)), and the [OUTCOMREA](#) research group on care quality and nosocomial infections. He is Past Chairman of the ethics section of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine, and has previously served as the French representative and on the congress committee.

Watch

Prof. Azoulay's presentation on [Family participation in care of the critically ill at the Spanish Society of Intensive Medicine 2015 congress](#) (YouTube).

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