
Zoom On: Jean-Louis Vincent



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What are your key areas of interest and research?

Very broad – there are so many aspects of intensive care medicine!

What are the major challenges in your field?

To stop considering that all patients are the same. Focus on phenotypes.

What is your top management tip?

Always listen and think, and act only when required.

What would you single out as a career highlight?

Go and visit other centres - broaden your horizons.

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

Politician – it is important to act for society.

What are your personal interests outside of work?

Intensive care medicine (and enjoying life, of course!)

Your favourite quote?

'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.'

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