



Preliminary Programme

ESSO Hands on Course On Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy and Gastrectomy

In partnership with University Medical Center Utrecht

Utrecht (NL), 5th to 6th March 2026

Faculty members to be confirmed

Program

Thursday 5 March – Minimally Invasive Gastrectomy (MIG)

08:30 – 08:40	Opening & Introduction of the live RAMIE surgery case <i>TBC</i>
08:40 – 09:00	Introduction to the Surgical Anatomy of the Stomach <i>TBC</i>
09:00 – 09:15	Laparoscopic versus Open Gastrectomy <i>TBC</i>
09:15 – 09:35	Lymphadenectomy in MIG <i>TBC</i>
09:35 – 09:50	Anastomotic techniques in MIG <i>TBC</i>
09:50 – 10:15	General discussion+ Live RAMIE surgery
<i>10:15 – 10:35</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>

10:35 – 10:50	MIG and RAMIE: step by step <i>TBC</i>
10:50 – 11:05	Robot-assisted Minimally Invasive Gastrectomy (RAMIG): Tips, Tricks, & Pitfalls <i>TBC</i>
11:05 – 11:10	Introduction to hands on practical training session <i>TBC</i>
11:10 – 11:30	General discussion+ Live RAMIE surgery
<i>11:30 – 12:15</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
12:15 – 12:30	Transfer to the Department of Anatomy
12:30 – 17:00	Hands-on practical training
12:30 – 14:30	Minimally Invasive Gastrectomy: dissection
<i>14:30 – 15:00</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:00 – 17:00	Minimally Invasive Gastrectomy: reconstruction

Friday 6 March 2025 – Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy (MIE)

08:30 – 08:35	Opening <i>TBC</i>
08:35 – 08:55	Introduction to the Surgical Anatomy of the Esophagus
08:55 – 09:10	Lymphadenectomy during MIE: the more the better?
09:10 – 09:25	The current status of MIE and RAMIE

09:25 – 09:40	How to set up a MIE program
09:40 – 10:00	General discussion + live MIEG surgery
<i>10:00 – 10:20</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:20 – 10:35	Enhanced Recovery after Esophagectomy <i>TBC</i>
10:35 – 10:50	Anastomotic techniques for (robot-assisted) MIE <i>TBC</i>
10:50 – 11:05	Robot-assisted Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy (RAMIE): step by step, tips, tricks and pitfalls <i>TBC</i>
11:05 – 11:20	Introduction to hands on practical training session <i>TBC</i>
11:20 – 11:45	General discussion
<i>11:45 – 12:15</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>12:15 – 12:30</i>	<i>Transfer to the Department of Anatomy</i>
12:30 – 17:00	Hands-on practical training
12:30 – 14:30	Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy: 1st hands-on session
<i>14:30 – 15:00</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:00 – 17:00	Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy: 2nd hands on session