

ESSO Hands-On Course On Surgical Technique – Abdominal Surgery

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Programme

Tuesday 29 September

13:00 – 13:15	Welcome and introduction <i>A. Baranski, D. D’Ugo, P. Gobée,</i>
Surgical access to thorax and abdomen through median laparotomy and thoracotomy (sternotomy)	
13:15 – 13:25	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobée</i>
13:25 – 13:35	Theory: Surgical technique <i>A. Zeyara</i>
Surgical access to the abdominal wall	
13:35 – 13:45	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobée</i>
13:45 – 13:55	Theory: Surgical technique <i>A. Baranski</i>
Kocher and retro-peritoneal right-sided medial visceral rotation, Cattel-Braasch manoeuvre	
13:55 – 14:15	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobée</i>
14:15 – 14:25	Theory: Surgical technique <i>Y. Schrage</i>
14:25 – 16:30	Hands-on session <i>Tutors: A. Biondi, F. Tirelli, T. Hackert, S. van Laarhoven, A. Zeyara, A. Spychala, HD Lam, Z. Galazka, D. D’Ugo, A. Baranski, V. Huurman, Y. Schrage</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee break
17:00 – 17:40	What do you need to become a good (oncologic) surgeon - Advices given with the help of 10 great European minds <i>J. Lerut</i>

Wednesday 30 September

Mobilization of the right and the left liver lobe, access to the IVC behind the liver, liver veins, vascular exclusion technique, and access to the hepatoduodenal ligament	
09:00 – 09:10	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobée</i>
09:10 – 09:20	Theory: Surgical technique <i>S. van Laarhoven</i>
Surgical access to the esophagus	
09:20 – 09:30	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobée</i>

09:30 – 09:40	Theory: Surgical technique <i>A. Biondi</i>
Surgical access to the stomach	
09:40 – 09:50	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobée</i>
09:50 – 10:00	Theory: Surgical technique <i>F. Tirelli</i>
10:00 – 11:15	Hands-on session <i>Tutors: A.Biondi, F. Tirelli, T.Hackert, S.van Laarhoven, A. Zeyara, A. Spychala, HD Lam, V.Huurman, Y.Schrage, A. Spychala, Z. Galazka, D. D’Ugo, A. Baranski</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
Left-sided medial visceral rotation with and without mobilization of the left kidney-access to the abdominal aorta, coeliac trunk and superior mesenteric artery-Mattox maneuver	
11:30 – 11:40	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobee</i>
11:40 – 11:50	Theory: Surgical technique <i>J. Hamming</i>
11:50 – 12:30	Hands-on session <i>Tutors: A.Biondi, F. Tirelli, T.Hackert, S.van Laarhoven, A. Zeyara, A. Spychala, HD Lam, V.Huurman, Y.Schrage, Z. Galazka, D. D’Ugo, A. Baranski</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch
Surgical access to the pancreas body, tail and the spleen	
13:00 – 13:10	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobée</i>
13:10 – 13:20	Theory: Surgical technique <i>V. Hurman</i>
Surgical access to the colon – sigmoid	
13:20 – 13:30	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobée</i>
13:30 – 13:40	Theory: Surgical Technique <i>A. Spychala</i>
13:40 – 15:00	Hands-on session <i>Tutors: A.Biondi, F. Tirelli, T.Hackert, S.van Laarhoven, A. Zeyara, A. Spychala, HD Lam, V.Huurman, Y.Schrage, Z. Galazka, D. D’Ugo, A. Baranski</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
Surgical access to the rectum	
15:15 – 15:25	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobée</i>

15:25 – 15:35	Theory: Surgical Technique <i>A. Spsychala</i>
Surgical access to the abdominal aorta and other arterial vessels – above and below the renal arteries	
15:35 – 15:45	Theory: Anatomy <i>P. Gobée</i>
15:45 – 15:55	Theory: Surgical technique <i>J. Hamming</i>
15:55 – 17:15	Hands-on session <i>Tutors: A.Biondi, F. Tirelli, T.Hackert, S.van Laarhoven, A. Zeyara, A. Spsychala, HD Lam, V.Huurman, Y.Schrage, Z. Galazka, D. D’Ugo, A. Baranski</i>

Thursday 01 October

State of the art of Oncological Surgical Techniques	
08:25 – 09:30	Hands-on session <i>Tutors: A.Biondi, F. Tirelli, T.Hackert, S.van Laarhoven, A. Zeyara, A. Spsychala, HD Lam, V.Huurman, Y.Schrage, Z. Galazka, D. D’Ugo, A. Baranski</i>
09:45 – 10:15	Oesophagus surgery. Pearls, tricks and tricks <i>A. Biondi/ F. Tirelli</i>
10:15 – 10:20	Discussion
10:20 – 10:50	Stomach surgery. Pearls tips and tricks <i>D. D’Ugo</i>
10:50 – 10:55	Discussion
10:55 – 11:25	Liver surgery. Pearls, Tips and Tricks <i>HD. Lam</i>
11:25 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45 – 12:15	Pancreas Surgery: Pearls, Tips and Tricks <i>T. Hackert</i>
12:15 – 12:20	Discussion
12:20 – 12:50	Colon and Rectum Surgery. Pearls tips and tricks <i>A. Spsychala</i>
12:50 – 12:55	Discussion
12:55 – 13:25	Radiological access to the abdomen and abdominal organs, Abdominal intervention radiologist <i>M. Burgmans</i>
13:25 – 13:30	Discussion