



## **Davos Course 2026**

### **Emergency & Acute Care Surgery**

#### **Preliminary Scientific Program**

**11.04. - 16.04.2026**

#### **Information on new pilot project module: Emergency Surgery**

In 2025 for the first time, we start a pilot project with a module **Emergency & Acute Care Surgery**, focusing on abdominal emergencies. This course addresses general and visceral surgeons going for UEMS certification as well as emergency surgeons in training.

The module offers lectures, interactive session and open as well as laparoscopic exercises focused on emergency and acute care surgery.

#### **The Emergency & Acute Care Surgery Module Faculty 2026:**

Peter Svenningsen	Module Director	Copenhagen, DK
Otmar Buyne	Module Co-Director	Nijmegen, NL
Tobias Zingg		Lausanne, CH
Dimitrios Damaskos		Edinburgh, UK
Luke Evans		Norwich, UK
Johan Lock		Würzburg, G
Romain Seppey		Biel, CH
Matti Tolonen		Helsinki, Fi

*Furthermore other Faculty Members from the GI Foundation will contribute.*

Participants within the Emergency & Acute Care Surgery module will furthermore be offered the chance to join Virtual Reality as well as Robotic Surgery Training in their free time.

#### **REGISTER EARLY**

*As places are limited be aware that reservation of your place is only given after payment!*

We hope to motivate you and your colleagues from all surgery departments to join this new module and wish you a great course!

Walter Brunner, Peter Svenningsen, Otmar Buyne

SATURDAY, 11.04.2026

	<b>ONLY for Faculty &amp; Instructors, Industry Hall Davos</b>
09.00	Industry Briefing <b>Light Welcome Breakfast</b>
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Faculty meeting &amp; Instructors briefing (all modules)</b> <b>Get to know &amp; Teach the teacher</b>
<b>From 10.45</b>	<b>Module core Meetings</b>

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Advanced Course Emergency & Acute Care Surgery

## 10.00 Opening of the Course Secretariat and Registration

<b>11.00</b>	<b>Start Advanced Course</b> <b>Emergency &amp; Acute Care Surgery Module</b> <b>Room Studio</b> - P. Svenningsen
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## Welcome & Introduction of Faculty and Participants

11.15 – 12.45 **Lecture I**  
Moderation: P. Svenningsen, T. Zingg

Role of teamwork and non-technical skills  
for improving emergency surgical outcomes  
- D. Damaskos 20 min+ 10 min

**12.45 – 13.45      Lunch break**

13.45

**DAVOS COURSE OPENING****Hall Davos (all Course Levels)**

- W. Brunner, St. Gallen, CH
- L. Fourie, Luzern, CH

14.15 – 16.15

**Practical exercises** (see individual schedule)

Hall Davos 1/3

Moderation: O. Buyne, P. Svenningsen, T. Zingg

Open bleeding management  
Vascular dissection  
Vascular anastomosis

**Kommentiert [LF1]:** We have changed the time of this session in Basic and Intermediate to 16:00. As well as the Break from 16: - 16:30. Do you want to do it in a similar way or keep your times here?

**Kommentiert [WB2]:** Otmar should give Electorsurgery lecture here

16.15 – 16.45

**Break**

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

16.45 – 18.30

**Small group work I**

Room Studio

**Damage control surgery, bleeding, ischemia and VAC**

Moderation: O. Buyne, D. Damaskos

Case 1 20 min+ 10 min  
- M. Tolonen

Case 2 20 min+ 10 min  
- J. Lock

Case 3 20 min+ 10 min  
- T. Zingg

18.30

**Welcome Reception****Hall Davos & Foyer**

**Kommentiert [LF3]:** Time has changed from 18:45 to 18:30 because we are doing the Instructors dinner on Saturday this year.

**SUNDAY, 12.04.2026**

08.00 – 09.30	<b>Practical exercises</b> (see individual schedule) Hall Davos 1/3  Moderation: P. Svenningsen, L. Evans  Stoma placement Loop ileostomy & colostomy Closure abdominal wall	
09.30 – 10.00	<b>Break</b> Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	
10.00 – 12.00	<b>Lecture II (preoperative)</b> Room Studio  Moderators: M. Tolonen, O. Buyne  Initial Assessment and Management Diagnostic care bundles - R. Seppey	30 + 10 min
	Preoperative care - J Loch	30 + 10 min
	Definitive Treatment - the principles of issues, anastomosis or not - intraoperative decision making and timing of reoperations - L. Evans	30 + 10 min
12.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch break</b>  <b>Virtual Reality Training available</b> (Room Sertig) <b>Robotic Training available</b> (Room Wisshorn)	
14.00	Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	
14.00 – 15.30	<b>Practical exercises</b> (see individual schedule) Hall Davos 1/3  Moderators: P. Vogelbach, R. Seppey  Continuous anastomosis E – E & S -S	

**Kommentiert [PS4]:** More evidence ? The participants need well underbuildt

**Kommentiert [OB5R4]:** We need to ask Johan to present the current evidence. May also present a case in which deviation from guidelines is needed. This way we serve both purposes: respect current evidence but also respect personal experience

15.45 – 17.15

**Interactive Panel discussion**

Hall Davos

- Moderator: O. Buyne, Nijmegen

Surgical Site Infections

- Harry v Goor, Nijmegen 25 min

**Clinical scenarios I: decision making****Acute situations in abdominal surgery:**

- Panelists: C. Bruns, Köln  
 V. Sallinen, Helsinki  
 L. Evans, Norwich

Case Presenters: S. Staubli, London 25min  
 M. Kraljevic, Luzern 25min

17.30 – 18.30

**Small group work II**

Room Studio

**Intraoperative decision making, Appendicitis, Diverticulitis**

Moderation: T. Zingg, J. Lock

Case 1 **Diverticulitis** 20 min  
 P. Svenningsen

Case 2 **Intraoperative decision making** (futility focus) 20 min  
 D. Damaskos

Case 3 **Appendicitis** 20 min  
 O. Buyne

## MONDAY, 13.04.2026

08.00 – 09.30	<b>Practical exercises</b> (see individual schedule) Hall Davos 1/3  Moderation: J. Lock, P. Vogelbach  Liver bleeding & resection Pringle, Tachosil use	
09.30 – 10.00	<b>Break</b> Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	
10.00 – 12.00	<b>Lecture III</b> Room Studio  Moderators: O. Buyne, D. Damaskos  Postoperative management & Care Bundles - R. Seppey (- L. Evans?)  Visceral Trauma - T. Zingg	30 + 10 min    30 + 10 min
	TBD: Consider Mesenteric ischemia (could be K. Horisberger, Mainz, giving that lecture in intermediate course already on Tuesday...)	40 min
12.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch break</b>   <b>Virtual Reality Training available</b> (Room Sertig) <b>Robotic Training available</b> (Room Wisshorn)	
14.00 – 15.30	<b>Practical exercises</b> (see individual schedule) Hall Davos 1/3  Moderators: P. Svenningsen, D. Damaskos  Anterior resection (E-E) Anterior resection (S-E)	
15.30	Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	

Kommentiert [PS6]: keep

Kommentiert [PS7R6]: Open cholecystectomy?

Kommentiert [OB8R6]: Or should it be an exercise on sigmoid resection as this was covered the day before. Just an idea.

Kommentiert [PS9R6]: I agree -

Kommentiert [PS10]: Keep?

Kommentiert [OB11R10]: Yes. Depending on feedback of upcoming course we can adjust next time.

**15:45 -17:15****Interactive joint session**

Hall Davos

Moderation: W. Brunner, St. Gallen  
O. Flemmen, Skien

**Children are same, but different** - what every general surgeon  
should know about pediatric surgery!  
- M. Stanton, Southampton

**Management of surgical complications and its evidence**

Case Presenters: S. Breitenstein, Winterthur  
G. Beldi, Bern

Kommentiert [LF12]: Note time change

17.30 – 18.30

**Small group work III**

Room Studio

**ERAS in EmSurg, Perforations, Bowel obstructions**

Moderation: J. Lock, M. Tolonen

Case 1 20 min  
- L. Evans

Case 2 20 min  
- T. Zingg

Case 3 20 min  
- R. Seppey

## TUESDAY, 14.04.2026

08.00 – 09.30	<b>Practical exercises</b> (see individual schedule) Hall Davos 1/3  Moderation: T. Zingg, L. Evans  B II open
09.30 – 10.00	<b>Break</b> Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)
10.00 – 12.00	<b>Lecture IV</b> Room Studio  Moderation: P. Svenningsen, R. Seppey  Cholecystitis – and gallstone disease in GB and CBD - M. Tolonen 20 + 10 min  Diverticulitis - J. Lock 20 + 10 min  Appendicitis and its complications O. Buyme 20 + 10 min  Perforations of the GI tract L. Evans 20 + 10 min
12.00 – 16.30	<b>Lunch break</b>  <b>Virtual Reality Training available</b> (Room Sertig) <b>Robotic Training available</b> (Room Wisshorn)
16.00	Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)
16.30 – 17.30	<b>Interactive joint Session</b> Hall Davos  <b>Management of anastomotic leakage and its evidence</b>  Moderation: D. Hahnloser, Lausanne  Presenters: Upper GI: C. Bruns, Köln Lower GI: F. Herbst, Wien



17.45 – 19.45

**Practical exercises**

Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)

Moderators: P. Svenningsen, O. Buyne,

Laparoscopic suture techniques

Perforated ulcer repair

Laparoscopic Gastroenterostomy

Kommentiert [PS13]: keep

Kommentiert [OB14R13]: For sure!

Wednesday, 15.04.2026

08.00 – 09.30	<b>Lecture V</b> Room Studio  Moderation: L. Evans, R. Seppey  Acute proctology - Dieter Hahnloser  Small bowel obstructions - D. Damaskos  Acute colon obstructions - P. Senningsen	          20 + 10 min          20 + 10 min          20 + 10 min
09.30 – 10.00	<b>Break</b> Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	
10.00 – 12.00	<b>Practical exercises emergency laparoscopy</b> Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)  Moderation: O. Buyne, M. Tolonen  Laparoscopic suture / Colon perforation Laparoscopic anterior resection	
12.00 – 16.00	<b>Lunch break</b>  <b>Virtual Reality Training available (Room Sertig)</b> <b>Robotic Training available (Room Wisshorn)</b>	
15.30	Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	
16.00 – 17.00	<b>Acute situations in abdominal surgery: clinical scenarios</b> Hall Davos  Moderation: F. Herbst, Wien  - Panelists: K Horisberger, Mainz J. Oberholzer, Zürich P. Senningsen, Kopenhagen  Case Presenters: G. Seifert, Freiburg D. Christoforidis, Lugano	

Kommentiert [PS15]: keep

Kommentiert [OB16R15]: Agree

17.15 – 19.15

**Practical exercises**

Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)

Moderators: G. Silberhumer, T. Zingg

Laparoscopic vascular dissection & Bleeding management

Thursday, 16.04.2026

08.00 – 10.00 **Practical exercises emergency laparoscopy**  
Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)

Moderators: G. Silberhumer, J. Lock

Laparoscopic intracorporal anastomosis  
(ileotransversostomy / jejunostomy)  
Closure of mesenteric gap

Kommentiert [PS17]: keep

Kommentiert [OB18R17]: Agree

10.15 – 12.00 **Lecture VI – Meet the experts Brunch session**  
Room Studio

Moderators: T. Zingg, L. Evans

Acute IBD management 30 min  
- J. Lock

Ischemia 30 min  
- L. Evans

Pancreatitis 30 min  
- M. Tolonen

Complications - how to deal with them - Open abdomen 30 min  
– how to close it  
- D. Damaskos

13.00 – 14.30 **Practical exercises emergency laparoscopy**  
Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)

Moderators: U. Dietz, O. Buyne, R. Seppey

Laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair (TAPP)  
Mesh & Glue fixation

14.30 **End of course**  
**Distribution of certificates / Feedback round**  
Room Seehorn  
P. Svenningsen, O. Buyne