



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 startet 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

ONLY for Faculty & Instructors, Industry Hall Davos

09.00	<i>Industry Briefing Light Welcome Breakfast</i>
10.00	Faculty meeting & Instructors briefing (all modules) <i>Get to know & Teach the teacher</i>
From 10.45	Module core Meetings

Advanced Course Emergency & Acute Care Surgery

10.00 **Opening of the Course Secretariat and Registration**

11.00 **Start Advanced Course**
Emergency & Acute Care Surgery Module
Room Studio
- P. Svennningesen

Welcome & Introduction of Faculty and Participants

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

Overview of common emergency abdominal surgical conditions
- R. Seppey 20 min+ 10 min

Principles of triage and prioritization in emergency surgery
- T. Zingg 20 min+ 10 min

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

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. TolonenCase 2 20 min+ 10 min
- J. LockCase 3 20 min+ 10 min
- T. Zingg

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

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	Practical exercises (see individual schedule) Hall Davos 1/3	
	Moderation: P. Svenningsen, L. Evans	
	Stoma placement Loop ileostomy & colostomy Closure abdominal wall	
09.30 – 10.00	Break Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	
10.00 – 12.00	Lecture II (preoperative) 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	Lunch break	
	Virtual Reality Training available (Room Sertig) Robotic Training available (Room Wisshorn)	
14.00	Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	
14.00 – 15.30	Practical exercises (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 underbuilt

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
P. Svenningsen

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

Case 3 Appendicitis

MONDAY, 13.04.2026

08.00 – 09.30 **Practical exercises** (see individual schedule)
Hall Davos 1/3

Moderation: J. Lock, P. Vogelbach

| Liver bleeding & resection
Pringle, Tachosil use|

09.30 – 10.00 **Break**
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00 **Lecture III**
Room Studio

Moderators: O. Buyne, D. Damaskos

Postoperative management & Care Bundles
- R. Seppey (- L. Evans?) 30 + 10 min

Visceral Trauma
- T. Zingg 30 + 10 min

TBD: 40 min
Consider Mesenteric ischemia (could be K. Horisberger, Mainz,
giving that lecture in intermediate course already on Tuesday...)

12.00 – 14.00 **Lunch break**

Virtual Reality Training available (Room Sertig)
Robotic Training available (Room Wisshorn)

14.00 – 15.30 **Practical exercises** (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 -

15:45 -17:15

Interactive joint session

Hall Davos

Kommentiert [LF12]: Note time change

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

17.30 – 18.30 **Small group work III**
Room Studio

ERAS in EmSurg, Perforations, Bowel obstructions

Moderation: J. Lock, M. Tolonen

Case 1 - L. Evans	20 min
Case 2 - T. Zingg	20 min
Case 3 - R. Seppey	20 min

TUESDAY, 14.04.2026

08.00 – 09.30	Practical exercises (see individual schedule) Hall Davos 1/3
	Moderation: T. Zingg, L. Evans
	B II open
09.30 – 10.00	Break Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)
10.00 – 12.00	Lecture IV 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. Buyne 20 + 10 min
	Perforations of the GI tract L. Evans 20 + 10 min
12.00 – 16.30	Lunch break Virtual Reality Training available (Room Sertig) Robotic Training available (Room Wisshorn)
16.00	Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)
16.30 – 17.30	Interactive joint Session Hall Davos
	Management of anastomotic leakage and its evidence
	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	Lecture V Room Studio
	Moderation: L. Evans, R. Seppey
	Acute proctology 20 + 10 min - Dieter Hahnloser
	Small bowel obstructions 20 + 10 min - D. Damaskos
	Acute colon obstructions 20 + 10 min - P. Svenningsen
09.30 – 10.00	Break Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)
10.00 – 12.00	Practical exercises emergency laparoscopy Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)
	Moderation: O. Buyne, M. Tolonen
	Laparoscopic suture / Colon perforation Laparoscopic anterior resection
12.00 – 16.00	Lunch break Virtual Reality Training available (Room Sertig) Robotic Training available (Room Wisshorn)
15.30	Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)
16.00 – 17.00	Acute situations in abdominal surgery: clinical scenarios Hall Davos
	Moderation: F. Herbst, Wien
	- Panelists: K Horisberger, Mainz J. Oberholzer, Zürich P. Svenningsen, 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 intracorporeal anastomosis
(ileotransversostomy / jejunum – 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
– how to close it 30 min
- 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