

# **EMERGENCY SURGERY COURSE BERN**

The **Emergency Surgery Course®** is a joint initiative of the European Society for Trauma & Emergency Surgery (ESTES) and the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST). The course is organized by the Swiss Association for Trauma and Acute Care Surgery (SwissACS).

ESC® aims to aid surgeons in non-trauma emergency surgery by providing the know-how and the decision-making skills necessary for daily practice. The course consists of theoretical sessions, case scenarios and state of the art videos. The course is especially designed in an interactive format from the beginning till the end. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Swiss edition will be held on March 17 and 18, 2026, at the Inselspital Bern**

**The course is divided into two parts:**

1. the first consists in several theoretical, didactic sessions, designed to provide the basic steps for adequate and timely diagnostic and decision-making;
2. the second, video-based, designed to provide tips and tricks to improve the skills of the general surgeon to deal with surgical emergencies.

**In sum, the ESC has the following goals:**

- Confront surgeons with every day and problematic emergency scenarios
- Provide concrete answers and guidelines for questions emerging from these situations
- Hone the decision-making skills necessary to manage preoperative, intra-operative and post-operative issues

**The participants will:**

- Improve clinical skills
- Establish priorities in diagnosis and treatment
- Recognize the evidence that supports decisions and interventions
- See real-life case presentations as examples
- Familiarize themselves with important diagnostic tests and therapeutic maneuvers
- Learn new interventions that may improve outcome

## **COURSE VENUE:**

Inselspital  
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## **INFO**

The Course will be limited to 25 participants.  
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## **FACULTY:**

### **Course Director:**

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### **International Faculty:**

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### **Organizing committee**

Fabio Butti  
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## Preliminary program

### **DAY 1**

**March 17, 2026**

10:00 - 10:30	Registration
10:30 – 10:45	Introduction
10:45 – 11:10	Abdominal sepsis
11:15 – 11:35	Bowel obstruction
11:40 – 12:10	Case 1
12:10 – 12:30	Mesenteric Ischemia
12:35 – 13:05	Case 2
13:10 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:25	Colorectal emergencies
14:30 – 15:00	Case 3
15:00 – 15:40	<b>BREAKOUT: Open Abdomen!</b>
15:40 – 16:00	<b>Coffee, Tea &amp; Snacks</b>
16:00 – 16:30	Pancreatitis
16:35 – 17:00	Peptic ulcer disease
17:05 – 17:35	Case 4
17:35 – 18:00	Acute cholecystitis
18:05 – 18:25	Case 5
18:25 – 18:35	Debrief

### **DAY 2**

**March 18, 2026**

09:00 – 09:30	<b>BREAKOUT: Pancreatitis!</b>
09:35 – 09:55	Spontaneous hemoperitoneum
09:55 – 10:15	Case 6
10:15 – 10:35	GI Bleeding
10:40 – 11:00	Case 7
11:00 – 11:20	<b>Coffee, Tea &amp; Snacks</b>
11:20 – 12:25	Postoperative complications
12:25 – 13:00	<b>BREAKOUT: CT scan X Rays!</b>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 14:25	Appendicitis
14:30 – 14:50	Case 8
14:50 – 15:05	<b>Coffee, Tea &amp; Snacks</b>
15:05 – 15:50	<b>BREAKOUT: Operative Videos!</b>
15:50 – 16:10	OB/GYN emergencies
16:15 – 16:35	Necrotizing Soft Tissue Infections
16:40 – 17:10	Post – Course Test
17:10 – 17:35	Review course tet
17:35 – 18:00	Closing Ceremony