



# Davos Course 2026

## Advanced Course: Upper GI Module

### Preliminary Scientific Program

14.04. - 16.04.2026

#### Information on combination of Advanced Course Modules:

Different modules within the Advanced Course can be combined and a reduced fee is available for combined modules.

The Modules Colorectal, HPB and Bariatric take place from Saturday to Tuesday and can be combined with Modules Hernia or Upper GI taking place from Tuesday to Thursday.

In case of any question please contact the organization.

As places are limited in Advanced Course Modules be aware that reservation of your place is only given after payment! Participants who book combined modules will be preferred in case of waiting lists.

Tuesday, 14.04.2026

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16.15 **ONLY for Faculty & Instructors**  
**Instructors briefing Advanced Course**  
**Upper GI Module & Hernia Module**  
 Room Aspen  
 - W. Brunner

## Advanced Course Upper GI Module

16.00 **Registration for participants only joining Upper GI module  
 at Course Secretariat**

**16.45 Start Advanced Course Upper GI Module**  
**Room Flüela**  
 - K. Beyer, M. Bolli

17.00 – 19.30 **Lecture I Benign Disease**

Moderation: M. Bolli, K. Beyer

Introduction of Faculty and Participants 15 min  
 - M. Bolli

Case discussions benign disease 30 min  
 - U. Pfefferkorn, D. Pournaras, K. Beyer, M. Bolli, F. Nickel

Peptic ulcer disease – between PPI and gastrectomy 30 min  
 -K Beyer

Quiz: Functional Examinations 30 min  
 - B. von Rahden

Treatment of Achalasia 20 min  
 - B. von Rahden

Wednesday, 15.04.2026

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08.00 – 09.30	<b>Practical Exercises</b> Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)	
09.30 – 10.00	<b>Break</b> Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	
10.00 – 12.00	<b>Lecture II GERD</b> Room Flüela  Moderation: B. von Rahden, D. Pournaras	
	GERD: indications for surgery - B. von Rahden	25 min
	Video: Fundoplication - M. Bolli	15 min
	Hiatal hernia +/- mesh - M. Bolli	15 min
	GERD treatment: alternatives to Fundoplication? - F. Nickel	25 min
	Rapid fire Case discussion GERD - U. Pfefferkorn	25 min
12.00 – 14.45	<b>Lunch break</b>  <b>Virtual Reality Training</b> (Room Sertig) <b>Robotic Training</b> (Room Wisshorn) For more detailed information, refer to the online program.	
14.45 – 16.45	<b>Practical exercises</b> Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)	
16.45 – 17.15	<b>Break</b> Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	

17.15 – 19.15

**Lecture III Malignancy I**  
Room Flüela

Moderation: K. Beyer, JW van den Berg

Malignant gastric lesions + AEG III - B. von Rahden	25 min
Video Minimal invasive gastrectomy step-by-step - M. Bolli	20 min
Difficult gastric cancer case - C. Bruns	25 min
GIST - M. Pournaras	20 min
Definition and how to deal with Barrett - B. von Rahden	20 min

Thursday, 16.04.2026

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08.00 – 10.00	<p><b>Lecture IV Malignancy II</b> Room Flüela</p> <p>Moderation: C. Bruns, D. Pournaras</p> <p>Malignant esophageal lesions + AEG I+II - F. Nickel <span style="float: right;">30 min</span></p> <p>Video: Minimal invasive esophagectomy step-by-step - K. Beyer <span style="float: right;">20 min</span></p> <p>Tumor-Board / MDT Quiz &amp; Discussion - JW van den Berg <span style="float: right;">60 min</span></p>
10.00 – 10.30	<p><b>Break</b> Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)</p>
10.30 – 12.00	<p><b>Practical Exercises</b> Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)</p>
12.00 – 12.30	<p><b>Break</b> – go to Room Flüela for lunch</p>
12.30 – 14.30	<p><b>Meet the experts lunch</b> Room Flüela</p> <p>Moderation: M. Bolli, K. Beyer</p> <p>Perioperative management in UGI surgery Traditions or Evidence? - M. Bolli <span style="float: right;">45 min</span></p> <p>Case discussions in small groups <span style="float: right;">45 min</span> - K. Beyer, M. Bolli, B. von Rahden D. Pournaras</p> <p>How to deal with complications <span style="float: right;">30 min</span> - JW van den Berg</p> <p>Worst Complication Videos / Discussion <span style="float: right;">45 min</span> - K. Beyer, M. Bolli, B. von Rahden D. Pournaras, F. Nickel</p>
14.30 – 14.45	<p><b>Advanced Course Closure Upper GI Module</b> <b>Distribution of certificates</b></p>