



# 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 started 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



- 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, T. Zingg, J. Lock
- 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: D. Damaskos, L. Evans
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|------------------------|----------------|
| Case 1<br>- M. Tolonen | 20 min+ 10 min |
| Case 2<br>- J. Lock    | 20 min+ 10 min |
| Case 3<br>- T. Zingg   | 20 min+ 10 min |
- 18.30**                    **Welcome Reception**  
**Hall Davos & Foyer**



15.45 – 17.15

**Interactive Panel discussion**

Hall Davos

- Moderators: C. Bruns, Köln, V. Sallinen, Helsinki

Electrosurgery: mechanism, tips & tricks	25 min
O. Buyne, Nijmegen	

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

- Moderator: O. Buyne, Nijmegen

- 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 <b>Diverticulitis</b>	20 min
P. Svenningsen	

Case 2 <b>Intraoperative decision making</b> (futility focus)	20 min
D. Damaskos	

Case 3 <b>Appendicitis</b>	20 min
O. Buyne	



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

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



17.45 – 19.45

**Practical exercises**

Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)

Moderators: P. Svenningsen, O. Buyne,

Laparoscopic suture techniques

Perforated ulcer repair

Laparoscopic Gastroenterostomy

Wednesday, 15.04.2026

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

17.15 – 19.15

**Practical exercises**

Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)

Moderators: G. Silberhumer, T. Zingg

Laparoscopic vascular dissection & Bleeding management

