



# Davos Course 2026

## Basic Course

### Preliminary Scientific Program

11.04. - 16.04.2026

SATURDAY, 11.04.2026

**ONLY for Faculty & Instructors, Industry:**  
**Hall Davos**

09.00                      *Industry Briefing*

**10.00                      *Faculty meeting & Instructors briefing (all modules)***  
***Get to know & Teach the teacher***

**From 10.45              *Module core Meetings***

## BASIC COURSE

<b>11.00</b>	<b>Opening of the Course Secretariat and Registration</b>	
<b>13.45</b>	<b>DAVOS COURSE OPENING</b> <b>Hall Davos (all Course Levels)</b> - W. Brunner, St. Gallen, CH - L. Fourie, Luzern, CH	
14.15 – 16.00	<b>Joint lecture</b> Hall Davos  Moderation: D. Frey, Baden C. Bruns, Köln C. Nebiker, Aarau	
	Principles in surgery - C. Hamel, Lörrach	20 min
	Principles in minimally invasive surgery - D. Christoforidis, Lugano	20 min
	Anastomotic techniques - B. Weixler, Winterthur	20 min
	Surgical Site Infections - Harry v Goor, Nijmegen	25 min

16.00 – 16.30      **Break**  
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

16.30 – 18.30      **Practical exercises**  
Room Hall Davos 1/3

<b>Knots</b> Sebastian Staubli; Christian Nebiker <sup>2</sup> ( <sup>1</sup> London, UK; <sup>2</sup> Aarau CH)
<b>Knotting at depth, instrumental</b> Sebastian Staubli; Christian Nebiker <sup>2</sup> ( <sup>1</sup> London, UK; <sup>2</sup> Aarau CH)
<b>Continuous suture technique</b> Sebastian Staubli; Christian Nebiker <sup>2</sup> ( <sup>1</sup> London, UK; <sup>2</sup> Aarau CH)
<b>Posterior wall mattress interrupted and continuous suture technique</b> Sebastian Staubli; Christian Nebiker <sup>2</sup> ( <sup>1</sup> London, UK; <sup>2</sup> Aarau CH)
<b>Interrupted anastomosis E-E</b> Sebastian Staubli; Christian Nebiker <sup>2</sup> ( <sup>1</sup> London, UK; <sup>2</sup> Aarau CH)

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

SUNDAY, 12.04.2026

BASIC

08.00 – 09.30

**Lecture**

Room Aspen

**“Standard technique and how to avoid complications”**Moderation: R. Kraus, Chur  
C. Krieglstein, KölnAppendicectomy  
- O. Buyne, NijmegenCholecystectomy  
- D. Frey, BadenStoma  
- D. Hahnloser, Lausanne

09.30 – 10.00

**Break**

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

**Practical exercises – Open Surgery**

Room Hall Davos 1/3

Stoma placement, Loop ileostomy (Synthetic), Colostomy K Horisberger; Martin Bolli <sup>2</sup> (Mainz DE; <sup>2</sup> Luzern CH)
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Closure abdominal wall K Horisberger; Martin Bolli <sup>2</sup> ( <sup>1</sup> MainzDE; <sup>2</sup> Luzern CH)
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Cross-section gastroenterostomy K Horisberger; Martin Bolli <sup>2</sup> (Mainz DE; <sup>2</sup> Luzern CH)
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12.00 – 15.45

**Lunch break (According to your personal schedule)****Lunch Session:****Start of Virtual Reality Training for the Basic Course**

Room Sertig

Participation according to your own personal schedule.

Detailed information will be available on-site.

From 15.15

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

15.45 – 17.15

**Interactive Panel discussion**

Hall Davos

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

Electrosurgery: mechanism, tips &amp; 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 – 19.30

**Practical exercises – Open Surgery**

Room Hall Davos 1/31,1

**Continuous anastomosis E-E**

Christiane Bruns; Christian Krieglstein (Köln DE)

**Continuous anastomosis E-E (Synthetic)**

Christiane Bruns; Christian Krieglstein (Köln DE)

MONDAY, 13.04.2026

BASIC

08.00 – 09.30

**Lecture**

Room Aspen

**“Hernia”**Moderation: T. Scheinin, Helsinki  
E. Haiden, TullnPrevention and treatment of incisional hernia  
- C. Nebiker, AarauTailored inguinal hernia repair  
- W. Brunner, St. Gallen

09.30 – 10.00

**Break**

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

**Practical exercises – Open Surgery**

Room Hall Davos 1/3

**Billroth I (continuous)**Christian Nebiker; Rebecca Kraus<sup>1</sup> (Aarau, CH, <sup>1</sup>Chur CH)**Continuous anastomosis S-S, Stapled Anastomosis S-S**Christian Nebiker; Rebecca Kraus<sup>1</sup> (Aarau, CH, <sup>1</sup>Chur CH)

12.00 – 15.45

**Lunch break (According to your personal schedule)****Lunch Session: Virtual Reality Training for the Basic Course**

Room Sertig

From 15.15

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

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 25min

**Management of surgical complications and its evidence**

Case Presenters: S. Breitenstein, Winterthur 25min  
G. Beldi, Bern 25min

17.30 – 19.15

**Practical exercises – Open Surgery**

Room Hall Davos 1/3

Anterior resection (by stapler)

Christian Hamel; G. Silberhumer (Lörrach DE; Wien, AT)

Anterior resection (side to end)

Christian Hamel; G. Silberhumer (Lörrach DE; Wien, AT)

**TUESDAY, 14.04.2026****BASIC**

08.00 – 09.30

**Lecture**

Room Aspen

**“Management of the acute abdomen”**Moderation: B. Müller, Basel  
G. Seifert, Freiburg

Peptic disease

- K. Beyer, Berlin

Small bowel obstruction

- C. Williamsson, Lund

Acute diverticulitis

- C. Krieglstein, Köln

09.30 – 10.00

**Break**

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

**Practical exercises – Open Surgery**

Room Hall Davos 1/3

**Continuous anastomosis E-E****Christian Nebiker; Sebastian Staubli (Aarau CH; London UK)**

12.00 – 16.30

**Lunch break (According to your personal schedule)****Lunch Session: Virtual Reality Training for the Basic Course**

Room Sertig

From 15.45

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 – Laparoscopic Surgery**  
Room Sanada

<b>Open Cholecystectomy</b> Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)
<b>Introduction</b> Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)
<b>Pneumo, 1st trocar</b> Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)
<b>Insertion of trocars (camerawork)</b> Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)
<b>Transport of matches</b> Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)
<b>Clipping</b> Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)
<b>Unwrapping of Ricola</b> Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)

WEDNESDAY, 15.04.2026

BASIC

08.00 – 09.30

**Lecture**

Room Aspen

**“Key coloproctology”**Moderation: G. Silberhumer, Wien  
T. Scheinin, Helsinki

Colorectal Cancer

- D. Christoforidis, Lugano

Proctology

- D. Hahnloser, Lausanne

09.30 – 10.00

**Break**

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.00 – 12.00

**Practical exercises – Laparoscopic Surgery**

Room Sanada

**Paper cutting**Daniel Frey<sup>1</sup>; Rebecca Kraus<sup>2</sup>(<sup>1</sup>Wetzikon CH; <sup>2</sup>Chur CH)**Chicken peeling**Daniel Frey<sup>1</sup>; Rebecca Kraus<sup>2</sup>(<sup>1</sup>Wetzikon CH; <sup>2</sup>Chur CH)**Laparoscopic appendectomy**Daniel Frey<sup>1</sup>; Rebecca Kraus<sup>2</sup>(<sup>1</sup>Wetzikon CH; <sup>2</sup>Chur CH)

12.00 – 16.00

**Lunch break (According to your personal schedule)****Lunch Session: Virtual Reality Training for the Basic Course**

Room Sertig

From 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

17.15 – 19.15 **Practical exercises – Laparoscopic Surgery**  
Room Sanada

Laparoscopic cholecystectomy, Liver Biopsy  
Andreas Shamiyeh; V. Sallinen<sup>2</sup> (Linz, AT; Helsinki, Fi)

THURSDAY, 16.04.2026

BASIC

08.00 – 10.00      **Practical exercises – Laparoscopic Surgery**  
Room Sanada

**Cholangiography**

Christian Nebiker; K. Horisberger (Aarau, CH; Mainz, D)

**Knot pushers**

Christian Nebiker; K. Horisberger (Aarau, CH; Mainz, D)

**Surgical knot**

Christian Nebiker; K. Horisberger (Aarau, CH; Mainz, D)

10.00 – 10.30      **Break**  
Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

10.30 – 12.00      **Lecture**  
Room Aspen

**“If things go wrong”**

Moderation: K. Horisberger, Mainz  
F. Nickel, Hamburg

How I deal with the unexpected:  
Complication in laparoscopic surgery  
- G. Silberhumer, Wien 25 min

My worst complication  
- S. Bischofberger, St. Gallen 25 min

My worst complication  
- G. Beldi, Bern 25min

12.00 – 13.00      **Lunch break**

13.00 – 15.00      **Practical exercises – Laparoscopic Surgery**  
Room Sanada

**Laparoscopic cholecystectomy**

Gerd Silberhumer; Caroline Williamsson<sup>2</sup> (<sup>1</sup>Wien AT; <sup>2</sup>Lund SE)

**Port site closure**

Gerd Silberhumer; Caroline Williamsson<sup>2</sup> (<sup>1</sup>Wien AT; <sup>2</sup>Lund SE)

**15.00**                      **End of Basic Course**  
**Feedback & Distribution of certificates**  
Registration Desk