



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 hernia module
at Course Secretariat

16.45

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

17.00 – 19.00

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	Practical Exercises Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)	
09.30 – 10.00	Break Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)	
10.00 – 12.00	Lecture II GERD 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	Lunch break	
14.45 – 16.45	Practical exercises Room Seehorn (see individual schedule)	
16.45 – 17.15	Break 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 25 min
- B. von Rahden

Video Minimal invasive gastrectomy step-by-step 20 min
- M. Bolli

Difficult gastric cancer case 25 min
- C. Bruns

GIST 20 min
- M. Pournaras

Definition and how to deal with Barrett 20 min
- B. von Rahden

Thursday, 16.04.2026

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