



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

11.00 Opening of the Course Secretariat and Registration

13.45 DAVOS COURSE OPENING
Hall Davos (all Course Levels)
- W. Brunner, St. Gallen, CH
- L. Fourie, Luzern, CH

14.15 – 16.00 **Joint lecture**
Hall Davos

Moderation: D. Frey, Baden
C. Bruns, Köln
C. Nebiker, Aarau

Principles in surgery 20 min
- C. Hamel, Lörrach

Principles in minimally invasive surgery 20 min
- D. Christoforidis, Lugano

Anastomotic techniques 20 min
- B. Weixler, Winterthur

Electrosurgery: mechanism, tips & tricks 30 min
O. Buyne, Nijmegen

16.00 – 16.30**Break**

Coffee and sweets (trade exhibition)

16.30 – 18.30**Practical exercises**

Room Hall Davos 1/3

Knots

Sebastian Staubli; Christian Nebiker²(¹London, UK; ²Aarau CH)

Knotting at depth, instrumental

Sebastian Staubli; Christian Nebiker²(¹London, UK; ²Aarau CH)

Continuous suture technique

Sebastian Staubli; Christian Nebiker²(¹London, UK; ²Aarau CH)

Posterior wall mattress interrupted and continuous suture technique

Sebastian Staubli; Christian Nebiker²(¹London, UK; ²Aarau CH)

Interrupted anastomosis E-E

Sebastian Staubli; Christian Nebiker²(¹London, UK; ²Aarau 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. Kriegelstein, Köln](#)Appendicectomy
- 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 Bolli² (Mainz DE; ²Luzern CH)Closure abdominal wall
[K Horisberger](#); Martin Bolli² (¹MainzDE; ²Luzern CH)Cross-section gastroenterostomy
[K Horisberger](#); Martin Bolli² (Mainz DE; ²Luzern CH)

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

- Moderator: O. Buyne, Nijmegen

Surgical Site Infections

- Harry v Goor, Nijmegen 25 min

Clinical scenarios I: decision making

Acute situations in abdominal surgery:

- 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 1/3

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, Tulln

Prevention and treatment of incisional hernia
 - C. Nebiker, Aarau

Tailored 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 Kraus¹ (Aarau, CH, ¹Chur CH)**Continuous anastomosis S-S, Stapled Anastomosis S-S**Christian Nebiker; Rebecca Kraus¹ (Aarau, CH, ¹Chur 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. Kriegelstein, 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

Open Cholecystectomy

Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)

Introduction

Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)

Pneumo, 1st trocar

Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)

Insertion of trocars (camerawork)

Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)

Transport of matches

Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)

Clipping

Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)

Unwrapping of Ricola

Lana Fourie; Christian Hamel (Luzern CH; Lörrach, D)

WEDNESDAY, 15.04.2026

BASIC

08.00 – 09.30

Lecture

Room Aspen

“Key coloproctology”

Moderation: C. Reissfelder, Mannheim
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 cuttingDaniel Frey¹; Rebecca Kraus²(¹Wetzikon CH; ²Chur CH)**Chicken peeling**Daniel Frey¹; Rebecca Kraus²(¹Wetzikon CH; ²Chur CH)**Laparoscopic appendectomy**Daniel Frey¹; Rebecca Kraus²(¹Wetzikon CH; ²Chur 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, Copenhagen

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. Sallinen² (¹Linz, AT; Helsinki, Fi)

THURSDAY, 16.04.2026

BASIC

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

Cholangiography

Andreas Shamiyeh; K. Horisberger (Linz, AT; Mainz, D)

Knot pushers

Andreas Shamiyeh; K. Horisberger (Linz, AT; Mainz, D)

Surgical knot

Andreas Shamiyeh; K. Horisberger (Linz, AT; 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
- A. Shamiyeh, Linz 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 cholecystectomyGerd Silberhumer; Caroline Williamsson² (¹Wien AT; ²Lund SE)**Port site closure**Gerd Silberhumer; Caroline Williamsson² (¹Wien AT; ²Lund SE)

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