

MASTERING THE AORTIC ROOT:

**An advanced hands-on course on
Aortic Valve Sparing techniques**

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Course Directors:
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Thursday, February 12th 14:00 - 18:30

13:50 to
14:10

Registration and welcome

(Dott. M. Pilato)

Welcome from the president of the Italian society of Cardiac surgery

14:10 to
14:30

Course presentation

(Prof. S. Benussi, Dott. A. Venturini)

14:30 to
15:15

Lectio Magistralis

"Aortic root surgery. Rules of the trade"

(Prof. HJ Schäfers)

15:15 to
15:45

Internal ring for aortic valve repair

(Prof. M. Rinaldi)

Discussants (Dott. F. Rosati, Dott. D. Brenna)

15:45 to
16:15

The role of the Florida Sleeve in aortic root valve sparing surgery

(Prof. S. Benussi, Dott. A. Venturini)

Discussants (Dott.ssa P. Redaelli, Dott.ssa A. Moggi)

16:15 to
16:45

The Yacoub operation plus external aortic ring

(Prof. M. Mariani)

Discussants (Dott. P. Piccoli, Dott. A. Venturini)

16:45 to
17:15

Coffee break

17:15 to
17:45

Aortic anuloplasty: overview of the different techniques

(Prof. HJ Schäfers)

Discussants (Prof. M. Mariani, Dott. Di Bacco)

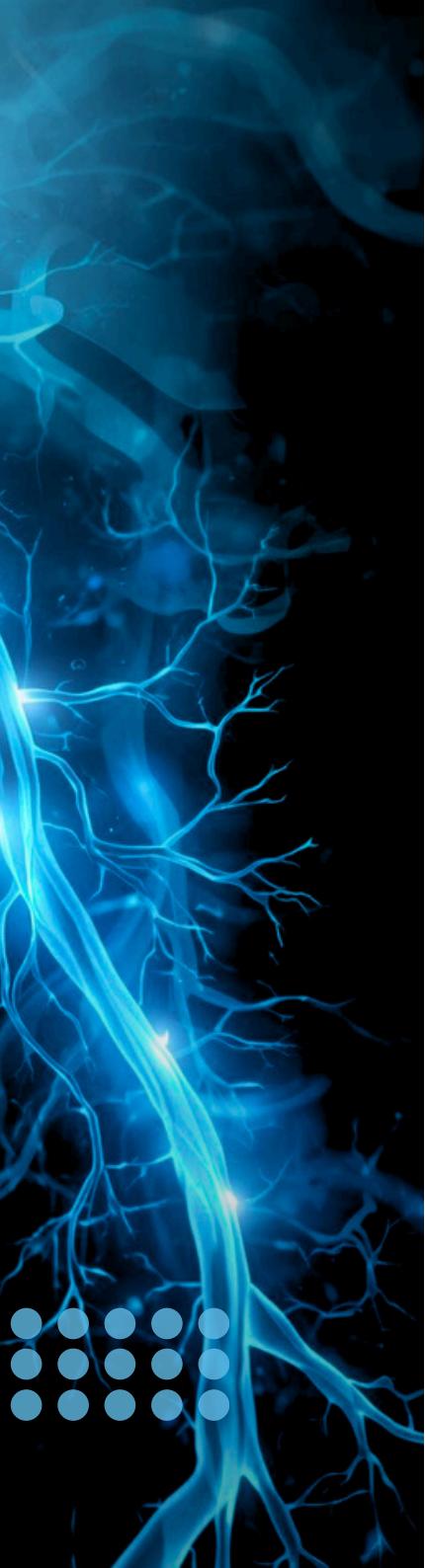
17:45 to
18:15

Aortic valve sparing root replacement: the David operation

(Prof. C. Muneretto, Dott. A. Venturini)

Discussants (Prof. S. Benussi, Dott. A. Repossini)





18:15	When valve sparing is impossible: an innovative method for managing the Bentall procedure (Prof. M. Rinaldi)
18:30	Day closure

Friday, February 13th 09:00 - 16:00

09:00 to 09:45	Lectio Magistralis «Anatomy of the aortic root and special relationship with the conduction tissue: tips for the surgeons» (Prof. C. Basso)
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WETLAB

09:45 to 10:15	Aortic anuloplasty (Prof. HJ Schäfers)
10:15 to 11:15	Step by step: Internal ring implantation technique (Prof. M. Rinaldi)
11:15 to 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 to 13:00	Step by step: Florida sleeve operation (Prof. S. Benussi)
13:00 to 14:00	Lunch
14:00 to 15:30	Step by step: David operation (Dott. A. Venturini)
15:45	CME final test
16:00	Course closure

All the wet lab participants will perform step by step with faculty support three operations: an internal ring implantation, a Florida Sleeve operation and finally a David operation

During hands on sessions all faculty will stay in the wet lab room to support all the participants

Faculty:

Stefano Benussi (Brescia - Italy)
Cristina Basso (Padova - Italy)
Dario Brenna (Brescia - Italy)
Lorenzo Di Bacco (Brescia - Italy)
Massimo Mariani (Utrecht - Netherlands)
Annalisa Moggi (Brescia - Italy)
Claudio Muneretto (Brescia - Italy)
Michele Pilato (Palermo - Italy)
Paolo Piccoli (Brescia - Italy)
Paola Redaelli (Brescia - Italy)
Mauro Rinaldi (Torino - Italy)
Fabrizio Rosati (Brescia - Italy)
Hans-Joachim Schäfers (Homburg - Germany)
Alberto Repossini (Brescia - Italy)
Andrea Venturini (Padova - Italy)

REGISTRATION

Registration fee (vat included):

PARTICIPANT: €2200

Fee includes:

- n.1 night in hotel***s (including breakfast)
- n.1 dinner with transfer service
- catering services during the course
- surgical and educational material
- italian cme credits
- attendance certificate
- insurance

OBSERVER (in the theory room audiovideo connected to the dissection room):

- specialist: €150
- resident: €100

Fee includes:

- catering services during the course
- attendance certificate
- insurance

REGISTRATION form is available on our official website www.iclo.eu

The number of available registrations is limited;

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PROFESSION: SURGEON

DISCIPLINES: CARDIAC SURGERY, CARDIOLOGY,
CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY

EDUCATIONAL GOAL: TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION:
EVALUATION, IMPROVEMENT

BOTH OF THE MANAGEMENT PROCESSES OF BIOMEDICAL,
CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL TECHNOLOGIES AND MEDICAL
DEVICES.

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