



MASTERING THE AORTIC ROOT:

An advanced hands-on course on Aortic Valve Sparing techniques

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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)

WET LAB

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
13:45

Lunch

13:45 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;

ITALIAN CME CREDITS

RIF.ID. 6976 - 474026 ED.1 - CREDITS: 9

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.

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (29)

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