

Emergency Surgery Course (ESC)



March 16-17, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY GRAZ

Endorsement requested:

European Society for Trauma and Emergency
Surgery (ESTES)

European Association for Endoscopic Surgery (EAES)

PROGRAM

PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Improve clinical skills
- Establish priorities in diagnosis and treatment
- Recognize the evidence that supports decisions and interventions
- See real-life case presentations as examples
- Familiarize themselves with important diagnostic tests and therapeutic maneuvers
- Learn new interventions that may improve outcome

The course aim is to provide surgical residents and consultants with the information and skills needed for successful handling of nontraumatic visceral and gastrointestinal emergencies from arrival in the emergency room through transfer for definitive treatment to the operating room, intensive care unit or ward, with detailed attention to the decision-making process as well as to relevant surgical skills and techniques.

The following goals will be pursued:

- 1- Confront surgeons with different controversial scenarios
- 2- Provide concrete answers and guidelines for questions emerging from these situations
- 3- Develop skills to manage complicated issues

An application has been made to the EACCME for CME accreditation of this event.

Symposium directors: Selman Uranues, MD, Philipp Stiegler, MD

Course language: English

Course location: Medical University of Graz, Department of Surgery

Theory & US: Depart. of Surgery, Skillcenter 2.OG, Auenbruggerplatz 9, 8036 Graz

Wet Lab: Department of Surgery, Surgical Research, Auenbruggerplatz 5, 8036 Graz

Registration fee: € 1.300.-
€ 1.200.- *EAES and ESTES members*
€ 1.050.- Group registration

Registration: by e-mail to office@vcfw.at

Registrations will be accepted after receipt of payment on a first-come-first-served basis.

Information: www.vcfw.at

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PROGRAM

Monday, March 16, 2026

07:45 – 13:00 Theoretical Aspects: Part I

07:15-07:45 **Registration**

07:45 **Welcome & Introduction**

*P. Stiegler
S. Uranues*

Moderation: P. Stiegler

08:00 **Diagnostic steps and laparoscopy in acute abdomen** *S. Uranues*

08:20 **Essentials in acute appendicitis** *D. Mariani*

08:40 **Case presentation** *M. Zago*

09:00 **Lower abdominal pain –
gynecological emergencies in surgical practice** *G. Tomasch*

09:20 **Perforated diverticulitis** *A. Fingerhut*

09:40 **Peritonitis – open abdomen** *H. Kurihara*

10:00 **Acute pancreatitis** *A. Biloslavo*

10:20 **Case presentation** *M. Zago*

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

Moderation: A. Fingerhut

11:00 **Hemoperitoneum** *H. Kurihara*

11:20 **Severe ulcerative colitis/toxic megacolon** *P. Stiegler*

11:40 **Peptic ulcer perforation** *A. Biloslavo*
Laparoscopic vs. open – suture/excision/resection?

12:00 **Acute cholecystitis - When and how to operate?** *A. Fingerhut*

12:20 **Common bile duct injury -**
Why does it happen – how to prevent? *S. Uranues*

12:40 **Case presentation** *M. Zago*

13:00-14:00 Lunch

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Monday, March 16, 2026

14:15-18:00

Hands-on Session: Part I

Wet lab hands-on training – Surgical Research

I - Upper GI endoscopy

Gastrosocopy, control of variceal and peptic ulcer bleeding

M. Thalhammer, S. Hasenhütl, S.L. Fessler

II - Laparoscopy on live tissue

Small bowel exploration, hemostasis, suturing of perforation,

A. Biloslavo, D. Mariani, M. Zago

III- Laparoscopic suturing

A. Fingerhut, G. Tomasch, S. Uranues

Vet. anesthetic assistance: *V. Bubalo, A. Saric, I. Wiederstein-Grasser*

19:00 Dinner

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Tuesday, March 17, 2026

07:45 – 12:30 Theoretical Aspects: Part II

Moderation: S. Uranues

07:45	Esophageal perforation	<i>J. Lindenmann</i>
08:05	Upper GI bleeding	<i>P. Stiegler</i>
08:25	Lower GI bleeding	<i>A. Biloslavo</i>
08:45	Case presentation	<i>M. Zago</i>
09:05	Acute necrotizing soft tissue infection	<i>H. Kurihara</i>
09:25	Diagnosis & treatment of leaking anastomosis	<i>A. Fingerhut</i>
09:45	Case presentation	<i>M. Zago</i>

10:10-10:30 Coffee break

Moderation: P. Stiegler

10:30	Small bowel obstruction	<i>S. Uranues</i>
10:50	Case presentation	<i>M. Zago</i>
11:30	Acute mesenteric syndrome	<i>D. Mariani</i>
11:45	Case presentation	<i>A. Biloslavo</i>
12:10	Abdominal compartment syndrome	<i>H. Kurihara</i>
12:25	Closing remarks	<i>P. Stiegler</i>

12:30-13:15 Lunch

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Tuesday, March 17, 2026

13:30-17:00 Hands-on Session: Part II

Ultrasound hands-on training – Skillcenter

Tutors: *M. Zago, D. Mariani, H. Kurihara, A. Biloslavo, P. Stiegler*

ULTRASOUND IN ABDOMINAL EMERGENCIES

Technique of US exam, pathological findings, tips and tricks

13:30	Case Scenario – Interactive live demonstration of US in acute abdomen as a decision-making tool E-FAST (video)
14:00 - 15:00	Hands-on training
15:00 - 16:00	Lectures & Interactive cases <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gallbladder• Appendicitis• Intestinal anatomy and small bowel obstruction• Aorta
16:00 – 17:00	Hands-on training

17:30 Final remarks, awarding of certificates

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