

WORKSHOP ON VISCERAL TRAUMA

Definitive Surgical Trauma Care-DSTC™

Preliminary Program



September 29 – 30, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY GRAZ

Endorsement requested:

European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES)

&

International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC)

In cooperation with

Institute of Pathology, Medical University of Graz

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This workshop is designed to review state-of-the-art information on the diagnosis and management of severely injured patients. The curriculum provides an ideal mix of the traditional standard-of-care principles with cutting edge, forward-moving practices. It explores issues related to resuscitation and surgical technique. The workshop runs theory in the morning sessions and hands-on sessions in the afternoon. The course provides the newest in-depth information in the field of gastrointestinal and visceral injuries. The material presented will be exciting as well as readily assimilated and applied.

PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Improve clinical skills
- Establish priorities in resuscitation of trauma patients
- 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

Symposium directors: S. Uranues, M.D., P. Stiegler, M.D.

Organizing Committee: S. Uranues, M.D., P. Stiegler, M.D.

Course language: English

Course location: Department of Surgery, Auenbruggerplatz 5⁶, 8036 Graz

Theory: Med Campus 2, Building L - Conference Room no. 79, Neue Stiftingtalstraße 6, 8010 Graz

Hands-on training: Surgical Research Suite and Department of Pathology

Registration fee: € 1.450,-

€ 1.350,- ESTES and IATSIC members

€ 1.050,- Group registration

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

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Monday, September 29, 2025

7:15-7:45 **Registration** (→ at Med Campus Building L, Room no. 79)

07:45-13:20 Theoretical Aspects Part I

Moderation: **S. Uranues**

07:45	Welcome and introduction	<i>P. Stiegler</i> <i>S. Uranues</i>
08:00	Fluid resuscitation in trauma	<i>G. Velmahos</i>
08:20	REBOA – principles and clinical endpoints	<i>M. Bowyer</i>
08:50	Trauma laparotomy - how to explore the abdomen?	<i>A. Fingerhut</i>
09:15	Laparoscopy in trauma - when and how?	<i>S. Uranues</i>
09:35	Damage control	<i>M. Stuever</i>
10:00	Case presentation & interactive discussion	<i>A. Biloslavo</i>

10:30-10:50 Coffee break

Moderation: **P. Stiegler**

10:50	Abdominal vascular injuries – shunt or ligate or repair?	<i>M. Bowyer</i>
11:15	Hepatic trauma	<i>G. Velmahos</i>
11:40	Splenic injuries	<i>S. Uranues</i>
12:00	Abdominal compartment syndrome	<i>H. Kurihara</i>
12:25	Case presentation & interactive discussion	<i>A. Fingerhut</i>
13:00	Lunch lecture: Ethical considerations	<i>P. Stiegler</i>

13:20-13:45 Lunch

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14:00-17:30 Hands-on Session Part I

Group I, II, III

Hands-on training on cadaver – in cooperation with the Institute of Pathology

Tutors: *M. Bowyer, A. Biloslavo, P. Stiegler*

Abdomen:

- Vascular exposures in the abdomen and pelvis
- Supra-mesocolic midline hematoma
- Medial rotation of the viscera
- Pelvic packing

Thorax:

- Median sternotomy – vascular exposure & root to the neck
- Lateral anterior thoracotomy; clamshell incision (bilateral anterolateral thoracotomy)
- Cross clamping aorta; lung mobilization

Exposure subclavian artery above and below the clavicle

Vascular exposure of extremities: Upper and lower extremities, femoral exposure

Fasciotomy of the lower extremity: two incisions - four compartments

Group IV, V, VI, VII

Hands-on training on live tissue – Surgical Research Suite

Tutors: *A. Fingerhut, H. Kurihara, M. Stuever, G. Velmahos*

Trauma laparotomy

Packing & damage control

Intravascular shunt, vascular repair

Hemostatic techniques in hepatic and splenic injuries

Adjuncts of hemostasis - tissue sealing

Splenectomy, partial splenectomy

Repair of stomach and bowel injuries

Exploration of the retroperitoneum and the kidneys

19:30 Dinner

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Tuesday, September 30, 2025

07:45-12:30 Theoretical Aspects Part II

Moderation: A. Fingerhut

07:45	Neck injury	M. Stuever
08:15	Chest trauma	M. Bowyer
08:45	Cardiac injuries	G. Velmahos
09:05	Injuries to the stomach and duodenum	A. Fingerhut
09:25	Case presentation & interactive discussion	H. Kurihara

09:45-10:05 Coffee break

Moderation: P. Stiegler

10:05	Pancreatic injuries	S. Uranues
10:25	Colonic injuries	A. Biloslavo
10:45	Case presentation & interactive discussion	M. Stuever
11:05	Pelvic injuries & pelvic packing	H. Kurihara
11:35	Case presentation & interactive discussion	G. Velmahos
11:55	Blast injuries	M. Bowyer
12:30	Closing remarks	P. Stiegler

12:40-13:15 Lunch

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17:05 Final remarks, awarding of certificates

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