

Preliminary Programme

ESSO Hands on Course On Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy and Gastrectomy

In partnership with University Medical Center Utrecht

Utrecht (NL), 30th to 31st October 2025

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Program

Thursday 30th October: Minimally Invasive Gastrectomy (MIG)

08:30 – 08:40	Opening & Introduction of the live RAMIE surgery case <i>J. Ruurda</i>
08:40 – 09:00	Introduction to the Surgical Anatomy of the Stomach <i>R. Bleys</i>
09:00 – 09:15	Laparoscopic versus Open Gastrectomy <i>D. D’Ugo</i>
09:15 – 09:35	Lymphadenectomy in MIG <i>F. Roviello</i>
09:35 – 09:50	Anastomotic techniques in MIG <i>M. Luyer</i>
09:50 – 10:15	General discussion + Live RAMIE surgery
<i>10:15 – 10:35</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:35 – 10:50	MIG and RAMIG: step by step <i>J. Ruurda</i>
10:50 – 11:05	Robot-assisted Minimally Invasive Gastrectomy: tips, tricks, & pitfalls <i>J. Ruurda</i>
11:05 – 11:10	Robot-assisted Minimally Invasive Gastrectomy: Technical Tips, Tricks, & Pitfalls <i>F. Roviello</i>
11:00 – 11:05	Introduction to hands on practical training session <i>Romy van Jaarsveld</i>
11:10 – 11:30	General discussion + Live RAMIE surgery
<i>11:30 – 12:15</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
12:15 – 12:30	Transfer to the Department of Anatomy
12:30 – 17:00	Hands-on practical training

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12:30 – 14:30 Minimally Invasive Gastrectomy: dissection

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 17:00 Minimally Invasive Gastrectomy: reconstruction

Friday 31st October 2025: Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy (MIE)

08:30 – 08:35 Opening
R. van Hillegersberg

08:35 – 08:55 Introduction to the Surgical Anatomy of the Esophagus
R. Bleys

08:55 – 09:10 Lymphadenectomy during MIE: the more the better?
S. Gisbertz

09:10 – 09:25 The current status of MIE and RAMIE
R. van Hillegersberg

09:25 – 09:40 How to set up a MIE program
G. van Boxel

09:40 – 10:00 General discussion + Live RAMIE surgery

10:00 – 10:20 Coffee Break

10:20 – 10:35 Enhanced Recovery after Esophagectomy
E. Cheong

10:35 – 11:05 Anastomotic techniques for (robot-assisted) MIE
P. van der Sluis

11:05 – 11:20 Introduction to hands on practical training session
Gino Kuiper

11:20 – 11:45 General discussion + Live RAMIE surgery

11:45 – 12:15 Lunch

- 12:15 – 12:30* *Transfer to the Department of Anatomy*
- 12:30 – 17:00 Hands-on practical training
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Hillegersberg, Luyer, Roviello, Ruurda, van der Sluis*
- 12:30 – 14:30 Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy: 1st hands-on session
- 14:30 – 15:00* *Coffee break*
- 15:00 – 17:00 Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy: 2nd hands on session