

An introduction in phlebology with hands on training

Combined Course (Residents + Specialists) | 21-22 May 2026 | Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Description

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to phlebology, focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of superficial varicose veins using duplex ultrasound. Participants will learn the fundamentals of venous anatomy, pathophysiology, and clinical assessment techniques. Key skills include performing duplex ultrasound for detecting venous reflux and measuring vein diameters. The course covers various treatment options, including endovenous laser therapy, sclerotherapy, and radiofrequency ablation. Through case studies and hands-on training in a skills-lab setting, participants will gain practical experience in both diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

By the end of the course, attendees will have a good understanding of superficial and deep venous pathology, assessing this with the Duplex ultrasound and have some hands-on experience of treatment.

Learning Objectives

Following this course, the attendee should be able to:

- ✓ To provide a solid understanding of venous anatomy and pathophysiology of varicose veins and deep vein pathology.
- ✓ To develop proficiency in performing and interpreting duplex ultrasound for the diagnosis of venous insufficiency.
- ✓ To understand various treatment modalities for superficial varicose veins, including endovenous procedures, sclerotherapy, and minimally invasive surgery.
- ✓ To equip participants with practical skills in diagnosing and treating superficial venous diseases in a skills-lab setting.

Faculty

Chairs: Liselot Vink

Speakers: Laura Fischer, Catherine van Montfrans, Felizitas Pannier, Goran Van Rooijen

Tutors: TBC

Programme

Thursday, 21 May 2026

08:30 - 09:00	Registrations
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome & introduction of participants Laura Fischer, Liselot Vink
09:15 - 10:00	Venous Anatomy: a crash course Laura Fischer, Liselot Vink
10:00 - 10:30	Pathophysiology of venous insufficiency Liselot Vink

10:30 - 10:50	Coffee Break
10:50 - 11:15	Varicose veins: Guidelines and what you need to know TBC
11:15 - 12:00	Duplex ultrasound for superficial and deep vein pathology Catherine van Montfrans
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 - 14:30	Breakout in groups for workshops - Workshop 1: Practice duplex ultrasound, 2 groups per room Catherine van Montfrans - Workshop 2: Practice duplex ultrasound, 2 groups per room Liselot Vink - Workshop 3: Sclerocompressiontherapy, 1 group Laura Fischer - Workshop 4: Practicing endovenous laser, 1 group Felizitas Pannier
14:30 - 14:45	Coffee Break
14:45 - 16:15	Workshops part 2
16:15 - 16:30	Take back to work Laura Fischer, Liselot Vink
19:00 - 22:00	Networking event with faculty members and participants

Friday, 22 May 2026

08:45 - 09:00	Registration and welcome
09:00 - 09:20	Indications for endovenous laser Laura Fischer
09:20 - 09:40	Indications for sclerotherapy Felizitas Pannier
09:40 - 10:00	Other treatments

	Liselot Vink
10:00 - 10:30	Contraindications and complications TBC
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee break
10:50 - 11:10	Varicose veins on special location TBC
11:10 - 11:40	Superficial and deep vein thrombosis: diagnostics and treatment Catherine van Montfrans
11:40 - 12:15	Clinical cases TBC
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch
13:15 - 14:45	Breakout in groups for workshops • Workshop 1: Practice duplex ultrasound, 2 groups per room Laura Fischer • Workshop 2: Practice duplex ultrasound, 2 groups per room Felizitas Pannier • Workshop 3: Sclerocompressiontherapy, 1 group Liselot Vink • Workshop 4: Practising endovenous laser, 1 group Catherine van Montfrans
14:45 - 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 - 16:30	Workshops part 2
16.30	Take back to work and goodbye Laura Fischer, Liselot Vink

The programme might be subject to changes.

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