

Intermediate - Advanced Surgery on Pigs

Specialists only | 5-7 November 2026 | Rome, Italy

Description

This course is proposed to people who are not familiar with basic surgical techniques, and do not already perform skin surgery or just have the basic notions. The participants will get introduced to the theory of basic surgical techniques and then perform the presented techniques on pig heads or pig legs under the guidance and supervision of the speakers. The aim of the course is to make the participants familiar with the use of surgical instruments, cutaneous anaesthesia, basic skin closures.

Furthermore, a brief introduction to some more sophisticated techniques such as principles of skin flaps and grafts will be taught, to make participants feel comfortable to apply some of these techniques in clinical practice.

Learning Objectives

Following this course, the attendee should be able to:

- ✓ Recognize the importance of moving beyond basic surgical techniques toward refined and tailored facial reconstructions.
- ✓ Acquire the knowledge and skills to plan and perform local flaps adapted to different cosmetic units of the face.
- ✓ Understand the principles of aesthetic and functional considerations in reconstructive surgery.
- ✓ Apply practical skills through hands-on training with flap techniques on pig heads.

Faculty

Chairs: Elena Rossi

Speakers: Myrto Trakatelli, Roland Kauffman, Bertrand Richert, Jon Chappel

Programme

Thursday, 5 November 2026

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| 13:30-14:00 | Welcome and Introduction Elena Rossi |
| 14:00-14:30 | Current guidelines Jon Cappel |
| 14:30-15:00 | Grafts Bertrand Richert |
| 15:00-15:30 | Variations of the elliptical excision, crescentic, S-Plasty, M-plasty, V to Y excisions Elena Rossi |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00-16:30 | Flaps, general principles Elena Rossi |
| 16:30-17:00 | Complications and common mistakes in dermatologic surgery All |
| 17:00-17:30 | Nail Surgery Bertrand Richert |
| 17:30-18:00 | Anatomy for Dermatologic Surgery Elena Rossi |

18:00-18:30 Secondary Wound Healing: don't undervalue it!
Myrto Trakatelli

Friday, 6 November 2026

09:00-09:25 Useful stiches and tricks
Roland Kaufmann

09:25-09:50 A to T advancement flap (forehead)
Bertrand Richert

09:50-10:15 Burow's wedge advancement flap (nose)
Roland Kaufmann

10:15-10:40 Bilateral advancement flap (temples)
Elena Rossi

10:40-11:05 **Coffee Break**

11:05-11:20 O to Z (scalp)
Myrto Trakatelli

11:20-11:45 Dorsal nasal rotation flap
Elena Rossi

11:45-12:10 Intralabial rotation flap (upper lip)
Myrto Trakatelli

12:10-12:35 Rotation flap (cheek)
Jon Cappel

12:35-13:35 **Lunch Break**

13:35-14:00 Island flap (retroauricular staged flap)
Roland Kaufmann

14:00-14:25 Staircase flap (lip)
Elena Rossi

14:25-14:50 Rhomboid flap (nose)
Bertrand Richert

14:50-15:15 Bilobe transposition flap (nose)
Elena Rossi

15:15-15:40 Paramedian forehead flap
Jon Chappel

15:40-16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00-16:20 Z-Plasty
Bertrand Richert

16:20-17:00 Q&A
All

20:00-23:00 **Networking event with faculty members and participants**

Saturday, 7 November 2026

09:00-09:30 Scalp
Myrto Trakatelli

09:30-10:00 Forehead-temples
Elena Rossi

10:00-10:30 Cheek
Roland Kaufmann

10:30-11:00 Ears
Bertrand Richert

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-12:00 Nose
Jon Chappel

The programme might be subject to changes.

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