

Course Programme

Monday 20 – VAAFT Day	Tuesday 21 – EPSiT Day
8.00 - 8.15 Welcome and Course Presentation	
8.30 – 13.30 O.R. Surgery - VAAFT Procedure	8.00 - 13.30 O.R. Surgery - EPSiT Procedure
 - Complex Anal Fistula in Crohn's disease - Recurrence of complex anal fistula - Complex extra-sphincteric anal fistula - Anal fistula never underwent surgery before 13.45 - 14.30 Lunch at the Clinic Restaurant 	 - A case of Recurrence of Pilonidal Sinus - Common case of Pilonidal Sinus - Complex case of Pilonidal Sinus - A case of Hidradenitis (Verneuil Disease) 13.45 - 14.30 Lunch at the Clinic Restaurant
14.45 - 16.00 Theoretical session and debate	14.45 – 17.00 LAB Session – Training on models
16.15 - 18.30 LAB session – Training on models	End of the Course
20.00 Faculty and Participants' Dinner	Delivery of certificates



Full immersion in VAAFT & EPSiT surgical procedures. Why?

Seventeen years since the first VAAFT procedure, and ten years since the first EPSiT operation. We are proud of it. These latest updates need to be mastered in order to properly implement them to the field of colorectal surgery, and offer the best possible treatments to our patients.

The concept of minimally-invasiveness is, to date, the rule. Proposing today a surgical technique which can jeopardize the patient's faecal continence for treating his anal fistula, is at least questionable.

The same is true in the field of the pilonidal disease. In this regard, is still possible today not to consider the patient's quality of life? Certainly, these new surgical techniques give a clear improvement of the patient's social life, thanks to the advent of new technologies.

We are living the same experience as 40 years ago, when the laparoscopy was raising, and the skepticism was supreme. What distinguishes VAAFT & EPSiT procedures is the direct vision. How do you not take advantage of this essential characteristic?

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends, I'm waiting for you!

Piercarlo Meinero

Course Objectives

- To cover a broad spectrum of VAAFT & EPSiT procedures
- To provide indications for minimally-invasive surgical treatments of anal fistula and pilonidal disease, and discuss operative complications
- To highlight technical aspects of VAAFT & EPSiT techniques through the broadcasting of live procedures
- To allow real-time discussion between operators and trainee surgeons
- To provide hands-on sessions to improve skills in VAAFT & EPSiT through practice on models under expert tutorials

Educational Methods

- Interactive theoretical and video sessions between Faculty and Course Participants
- Direct participation of the Participants in the O.R.
- Live and pre-recorded operative demonstration
- · Practical training on models

Course Information and Registration

REGISTRATION

First option: registration fee with hotel accommodation € 1,850

The fee includes:

- Course registration, access to the O.R., 2 nights in a four-stars Hotel
- Two lunches at the Clinic Montallegro Restaurant
- The dinner of 20 May
- Certificate of attendance

Second option: registration fee <u>without</u> hotel accommodation € 1,600

Fee doesn't include travel expenses.

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