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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It has been nineteen years since the first VAAFT procedure, and twelve years since the first EPSiT operation. We are proud of how far we've come.
As these groundbreaking techniques evolve, it is essential that we master the latest updates to apply them effectively in the field of colorectal surgery, ensuring the highest quality of care for our patients.
Why Minimally Invasive Matters? Today, minimally invasive surgery should be the standard.
Proposing techniques that may compromise fecal continence in the treatment of anal fistulas is no longer acceptable. Similarly, in managing pilonidal disease, the patient's quality of life must be a top priority. Modern surgical approaches bring real improvements to patients' social and everyday lives, thanks to continuous technological innovation.
We are living through a transformation similar to what occurred 40 years ago with the rise of laparoscopy, a time once met with skepticism. What sets VAAFT and EPSiT apart is the "power" of the direct vision.
Why not take full advantage of this essential innovation? Today, we have excellent, patient-centered options that redefine surgical excellence.

We Look Forward to Seeing You! Join us as we continue to lead the way in minimally-invasive techniques. We are excited to welcome you to this new chapter in surgical care.

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 through the broadcasting of live procedures;*
- *To allow real-time discussion between operators and trainee surgeons;*
- *To provide hands-on session 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 operative room;*
- *Live and pre-recorded operative demonstrations;*
- *Practical training on animal specimens.*

COURSE PROGRAMME

MONDAY OCTOBER 6

07:30 a.m.	**Welcome and Course Presentation**
08:00 a.m.	**Live Surgery – VAAFT Procedures** Posterior trans-sphincteric anal fistula (VAAFT) Recurrent complex anal fistula (VAAFT) Complex horse-shoe anal fistula (VAAFT & LIPOGEMS) Complex anal fistula in Crohn's Disease (VAAFT) COFFEE BREAK
01:30 p.m.	**Lunch Buffet** (Villa Rosa)
02:30 p.m. (to 06:00 p.m.)	**Lab Session** Hands-on learning on animal models VAAFT & EPSiT practice and debate with the Faculty About the postoperative management
07:30 p.m.	Faculty and Participants Dinner

TUESDAY OCTOBER 7

08:00 a.m.	**Live Surgery – EPSiT Procedures** Recurrent Pilonidal Sinus Common case of Pilonidal Sinus Fistulized pilonidal sinus Complicated pilonidal sinus COFFEE BREAK
01:15 p.m.	**Lunch Buffet** (Villa Rosa)
02:30 p.m. (to 05:00 p.m.)	**Theoretical Session** Presentation of some VAAFT & EPSiT cases - Discussion Diagnostic tools About the postoperative management Literature and debate
05:00 p.m.	**End of the course and delivery of certificates**

The types of procedures may be subject to change

USEFUL INFORMATION

COURSE VENUE

"Villa Montallegro" Clinic
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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

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From the "Cristoforo Colombo Airport" to the "Il Giardino di Albaro" Hotel:

By taxi: 25 minutes. Approximate cost € 25 – € 30 (recommended)
There is a bus (VOLABUS) every 30-45 minutes. Approximate cost € 15.
Get off at Piazza Verdi (Genova Brignole Rail Station) and take a taxi to the Hotel (€ 15 – 3,5 Km)

From the "Il Giardino di Albaro" Hotel to the "Villa Montallegro Clinic"

By taxi: 6 minutes. Approximate cost € 15
By foot: 20 minute walk (1.6 Km)

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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