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MINIMAL ACCESS

COLORECTAL

SURGERY COURSE



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27TH - 29TH, MARCH, 2026

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Dr. Luis Romagnolo

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TRAINERS

Each IRCAD faculty member confirms that any conflict of interest they may declare has no bearing on any scientific activity during the courses: all course content is fair, balanced, and free of commercial bias

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To improve surgical and oncological outcomes in colorectal surgery;
- To learn about modern technologies for preoperative diagnosis and planning;
- To learn about new technologies for intraoperative navigation and manipulation;
- To improve multimodal colorectal cancer treatment;
- To provide hands-on sessions to improve skills in colorectal surgery through practice under expert tutorial.

Friday, March 27 - 2026

07: 45 am		REGISTRATION	
08: 00 am		WELCOME - INTRODUCTION OF FACULTY MEMBERS - DR. M BHANDARI	
08: 15 am		Virtual Live Case Demonstration from Expert	<i>Options A, B</i>
		OPERATIVE CASES	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laparoscopic sigmoidectomy• Laparoscopic TME	
10.30 am		30' COFFEE BREAK	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laparoscopic right colectomy• Transanal endoscopic microsurgery• Ta-TME	
01.00 pm		LUNCH	
OPTION A:		FREE AFTERNOON	
OPTION B:		LAB SESSION	
01.45 pm		30' PRE-LAB SESSION - Procedures' descriptions	
		OPTION B: Colonic resection (Auditorium 1)	
02.15 pm		HANDS-ON SESSION	
FACULTY:		Faculty members & local trainers	
OPTION B		TRAINING ON LIVE TISSUE FOR RIGHT & LEFT COLECTOMY	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operative strategy• Right ileocaecal resection & anastomosis• Left sigmoid resection with end-to-end Knight-Griffen anastomosis• Vascular approach	
06.00 pm		END OF THE SESSION	

Saturday, March 28 - 2026

07.45 am | EVALUATION OF DAY 1

08: 00 am | THEORETICAL SESSION

Options A, B

08.00 am | **SESSION 1: TIPS AND TRICKS FOR RIGHT AND LEFT LAPAROSCOPIC AND ROBOTIC COLECTOMIES**

- Anatomical recall to master Colonic surgery - Dr. P Sugoor - 10'+5'
- Alternative approach to right colectomies - Dr. A Forgiore - 10'+5'
- Transverse colectomy with Total Mesocolic Excision for cancer - Dr. A Desouza - 10'+5'
- Splenic flexure tumors : which technique ? - Dr. F Corcione - 10'+5'
- Tips and tricks for a standardized approach for left colectomy - Dr. A Heroor - 10'+5'
- Benefits of robotics in right and left colectomies - Prof. D Koh - 10'+5'
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation

09:45 am | **SESSION 2: MINIMAL INVASIVE RECTAL SURGERY : TECHNICAL TIPS**

- Anatomical recall to master Rectal Surgery - Dr. P Sugoor - 10'+5'
- Preoperative Staging of Rectal Cancer: CT, EUS, MRI - Dr. S Kumar - 10'+5'
- Laparoscopic TME - Dr. D Goel - 10'+5'
- TEM – Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery - Dr. A Pallisera - 10'+5'
- From TA-TA to TA-TME - Dr. M Ito - 10'+5'
- Laparoscopic Miles and ELAPE - Dr. A Desouza - 10'+5'
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation

10.45 am | **15' COFFEE BREAK**

Saturday, March 28 - 2026

11.00 am		THEORETICAL SESSION	<i>Options A, B</i>
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11.00 am		SESSION 3: EVOLUTION IN RECTAL CANCER TREATMENT	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robotic TME: tips and tricks in difficult cases - Prof. A Melani• Robotic Intersphincteric Resection - Dr. A Saklani• Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 10'+5'- 10'+5'
12.15 pm		SESSION 4: LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY FOR THE TREATMENT OF BENIGN DISEASES	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complicated Diverticulitis: surgical management - Dr. D Goel• Minimally invasive treatment for complicated endometriosis - Prof. A Melani• Surgical treatment of complicated diverticulitis - Dr. A Forgione• Laparoscopic Reversal of Hartman procedure - Dr. A Heroor• Prevention of Parastomal Hernias - Dr. D Goel• Laparoscopic treatment of Rectal Prolapse - Dr. D Goel• Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 10'+5'- 10'+5'- 10'+5'- 10'+5'- 10'+5'- 10'+5'
13:30 pm		LUNCH	
OPTION A:		FREE AFTERNOON	
OPTION B:		LAB SESSION	
02.15 pm		HANDS-ON SESSION	
FACULTY:		Faculty members & local trainers	
OPTION B		TRAINING ON LIVE TISSUE FOR RIGHT & LEFT COLECTOMY	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operative Strategy• Right ileocecal resection & anastomosis• Left sigmoid resection with end-to-end Knight-Griffen anastomosis• Vascular approach	
06.00 pm		END OF THE SESSION – Evening Free	
08.00 pm		DINNER IN HONOR OF THE PARTICIPANTS	

Sunday, March 29 - 2026

07.45 am | EVALUATION OF DAY 2

08:00 am | THEORETICAL SESSION

Options A, B

08.00 am | SESSION 5: TRANSANAL ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY (TES)

- Transanal vs. laparoscopic TME for mid and low rectal cancer - Oncological and functional results - Dr. A Pallisera - 10'+5'
- TaTME for complex rectal cancers beyond the learning curve - Dr. P Sylla - 10'+5'
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation

09.30 am | SESSION 6: PREVENTING AND MANAGING INTRAOPERATIVE AND POSTOPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS

- How to manage intraoperative or postoperative complications in laparoscopic colorectal surgery - Dr. A Forgione - 10'+5'
- Specific complications of TaTME - Dr. P Sylla - 10'+5'
- Specific complications of robotic surgery - Prof. D Koh - 10'+5'
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation

10.30 am | 15' COFFEE BREAK

10.45 am | THEORETICAL SESSION

10.45 am | SESSION 7: LATEST TRENDS IN COLORECTAL SURGERY

- Preoperative 3D virtual reality vascular reconstruction for preoperative planning: value in colorectal surgery - Dr. L Romagnolo - 10'+5'
- Fluorescence imaging in colorectal surgery - Dr. P Sugoor - 10'+5'
- Artificial Intelligence for surgical skills assessment and navigation in laparoscopic colorectal surgery - Dr. M Ito - 10'+5'
- ERAS program in Colorectal Surgery - Dr. R Mittal - 10'+5'
- Watch and Wait in Rectal Cancer - Dr. A Forgione - 10'+5'
- Q & A - 5' discussion after each presentation

Sunday, March 29 - 2026

12.00 pm		SESSION 8: DEBATES	
		What is the best approach for Total Mesorectal Excision (TME)?	
		• Laparoscopic TME is superior to open TME - Dr. H Shah	- 5'
		• Robotic TME is superior to laparoscopic TME - Dr. A Saklani	- 5'
		• TaTME is superior to laparoscopic and robotic TME - Dr. P Sylla	- 5'
		• My opinion - Dr. A Heroor	- 5'
		• Electronic vote	
		• AI Second Expert Opinion	
		Watch and wait strategy in modern rectal cancer treatment	
		• Local Excision and / or radical resection - Dr. A Pallisera	- 5'
		• Watch and wait - Dr. A Forgione	- 5'
		• My opinion - Dr. A Heroor	- 5'
		• Electronic vote	
		• AI Second Expert Opinion	
12.45 pm		CLOSING LECTURE: TBD	- 20'
01.05 pm		CLOSING REMARKS - Dr. A Forgione / Dr. A Heroor	- 5'
01.30 pm		LUNCH	
02.30 pm		<i>END OF THE COURSE - DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE</i>	

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▶ OPTION A	● <i>Theory</i>	▶ INR 75,000 +18% GST ▶ USD 1000
▶ OPTION B	● <i>Theory + Practical</i>	▶ INR 1,40,000 +18% GST ▶ USD 2000


Please note: The course fee does not cover accommodation expenses.

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