FROM FUNDAMENTALS TO ADVANCED GYNECOLOGIC SURGICAL PRACTICE

PROGRAMME



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COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course will be focused on gynecologic surgery with the following objectives:

• To provide the basic skills required for good progress in clinical laparoscopic practice

• To describe technical steps used for advanced laparoscopic procedures

• To describe results and potential complications, and how to prevent them

• To practice on live tissue to give participants the technical tools to improve their practice

Monday November 23, 2026

MORNING

08.15 am Welcome and registration of participants

08.30 INTRODUCTIVE LECTURE

Welcome & IRCAD guidelines

08.45 **Laparoscopic surgical rules** — A. Wattiez

09.30 ANATOMY

Constructive anatomy — A. Wattiez

09.50 **Abdominal wall anatomy** — I. Alhalabi

10.10 **Central spaces, lateral spaces and nerves** — B. Rabischong

10.40 Discussion

10.45 am Coffee break

11.00 ANATOMY

Vessels & ureters — S. Alsuwaidi

11.30 Quiz and discussion — A. Wattiez

12.00 ENERGY

Energy — H. Ferreira Carvalho (by videoconference)

12.30 pm Lunch at the institute

Monday November 23, 2026

AFTERNOON

01.30 SUTURING

Laparoscopic suturing: I. Argay
Theory for loading the needle and different knotting techniques

02.00 PRE-LAB SESSION

A. Wattiez

02.30 HANDS-ON TRAINING ON LIVE TISSUE (Laboratory – 3rd Floor) Supervisors

02.30 to 06.00 **Faculty rotation per table**

Practice under Faculty supervision

N. Abo Sada
I. Alhalabi
S. Alsuwaidi
D. Arrigo
R. Botchorishvili
S. Maia
R. Murtada
L. Piemont-Schwarz
B. Rabischong
B. Rodriguez
P. Trompoukis
A. Wattiez
E. Zakharchenko

Procedures:

- ✓ **Dissection in the retroperitoneal space**
- ✓ **Cystotomy and bladder reconstruction**
- ✓ **Intra and Extra corporeal knots**
- ✓ **Lymphadenectomy**

06.00 pm	**End of the session**
08.00 pm	**Dinner at Restaurant La Brasserie des Haras**

Tuesday November 24, 2026

MORNING

08.15 am Welcome coffee

08.30 HYSTERECTOMY

Technique principles and tips & tricks — R. Murtada

09.00 **When the usual route fails:**
Surgical alternatives, safe escalation and stopping rules — Z. Hakim (by videoconference)

09.30 **Strategies to prevent vaginal dehiscence and vault prolapse at TLH** — B. Rodriguez

10.00 INTERACTIVE OPERATIVE VIDEO SESSION

Complex total laparoscopic hysterectomy — decision pauses — A. Wattiez

11.15 am Coffee break

11.30 MYOMECTOMY

Technique principles, complex myomectomy:
Hemostasis, uterine reconstruction, fertility and contained extraction — P. Trompoukis

12.00 INTERACTIVE OPERATIVE VIDEO SESSION

Myomectomy — A. Wattiez

01.00 pm Lunch at the institute

Tuesday November 24, 2026

AFTERNOON

02.00 HANDS-ON TRAINING ON LIVE TISSUE (Laboratory – 3rd Floor)

Supervisors

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Procedures:

- ✓ **Nephrectomy**
- ✓ **Simulation of bowel injury and reconstruction**
- ✓ **Micro re-anastomosis of the ureter**

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E. Zakharchenko

06.00 pm **End of session - Evening free**

Wednesday November 25, 2026

MORNING

08.15 am Welcome coffee

08.30 DEEP ENDOMETRIOSIS

Deep endometriosis:
Imaging-to-OR planning and compartment-based strategy — A. Wattiez

09.00 INTERACTIVE OPERATIVE VIDEO SESSION

Endometriosis surgery — A. Wattiez

10.15 am Coffee break

10.30 DEEP ENDOMETRIOSIS

Urinary endometriosis — F. Osorio

11.00 **Bowel endometriosis** — I. Argay

11.30 **Adenomyosis: diagnostic and treatment** — H. Gharbi (by videoconference)

12.00 PELVIC FLOOR

Technique principles — R. Botchorishvili

12.30 Discussion

12.45 pm Lunch at the institute

Wednesday November 25, 2026

AFTERNOON

01.45 ADNEXAL MASSES

Management of benign ovarian cysts — I. Argay

02.15 **Specific aspects of endometrioma treatment:** — N. Abo Sada
Cystectomy versus ablation, recurrence and ovarian reserve

02.45 COMPLICATIONS

Safe entry — S. Maia
Risk stratification, umbilical and alternative access, and early injury recognition

03.15 **Bowel & urinary complications:** — A. Wattiez
Recognition, Rescue and Reconstruction

03.45 **Spot the mistake: Interactive operative video session** — All faculties
3 Short videos, audience voting & root-cause discussion

04.15 **Assessment, feedback & wrap-up** — A. Wattiez

04.30 pm **End of the session – Delivery of certificate of attendance**

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From fundamentals to advanced gynecologic surgical practice

March 22 – 24, 2027

December 13 – 15, 2027

Robotic surgery in gynecologic oncology

April 12 – 13, 2027

Hands-on mastery of gynecologic laparoscopic complications

May 10 – 12, 2027

Endometriosis surgery from a to z

September 13 – 15, 2027

Robotic gynecologic surgery

September 13 – 17, 2027

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