

ANTI-REFLUX SURGERY COURSE

GERD and Hiatal Hernia Repair
A Comprehensive Educational Course for Surgical Residents
Cluj-Napoca, Romania | 19–21 June 2026

DAY 1 – Theoretical Course (19.06.2026)

Venue: University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine – Cluj-Napoca

- 09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome and Course Overview – Călin Popa
09:10 – 09:25 | GERD Pathophysiology and the Anti-Reflux Barrier – Sebastian Schoppmann
09:25 – 09:40 | Hiatal Hernia – Types and Clinical Presentation – Daniel Solomon
09:40 – 09:55 | Discussion
- 09:55 – 10:10 | Endoscopic Evaluation of GERD – Rares Craciun
10:10 – 10:25 | Radiologic Evaluation of Hiatal Hernia – Alexandra Babici
10:25 – 10:40 | Indications for Anti-Reflux Surgery – Slawomir Saluk
10:40 – 10:55 | Discussion
- 10:55 – 11:15 | Coffee Break
- 11:15 – 11:30 | Laparoscopic Anatomy of the Esophageal Hiatus – Moustafa Elshafei
11:30 – 11:45 | Guidelines in Hiatal Hernia Repair – Daniel Solomon
11:45 – 12:00 | Discussion
12:00 – 12:15 | Hiatal Dissection and Cruroplasty – Moustafa Elshafei
12:15 – 12:30 | Fundoplication Techniques – Alberto Aiolfi
12:30 – 12:45 | Discussion
- 12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch Break
- 13:45 – 14:00 | Short Esophagus and Collis Gastroplasty – Sebastian Schoppmann
14:00 – 14:15 | Patient-Tailored Hiatal Repair: Algorithm and Mesh Reinforcement – Alberto Aiolfi
14:15 – 14:30 | Mesh Reinforcement – how I do it – Ediz Altinli
14:30 – 14:45 | Discussion
- 14:45 – 15:00 | GERD in Obese Patients – Aung Myint Oo
15:00 – 15:15 | Hiatal Hernia Repair After Bariatric Surgery – Idan Carmeli
15:15 – 15:30 | Discussion
- 15:30 – 15:50 | Coffee Break
- 15:50 – 16:05 | Robotic Anti-Reflux Surgery – Erman Aytac
16:05 – 16:20 | Endoscopic Treatment of GERD – Salih Boga
16:20 – 16:35 | Discussion
- 16:35 – 16:50 | Complications in Anti-Reflux Surgery – Ediz Altinli
16:50 – 17:05 | Functional GI Complaints after Fundo – Alberto Aiolfi
17:05 – 17:20 | Discussion
- 17:20 – 17:35 | Follow-Up After Surgery – Gastroenterology Perspective – Rares Craciun
17:35 – 17:50 | Follow-Up After Surgery – Radiology Perspective – Alexandra Babici
17:50 – 18:05 | Follow-Up After Surgery – Surgical Perspective – Attila Paszt
18:05 – 18:20 | Discussion
- 18:20 – 18:30 | Coffee Break
- 18:30 – 18:45 | Training Pathways in Foregut Surgery – Reza Asari
18:45 – 19:00 | How I Learned Anti-Reflux Surgery – Sebastian Schoppmann
- 19:00 – | Final Discussion & Social Program

DAY 2 – Live Surgery (20.06.2026)

Venue: 'Iuliu Hațieganu' University of Medicine and Pharmacy – Cluj-Napoca

09:00 – 15:00 | Live surgical demonstrations

Surgeons: Moustafa Elshafei, Aung Myint Oo

Procedures: Laparoscopic hiatal hernia repair, Nissen fundoplication, Toupet fundoplication

DAY 3 – Hands-on Training (21.06.2026)

Venue: Practical Skills and Medical Simulation Centre

09:00 – 15:00 | Animal laboratory training

Procedures: mediastinal dissection, hiatal dissection, cruroplasty, mesh reinforcement, Nissen fundoplication, Toupet fundoplication