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TaTME & TTSS Hands-On Cadaveric Dissection Course for Surgery of the Rectum



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Program overview

We are delighted to invite you to an advanced, hands-on seminar on transanal techniques for rectal cancer surgery, focusing on both **Transanal Total Mesorectal Excision (TaTME)** and the **Transanal Transection Single-Stapled Anastomosis (TTSS)** approach.

This comprehensive program is designed to provide participants with a well-balanced learning experience that combines high-level theoretical instruction with practical, hands-on cadaveric dissection. By dedicating equal time to both techniques, participants will develop a thorough understanding of the principles, operative steps, potential complications, and practical considerations of each approach.

Day 1 will feature focused lectures, interactive case-based discussions, and video demonstrations—offering expert insights into anatomy, procedural steps, technical tips, and complication management.

Day 2 will be dedicated to supervised hands-on cadaveric dissections, enabling participants to practice and refine surgical skills in a realistic environment.

Our goal is not only to enhance your technical expertise but also to foster critical reflection on the safe and effective integration of these techniques into your clinical practice—ultimately improving patient outcomes.

We look forward to welcoming you to this transformative course.

Yours sincerely,

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Agenda

Day 1 – Venue: Simulation Center – NoDE Institute

8:45 Introduction and welcoming of participants

Presentations and Interactive Discussion:

Session I – Surgical Anatomy & Step-by-Step Technique

9:00 Essential surgical anatomy in TaTME

9:15 Essential surgical anatomy in TTSS

9:30 TaTME step-by-step and learning curve

9:45 TTSS step-by-step and learning curve

Session II – Technical Nuances & Anastomosis

10:00 TaTME dissection tips: Using halos and triangles.
TaTME, anastomotic considerations

10:15 TTSS dissection tips: Key planes, anastomotic
considerations

Session III – Complications & Management

10:30 Management of chronic anastomotic leaks, fistulas,
and sinuses

Complications of transanal endoscopic surgery
(TaTME & TTSS where applicable)

10:50 TaTME: How I avoid and manage complications

11:05 TTSS: How I avoid and manage complications

11:20–11:45 Coffee break

Session IV – Practical Insights & Learning Integration

11:45 TaTME: Incorporating a new technique into your
practice

12:00 TTSS: Incorporating a new technique into your
practice

12:15 Tips, Tricks & Complications – Combined Video Session
(TaTME & TTSS)

12:45 Closing Remarks & Feedback

13:30 End of Day 1

- Constantinos Mavrantonis
- Georgios Tzovaras
- Nikolaos Boltsis

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Day 2 – Venue: ELPEN Training Center, Athens

Hands on Cadaveric Training - Format:

Two fresh-frozen cadavers will be used in parallel stations:

- Station A: TaTME Cadaveric Dissection Training
- Station B: TTSS Cadaveric Dissection Training

08:00 Welcome and introduction to the cadaveric training sessions

Session A – TaTME Surgical Procedure (Cadaver 1)

08:30–12:00 Hands-on Cadaveric Training, Part I

12:00–12:30 Coffee break – Light Lunch

12:30–16:00 Hands-on Cadaveric Training, Part II (Abdominal)

Session B – TTSS Surgical Procedure (Cadaver 2)

08:30–12:00 Hands-on Cadaveric Training, Part I

12:00–12:30 Coffee break- Light lunch

12:30–16:00 Hands-on Cadaveric Training, Part II (Abdominal)

16:00 Closing remarks and feedback from delegates

- Constantinos Mavrantonis
- Georgios Tzovaras
- Nikolaos Boltsis