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# Anatomy Dissection Course on Abdominal and Pelvic Surgery in Gynecologic Oncology

*Techniques & Pitfalls*

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# Introduction

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In 2009, alongside the opening of the Ovarian Cancer Center at IEO, we launched the Esagon Surgical School and an Anatomy Dissection Course focused on teaching advanced ovarian cancer debulking surgery. Over the years, we expanded the anatomy courses to two sessions per year—one in the spring and one in the fall—and adapted the format based on participant feedback. The current format includes one morning of theoretical lectures, followed by three half-days of dissection labs.

Initially focused solely on ovarian surgery, our scope has since broadened to include the surgical anatomy relevant to various gynecologic oncology procedures.

With the upcoming course, we are excited to welcome Professor Michael Hoeckel to our faculty. Professor Hoeckel is widely recognized for his theories on ontogenetic anatomy and his expertise in teaching complex pelvic wall surgery through anatomical dissection. This course will provide an in-depth exploration of the abdominal-pelvic cavity, allowing participants to study and memorize key anatomical structures, while linking them directly to surgical techniques essential for our field.

The ICLO environment—with its optimal student-to-surgical-table ratio, interactive sessions with tutors, an international faculty, and a structured curriculum—makes the IEO surgical course an invaluable learning experience for young professionals and for anyone seeking to deepen their surgical expertise.

*Roberto Biffi & Angelo Maggioni*

## Target Audience

Surgeons who wish to start or enhance their skills in various aspects of gynecologic cancer surgery, not only for the safe and effective treatment of advanced and recurrent ovarian cancer (AOC), but also for the surgical management of pelvic exenteration in cases of locally advanced/recurrent gynecologic cancers (e.g., cervical, endometrial, and others).

Through a well-defined and extensively tested tutorial approach, small-group teaching on dissection tables, and interactive discussion sessions, participants will be able to:

- Understand and apply the surgical anatomy required to perform surgery in the upper abdomen, pelvic viscera, and retroperitoneum;
- Strategically plan a surgical approach that takes into account patient characteristics, oncological outcomes, potential complications, and the impact on quality of life;
- Master all the surgical steps needed to achieve optimal cytoreductive surgery for AOC, as well as for pelvic tumors.

## FACULTY

### Esagon Directors:

Roberto Biffi & Angelo Maggioni

### International Faculty:

William C. Helm, Consultant, Gynecologic Oncology, Cornwall, UK

Michael Hockel, Professor, University Hospital Leipzig, Germany

### IEO Faculty:

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# Scientific Programme

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

8.30	Registration and Welcome	13.00	Lunch
9.00	Ontogenetic Anatomy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Video Connection between the Anatomy Lab and the Auditorium: Exploring the Anatomy of the Pelvic Zone with <i>M. Hoeckel</i></li><li>• Interactive discussion</li></ul>	<i>Afternoon: Pelvic Zone</i>	
12.00	Step-by-step understanding of Ovarian Cancer Debulking Surgery	14.00	Anatomy Dissection Lab: discussing the principles of simple, radical, and ultra-radical pelvic surgery
		17.00	Briefing of the day
		19.30	Social Dinner

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

<i>Morning: Right Upper Quadrant and Left Upper Quadrant</i>		12.30	Lunch
		<i>Afternoon: Central Zone</i>	
8.30	Anatomy of the RUQ, Liver, Mobilization, and Diaphragm Stripping Resection - Short video	13.30	Anatomy of Aortic Nodes Principles of Intestinal Resections
9.00	Anatomy of the LUQ, Splenectomy, and Caudal Pancreatectomy - Short video	14.00	Anatomy Dissection Lab: discussing the surgical principles of intestinal resections and procedures for removing pelvic, lumbar-aortic, inguinal-femoral, and pericardio-phrenic lymph nodes
9.30	Anatomy Dissection Lab: discussing the principles of diaphragm cytoreduction, the perihepatic area, splenectomy, and omentectomy	16.30	Briefing of the afternoon and closing
12.00	Briefing of the morning		



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**Course venue**  
ICLO Teaching and Research Center  
Via E Torricelli 15/A - Verona - Italy

## Registrations

Regular registration fee:

Euro 2.350,00 + 22% VAT

ESAGON participants registration fee:

Euro 1.250,00 + 22% VAT

Register here: <https://ems.mzevents.it/start/2378/eng>

The registration fee does not include travel and accommodation expenses.

Hotel accommodation at the Leonardo Hotel: Euros 99 per person, per night.

Bookings through the Organising secretariat

