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International Expert Meeting on Pelvic Exenteration

A “Fil Rouge” between
tradition and innovation

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Introduction

This meeting provides a platform for experts to critically evaluate the evolving role of pelvic exenteration (PE) in modern gynecologic oncology. Historically, PE has been a last-resort curative surgery for advanced gynecologic cancers. However, its relevance is now being reconsidered in light of advances in imaging, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and new diagnostic tools. As the incidence of such advanced cancers declines due to improved screening and vaccination strategies, the need for aggressive surgical interventions like PE is being re-evaluated. In this context, we will explore how PE is being integrated with contemporary treatment strategies aimed not only at achieving cures but also at preserving patients' quality of life. Discussions will focus on balancing the oncological benefits of PE with its potentially debilitating effects on functional outcomes, emphasizing personalized care approaches. Additionally, we will examine the role of emerging therapies that may reduce the need for such extensive surgery. The program will highlight how surgical expertise is adapting to this new landscape, where the number of cases is decreasing, and centralization of care has become increasingly important.



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Programme

October 24th, 2025

12.00 pm	Registration and Light Lunch	3-30 pm	Global Perspectives (Online Session) Comparing Pelvic Exenteration Strategies Across Leading Institutions Moderators: A. Aloisi, R. Angioli, V. Zanagnolo Speakers: N. Abu-Rustum, A. Kumar, D. Cibula, J. Tseng
1.30 pm	Welcome and Introduction: <i>A. Maggioni</i>		
1.40 pm	Tradition "Primary requirements for Pelvic Exenteration (PE): biologically favorable lesion localized in the pelvis, not treatable by any other modality, and with a chance of cure." (E. Bricker, 1948 – A. Brunschwig, 1950) What Have We Learned from the Past? <i>C. Fotopoulou</i>	5.00 pm	Round Table Discussion Interactive session on global best practices and the challenges of reducing invasive surgeries like PE in the context of modern oncological treatments. Moderators: A. Maggioni, F. Raspagliesi, G. Vizzielli Panelists: N. Colombo, A. Fagotti, C. Fotopoulou, A. Gadducci, F. Landoni, R. Lazzari, P. Scollo
2.00 pm	Innovations Moderators: A. Gadducci, G. Aletti • Advances in Imaging: How New Technologies Are Shaping the Decision-Making Process for PE <i>S. Alessi</i> • Emerging Therapies: Targeted Treatments and Immunotherapy's Role in Reducing the Need for PE <i>N. Colombo</i> • Radiotherapy: Integrating Radiation Therapy with PE to Maximize Outcomes and Minimize Morbidity <i>R. Lazzari</i> • Innovative Surgical Approaches: Laterally Extended Endopelvic Resection (LEER) and Its Impact on Recurrent Cervicovaginal Cancer <i>M. Hoeckel</i>	6.00 pm	Until Tomorrow!

Programme

October 25th, 2025

8.30 am "The patient should be in a better functional state with a more comfortable existence after the operation."
(C.P. Morrow, 2010)

Surgery

Moderators: *F. Landoni, P. Scollo, R. Tozzi*

Personalized Approaches in Pelvic Exenteration

- Indications and Surgical Role in Pelvic Exenteration: Defining the Right Approach – *A. Fagotti*
- Tailoring Pelvic Exenteration: Personalizing the Procedure for the Individual Patient – *R. Angioli*

9.15 am **Reconstructive Strategies and Impact on Quality of Life**

Moderators: *V. Matei, F. Peccatori*

- The Urologist's Role in Pelvic Reconstruction After PE
G. Vizzielli
- The General Surgeon's Perspective on Post-Exenteration Reconstruction
R. Biffi
- The Plastic Surgeon's Approach: Restoring Function and Appearance After PE – *M. Rietjens*
- Spiralizing Gracilis Muscle Flap for Pelvic Floor Reconstruction After LEER – *M. Hoeckel*

10.35 am **Coffee Break**

10.50 am • The Role of Robotic Surgery in PE: Enhancing Precision, Reducing Morbidity, and Improving Recovery
V. Chiantera

11.10 am Psychosocial Perspectives and Shared Decision-Making
Psychological Support in Pelvic Exenteration: Involving Psychologists in the Decision-Making Process
F. Didier

11.30 pm **Round Table Discussion**
Era of Personalized Medicine

Case studies and discussions on how personalized medicine and modern treatment modalities are reshaping the role of PE, focusing on improving oncological outcomes while maintaining or improving the patient's quality of life.

Moderators: *N. Colombo, A. Maggioni*

Panelists: *A. Aloisi, D. Cibula, C. Fotopoulou, M. Hoeckel, F. Raspagliesi, R. Tozzi, G. Vizzielli*

1.00 pm **Closing Remarks**
N. Colombo, A. Maggioni, R. Biffi



Course venue
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