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ESAGON 2026

European School of Abdomino-Pelvic Surgery in Gynecologic Oncology

From biology to surgical judgment
The ESAGON Surgical Decision Path

Advanced decision-making in ovarian cancer surgery

ESAGON Advanced session – open to external surgeons

COURSE DIRECTORS

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Why this course

Advanced ovarian cancer surgery remains one of the most demanding areas of gynecologic oncology. While systemic therapies and maintenance strategies have evolved, surgical decisions have become more complex.

Complete cytoreduction remains the cornestyone of surgical treatment.

However, surgical value today depends on appropriate indication, proportional radicality, and integration within the broader therapeutic pathway.

This course focuses on surgical judgment rather than operative technique.

What will be addressed

- How tumor biology influences surgical intent
- How imaging and mapping define resectability
- When operable does not mean indicated
- How to build an operative strategy before entering the operating room
- How to balance radicality with safety
- How to interpret outcomes in the maintenance era
- How to evaluate surgical gain versus surgical burden

What participants will gain

Participants will refine their ability to:

- Select patients appropriately
- Define anatomical limits
- Build a strategic operative plan
- Recognize the threshold between feasibility and proportionality
- Integrate surgical decisions within the modern therapeutic pathway

Who should attend

Gynecologic oncologic and general surgeons seeking to strengthen their clinical judgment in advanced ovarian cancer management.

Open to ESAGON participants and surgeons interested in high-level decision-making

FACULTY

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Scientific Programme
Friday, October 30th

845 AM Welcome & introduction

Moderators: A. Aloisi, R. Biffi

Step 1 - Understanding the disease
What truly drives surgical strategy

9.00 AM **Distinguished lecture**
Designing the modern therapeutic strategy in advanced ovarian cancer
N. Colombo

9.20 AM **Tumor biology and clinical heterogeneity**
Why biology shapes clinical decisions
M. Ghioni

9.40 AM **From radiologic mapping to surgical intent**
Reading disease before planning surgery
S. Alessi

Q&A session

Step 2 - Defining resectability
Should this patient undergo surgery?

10.20 AM **Technical feasibility & anatomical limits**
Where anatomy defines the limits of indication
M.T. Achilarre

10.40 AM **Preoperative mapping**
Imaging and diagnostic laparoscopy as decision tools
A. Garbi

11.00 AM **Strategic operative planning**
Designing the operation before entering the operating room
A. Maggioni

Q&A session

Step 3 - Choosing the right strategy
Which operation offers the greatest value?

11.30 AM **Primary vs interval surgery**
Surgical strategy in the maintenance era
A. Aloisi

11.50 AM **Patient selection & risk balance**
Who truly benefits from surgery?
G. Schivardi

12.10 PM **Interactive case discussion**
Where evidence ends and surgicall judgment begins
L. Xhindoli

Q&A session

1.00 PM Lunch break

Moderators: V. Zanagnolo, M.T. Achilarre

Step 4 - Making with judgment
How radical should surgery be?

2.00 PM **Pelvic radicality**
Defining proportional radicality
V. Zanagnolo

2.20 PM **Upper abdominal radicality**
Balancing benefit and surgical burden
R. Biffi

2.40 PM **Complications and surgical strategy**
Every complication starts with a decision
V. Zanagnolo, G.D. Aletti

Q&A session

Step 5 - Defining surgical value
Did surgery truly improve patient outcome?

3.00 PM **Ro in the era of maintenance therapy**
The evolving meaning of complete cytoreduction
G. Caruso

3.20 PM **Surgical gain vs surgical burden**
Measuring the value of radical surgery
F. Multinu

3.40 PM **Final interactive case: applying indication, limits, and value**
Applying biology,indication,strategy, proportionality and value
L. Xhindoli

Step 6 - The final surgical judgment
Can we justify the operation?

4.10 PM **Closing remarks**
R. Biffi

Advanced ovarian cancer surgery is not defined by how much we remove. It is defined by how responsibly we decide.

Saturday, October 31st - ESAGON International - Inaugural Academic Session
Scann the QR Code to register for the course

October 30th Registration Fee:
Regular: Euro 100 VAT Included
Free for attendees of Esagon 2026

Click here to register for October 30th:
https://ems.mzevents.it/start/2568/eng

October 31st Registration Fee:
Free of charge

Click here to register for October 31st:
https://ems.mzevents.it/start/2569/eng

To participate in both days, it is necessary to complete both registration forms.

Certificate of attendance
The certificate of attendance will be sent by email, while the parchment certificate for participants in the ESAGON Weeks Program 2026 will be awarded on October 31st at the end of the ESAGON International Inaugural Academic Session.

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Scentific area of interest
Ginecology and General Surgey

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