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ESAGON

European School of Abdomino-Pelvic Surgery in Gynecologic Oncology



ESAGON International 2027 Inaugural Session

Building a European School of Surgical Judgment

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Presentation

Advanced ovarian cancer treatment has entered an era of unprecedented complexity. Technical excellence remains essential, but it is no longer sufficient.

The future of surgical education depends on teaching not only how to operate, but how to make better surgical decisions.

Modern surgical quality depends on understanding disease biology, selecting the right patient, defining the appropriate indication, planning the operation, integrating multidisciplinary expertise, and exercising sound surgical judgment. The future of surgical education depends on teaching not only how to operate, but how to make better surgical decisions.

These competencies are not acquired through technical training alone. They require a structured educational pathway that progressively develops knowledge, reasoning, responsibility, and decision-making.

From this vision comes **ESAGON International 2027**.

Developed through the collaboration between the European Institute of Oncology (Milan), Kliniken Essen-Mitte (Essen), and Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (London), ESAGON International represents a shared European commitment to advanced surgical education.

Our mission is to teach surgeons not only how to operate, but how to think before they operate.

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Scientific Programme

Saturday, October 31st

BUILDING EXCELLENCE

Opening address

9.00 AM **The vision behind ESAGON International**
Building a European School of Surgical Judgment
A. Maggioni

Distinguished inaugural lecture

9.10 AM **Excellence is never finished**
Excellence as a lifelong educational journey
J. Magrina

Building the right environment

9.40 AM **The Dedicated Ovarian Cancer Center**
Centralization as the foundation of excellence
N. Colombo

BUILDING SURGICAL JUDGMENT

How do surgeons learn to make better decisions?

10.00 AM **Patient Selection**
From predictive models to clinical judgment.
G.D. Aletti

10.20 AM **Coffee break**

10.40 AM **Surgery for recurrence** - Pre-recorded video presentation
Where surgical judgment is truly tested
P. Harter

11.00 AM **Multidisciplinary Strategy**
Surgical judgment is never individual
R. Biffi, F. Alesina

LOOKING AHEAD

What will future surgeons need?

11.30 AM **The future of advanced ovarian cancer surgery**
Technology will evolve.
Surgical judgment will become even more important
C. Fotopoulou

BUILDING THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL

How should we train the next generation?

11.50 AM **ESAGON International 2027**
- The European educational pathway
- Partner institutions
- Educational philosophy
- Training programme

Faculty discussion

12.10 PM Certificate Ceremony - Presentation of ESAGON 2026 Certificates

12.30 PM **Founding reception**
Official Launch of ESAGON International 2027

Registration Fee:

Free of charge

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