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OPEN ACCESS FOR CONVERSION AND DIFFICULT APPROACHES COURSE

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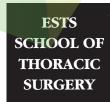
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20.00-22.00h

Dinner

DAY 1: FRIDAY, 30 JANUARY 2026

13.00-13.20h Opening welcome

József Furák

Discussion

Coffee break

14.40-15.00h

15.00-15.30h

13.20-13.40h	Indications for planned open thoracic surgery T. Molnar F.
13.40-14.00h	Indication and method for conversion to open procedure M. Nosotti
14.00-14.20h	Esophageal rupture - repair/ open access to esophageal injury M. Janik

BASIC ASPECTS OF OPEN APPROACHES AND CONVERSION

TEHCNICAL ASPECT OF OPEN APPROACHES AND CONVERSION 15.3-15.45h Anterolateral and Posterolateral thoracotomy I. Hanke **Axillary and Hook thoracotomy** 15.45-16.00h T.Molnár F. 16.00-16.15h Anterior and posterior approach to Pancoast tumor M. Zielinski 16.15-16.30h Clamshell and hemi clamshell approach M. Nosotti 16.30-16.55h Thoracic surgery through median sternotomy: an overview G. Massard Sutures on the vessels, and bronchus -16.55-17.20h technical aspect M. Zielinski Resection and replacement of the SVC 17.20-17.40h A.Toker (Online) Case reports 17.40-18.05h How to prevent and treat sternal override after clamshell thoracotomy G. Massard Thoracoplasty – classic and minimal 18.05-18-25h invasive G. Massard 18.25-18.45h Resection of the superior vena cava D. Tosi (Online) Discussion 18.45-19.00h



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DAY 2: SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY, 2026

CASE REPORTS

08.00-08.30h Conversion from RATS. Clinical experience

R. Cerfolio (Recorded video)

CADAVER SURGERY

08.30-12.00h Anterior approaches

Demonstration surgery

(Faculty member assist participant)

Median sternotomy. Trans-pericardial

approach of the carina

G. Massard

Transmanubrial, hemiclamshell approach

to Pancoast tumor

M.Zielinski **Clamshell** M. Nosotti

Resection and reconstruction of the

superior vena cava

J. Furák

Cadaver Surgery - 1 cadaver - 2 participants

Practice of different anterior approaches Trans-pericardial approach of the Carina Resection and reconstruction of the SVC

12.00-12.30h Lunch

12.30 -15.00 Left side cadaver surgeries

Demonstration surgery

(Faculty member assist participant)

Anterolateral thoracotomy (conversion

from MITS)

I.Hanke

Axillary and Hook thoracotomy

T.Molnar F.

Posterolateral and Paulson thoracotomy

M. Janik

Cadaver Surgery (1 cadaver - 2 participant

Practice of different approaches Lobectomy – conversion to open Bronchial and vascular sleeve Sutures on the vessels and bronchus

15.00-15.30h Coffee break

15.30- 18.30 Right side cadaver surgeries

Demonstration surgeries

Faculty member assist participant

Carina resection (right side approach)

M. Zielinski

Left-side bronchial stump approach

through right thoracotomy

Access to the opposite lung through a

right lateral thoracotomy

G.Massard

Upper lobe - through the anterior

mediastinum

Lower lobe - through the retropericardial

-pre-esophageal sulcus

Cadaver surgery (1 cadaver - 2 participants)

Thoracotomy

Sutures on the vessels and bronchus

Carina resection Thoracoplasty

18.30 **Closing remarks**

19.30-22.00h Dinner

