

I-GERD 2026 – Innovation through tradition. The role of past knowledge for successful innovations in GERD treatment

MILANO – 22 MAGGIO 2026

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RAZIONALE:

The surgical management of hiatal hernia and gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) remains a topic of ongoing discussion, particularly regarding indications and the optimal choice of surgical technique. With increasing attention on tailored surgical approaches, this Congress aims to review current innovations in endoscopic and surgical therapies for GERD and hiatal hernia. The event will feature leading European experts providing step-by-step technical assessments of surgical procedures through live case analyses and comprehensive video presentations. The program will encompass both laparoscopic and robotic surgical techniques, highlighting essential components and technical considerations that support standardization and improved patient outcomes.

This meeting is intended for general surgeons, gastroenterologists, endoscopists, and pathophysiologists, with the aim of emphasize the critical role of multidisciplinary collaboration in the management of GERD.

A hands-on Postgraduate Course will take place on the afternoon of May 21, 2025, focusing on novel procedures such as combined Transoral Incisional Fundoplication and the intraoperative and postoperative application of devices like Endoscopic Functional Lumen Imaging Probe. A dedicated session will also address the ablative treatment of Barrett's esophagus using Radiofrequency & Cryoablation technologies.

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Programma del corso

22 MAGGIO

08.00-08.45 Registrazioni

08.45-09.00 Apertura e pre-test

D. Bona, L. Bonavina, R. Crugnola, S. Shoppmann

09.00 - 11.00

Laparoscopic Fundoplication

Moderators: L. Bonavina, N. Boyle, R. Rosati, A. Simic

- Anatomy, Function and Impact of interventional procedures of ARB
S. Schoppmann
- The evolution of anti-reflux surgery
L. Bonavina
- Nissen & Toupet fundoplication (with mesh?) - live surgery

11.00-11.30 Coffee break and learn

11.30-11.45 Pharmacological management of GERD: what's new?

C. Scarpignato

11.45-13.00

Managing the hiatus

Moderators: D. Bona, L. Bonavina, C. Popa, G. Pozzo, A. Simic

- Crura repair with mesh and patient tailored algorithm (PTA)
A. Aiolfi
- Concomitant Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication (cTIF)
O. Skrobic
- Role of gastric neuromodulation for gastroparesis
M. Elshafei
- AI & machine learning: application in benign foregut diseases
P. Mascagni

13.00-13.50 Lunch

13.50-14.00 Thromboembolism prophylaxis in benign upper GI surgery
F. Pieri

14.00-15.30

ARB positioning & restoration with outer-fundoplication

Moderators: L. Bonavina, A. Renzi, S. Schoppmann, L. Vincenti

· RS - How it works? Literature evidence and long-term follow-up

J. Zehetner

· RS – Robotic experience and preliminary data

M. Elshafei

· Laparoscopic ARB positioning & restoration with outer-fundoplication – live surgery

15.30-17.30

Robotic Fundoplication

Moderators: A. Aiolfi, P. Bianchi, M. Elshafei, G. Formisano

· What is the role of robotic surgery in the training of young surgeons?

P. Bianchi

· What is the role of robotic surgery? Current evidence

P. Grimminger

· Robotic fundoplication in emergency settings

M. Piccoli

17.30-18.00 Closing remarks

TABELLA RELATORI/MODERATORI/RESP. SCIENTIFICO
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