

ESOPHAGUS HUB
FROM FUNCTION TO LESION
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The esophagus represents one of the most stimulating challenges in modern medicine. The complexity of its diseases — from motility disorders to neoplasms, from inflammatory conditions to functional disorders — can no longer be addressed through a fragmented, single-specialty approach. Today, therapeutic success lies in the integration of expertise.

Esophagus Hub has been created as a center of educational excellence, specifically designed for clinicians with early to intermediate experience who wish to elevate their professional practice through a comprehensive 360-degree perspective.

The Big Picture: beyond the boundaries of a single specialty

The distinctive value of this masterclass will be its multidisciplinary focus. You will not only learn *what to do*, but also understand *why* each clinical decision is made, by observing it from different perspectives:

- **Clinical Synergy:** learn how gastroenterology, minimally invasive surgery, and advanced diagnostics come together for superior results.
- **Interaction with Experts:** direct discussion with leading specialists in the field, facilitated by a strictly limited number of participants to ensure a highly personalized learning experience.
- **From Theory to “Live” practice:** sessions featuring complex clinical cases and live cases (or high-resolution procedural videos) demonstrate how multidisciplinary decision-making is translated into practical, technical, and surgical action.

Why participate?

The goal of **Esophagus Hub** is not only to impart knowledge, but to provide an understanding of methods. You will learn to see patients with esophageal disease not as a collection of symptoms, but as part of a pathway shared among specialists.

Through the analysis of real-world scenarios and interactive discussion, you will transform your technical expertise into comprehensive clinical mastery, enabling you to confidently address every diagnostic and therapeutic challenge in the field of esophageal diseases.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

NOVEMBER 19

10:00 - 12:00 FUNCTIONAL DISEASE AND MOTILITY DISORDERS- part 1

Moderators: Edoardo Savarino (Padova), Rocco Maurizio Zagari (Bologna)

10:00-10:20 Imaging approach to motility disorders

Marco Pantani (Cesena)

10:20-10:40 Manometry and pH testing

Aurelio Mauro (Pavia)

10:40-11:00 PPI and new drugs for GERD

Pierfrancesco Visaggi (Pisa)

11:00-12:00 Clinical cases and live cases

Gaia Pellegatta (Rozzano), Daniele Mandolesi (Bologna)

12.00-13.00 WORKSHOP 1: PPIs AND BARRIER DEVICES

Giulia Gibiino (Forlì-Cesena) and Monica Sbrancia (Forlì-Cesena) interview

Edoardo Savarino (Padova) and Rocco Maurizio Zagari (Bologna)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14:00 -15:00 FOCUS on EOSINOPHILIC ESOPHAGITIS

Moderators: Rocco Maurizio Zagari (Bologna), Matteo Costantini (Forlì)

14:00-14:20 Clinical suspicion and diagnostic workup

Edoardo Savarino (Padova)

14:20-14:40 Diagnostic mainstay: the pathologist's perspective

Graziana Gallo (Cesena)

14:40-15:00 Therapeutic management

Giovanni Marasco (Bologna)

15:00-15:30 Discussion

15:30 -17:30 FUNCTIONAL DISEASE AND MOTILITY DISORDERS – part 2

Moderators: Mauro Manno (Carpi), Edoardo Savarino (Padova)

15:30-15:50 Endoscopic treatment of GERD

Antonio Capogreco (Rozzano)

15:50-16:10 Achalasia: the role of surgical treatment

Renato Salvador (Padova)

16:10-16:30 Achalasia: endoscopic approach 2.0

Paolo Cecinato (Bologna)

16:30-17:30 Clinical cases and Live Cases

17:30 - 18:30 WORKSHOP 2: IMAGING OF ESOPHAGUS AND MEDIASTINUM

Marco Pantani (Cesena), Sara Piciucchi (Forlì)

17:30 – 18:30 WORKSHOP 3: TBD

NOVEMBER 20

8:30 - 10:30 PRE-NEOPLASTIC LESIONS

Moderators: Mauro Manno (Carpi), TBD

8:30-8:50 Diagnosis and characterization of preneoplastic lesions
Sandro Sferrazza (Palermo)

8:50-9:10 Endoscopic approach to dysplasia
Roberta Maselli (Rozzano)

9:10-9:30 AI and esophageal disease
Cesare Hassan (Rozzano)

9:30-10:30 Clinical cases and Live Cases

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 -13:00 ESOPHAGEAL ADENOCARCINOMA

Moderators: Franco Stella (Forlì), Roberta Maselli (Rozzano)

11:00-11:20 New options for chemotherapy
Alessandro Bittoni (Meldola)

11:20-11:40 The role of surgical treatment
Ugo Elmore (Milano)

11:40-12:00 Endoscopic stenting: when and how to perform it
Francesco Vito Mandarino (Milano)

12:00-13:00 Clinical cases and Live Cases

13:00- 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 FOCUS-ON SUBEPITHELIAL LESIONS

Moderators: Desideria Argnani (Forlì), Roberta Maselli (Rozzano)

14:00-14:20 Diagnostic work-up
Pietro Fusaroli (Imola)

14:20-14:50 Tandem Talk: endoscopic versus surgical treatment
Mauro Manno (Carpi), Ugo Elmore (Milano)

14:50-15:30 Clinical cases and discussion

15:30 - 17:30 STENOSIS AND COMPLICATION MANAGEMENT

Moderators: Andrea Anderloni (Pavia), Roberta Maselli (Rozzano), Franco Stella (Forlì)

15:30-15:50 Let's learn how to diagnose them
Sara Piciucchi (Forlì)

15:50-16:10 Benign stenosis: which treatment?
Marco Spadaccini (Rozzano)

16:10-16:30 Endoscopic approach to leaks
Francesco Vito Mandarino (Milano)

16:30-16:50 The role of the surgeon
Renato Salvador (Padova)

16:50 17:30 WORKSHOP 4: TBD

17:30 End of the Masterclass

CENTERS FOR LIVE PRODECURES: The centers for live procedures are currently being defined