

Raising Standards through Education and Training



EACTS
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Raising standards in cardiothoracic surgery

EACTS (European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery) is the leading professional association for cardiothoracic surgeons, perfusionists and allied health professionals. Established in 1986, we are committed to raising standards and improving outcomes for patients in the field of cardiac, thoracic and vascular interventions. We do this by advancing education in cardiothoracic surgery, sharing knowledge and promoting research and quality improvement. EACTS has a global membership of over 4,000 active members.

We work in collaboration with sister associations and societies around the globe including The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, European Society of Cardiology, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the The Asian Society for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery and The Latin American Association of Cardiac and Endovascular Surgery.

Our Domains and Committees are member led groups working across the four EACTS Domains - Acquired Cardiac, Congenital Heart, Thoracic and Vascular Diseases - to drive forward the Association's mission of advancing education and promoting research. These Committees play an instrumental role across a range of projects and meetings, from Clinical Guidelines and Quality Improvement to Women in Cardiothoracic Surgery and the Annual Meeting.

**EXPLORE, DISCOVER,
EDUCATE**

at the largest event for the
cardiothoracic community



[Watch Rafa Sádaba, Secretary General, review the successful 35th EACTS Annual Meeting](#)

The EACTS Annual Meeting brings together thousands of participants from around the world to explore new scientific insights, learn about the latest technology and innovations in cardiothoracic surgery and take part in some stimulating debates alongside global experts. The four-day programme of world-class science and interactive hands-on training is not to be missed. [For more information click here](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

THE 36TH EACTS ANNUAL MEETING

**LEARNING
TOGETHER**

5 - 8 OCTOBER 2022 · MILAN, ITALY

Teaching the future of cardiothoracic surgery

Education is at the heart of EACTS' work. Our education programmes offer meaningful learning opportunities for surgeons around the globe to enhance skills and expertise in order to improve clinical practice and outcomes for patients.



Academy

Through the EACTS Academy our members benefit from access to world leading surgeons and educators. Whether a trainee or an established surgeon our high-quality educational programme offers the right course at the right time to support career development. Courses are advertised as Level 1, 2, 3 to allow surgeons to begin training at their level of expertise. [View the 2022 Academy course calendar and find out more here.](#)



Teaching the future of cardiothoracic surgery

Francis Fontan Fund Fellowship

The Francis Fontan Fund for Education supports surgical education, fosters professional development and strengthens the global cardiothoracic community through increased knowledge share. The Fund's mission is to create a global community sharing and learning from the highest standards of cardiothoracic care.

The Fund currently supports several different Fellowship schemes, specialising in a wide breadth of cardiothoracic techniques. These Fellowships take place in institutions from all around the world and are open to applicants from all countries.

[For more information click here](#)

European Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery (EBCTS)

The European Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery (EBCTS) examination encourages common high standards and qualifications in cardiothoracic surgery in all European countries and around the world, ensuring the consistent delivery of high-quality care and patient safety.

[For more information click here](#)

Improving clinical outcomes

Clinical guidelines

EACTS works alongside sister organisations and partners to develop high quality clinical guidelines on specific procedures and techniques. Our committees take a whole heart team approach, assessing the very latest clinical data and evidence to prepare clear clinical guidelines that support clinicians in their constant drive to improve outcomes for patients.

EACTS Quality Improvement Programme includes two international databases:

The European Registry for Patients with Mechanical Circulatory Support (EUROMACS) offers the tools to collect clinical procedural updates and scientific data for patients receiving mechanical circulatory support (MCS). The data collected is made available for research purposes.

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The Adult Cardiac Database (ACD) is a collaborative registry and benchmarking tool of cardiac surgical data for centres across Europe. The database now includes 250,000 surgical procedures.

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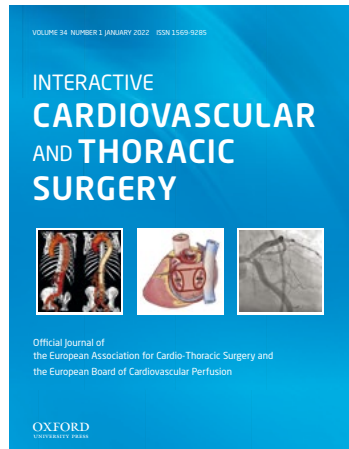
Promoting research and innovation

The EACTS publications portfolio includes two leading, high-quality online journals, publishing the latest research across the field of cardiac, thoracic and vascular interventions. Subscription-based *European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery* (EJCTS) can be accessed through EACTS membership, whilst *Interactive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery* (ICVTS) was converted to Open Access in 2021. Submissions are subject to rigorous peer-review by members of the journals' Editorial and Advisory Board and by other independent reviewers. Both journals have growing Impact Factors and are indexed in Pubmed.



EJCTS is an international journal documenting progress in cardiac and thoracic surgery.

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ICVTS publishes a range of articles across the field of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery.

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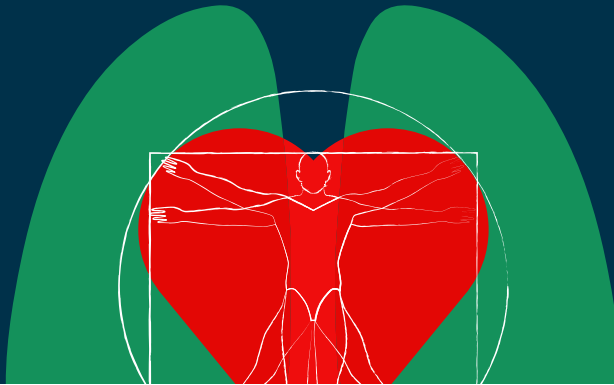
In addition, EACTS publishes the *Multimedia Manual of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery* (MMCTS), the free premier online video manual of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery tutorials, providing step-by-step video demonstrations of surgical procedures, supported by succinct text and clear graphics. MMCTS is indexed in Pubmed.

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