MECHANICAL CIRCULATORY SUPPORT
Masterclass 2024

TORINO-ITALY
June 7th - 8th, 2024

CONGRESS VENUE: University of Turin - Department of Surgical Sciences, Dental School academic laboratory
Course Overview

Mechanical Circulatory Support devices are currently playing an important role in the treatment of refractory advanced heart failure. Technology and surgical strategies are rapidly evolving and improving. However, knowledge transfer and methods to surmount the learning curve remain crucial to improve patients’ outcomes. During the EACTS MCS masterclass course which figures as an essential part of and a practical learning/application of the knowledge gained during the annual EACTS MCS academy summit, clinicians who want to acquire more skills in this delicate area will learn key aspects and vital skills of MCS surgical procedures from an internationally recognised group of experts.

This course provides cardiothoracic surgeons in training or anyone wishing to enhance their experience with didactic teaching, hands on wet- and dry-lab operative experience and practical demonstrations in the surgical techniques and skills needed for successful use of short-term and durable mechanical circulatory support systems.

Delegates will have the opportunity to undertake LVADs, BVADs, TAH and ECMO implantation in simulators under the guidance of a faculty of experienced surgeons, anesthesiologists and intensive care specialists. Candidates will gain practical experience in cannulation for ECMO and microaxial pumps, running these devices, troubleshooting after implantation and in focused echocardiography. All technologies and devices will be also demonstrated in small groups during teaching sessions. This is an intensive two-day course of lectures, debate and practical hands-on surgical practice and opportunity.
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Target Audience

Skills Level 2 - Residents in the final years of training and surgeons at the beginning of independent practice.

Open for:  
Cardiothoracic surgeons, Cardiac anesthesiologists, Cardiologists, Residents and Fellows, Perfusionists, VAD coordinators, Nurses, Technicians.

Learning Objectives

• Understanding of selection of patients for durable left, right and biventricular assist device/TAH implantation, technical aspects of the surgery and clinical outcomes.

• Understanding the application of tMCS and hands on practice of implantation of devices such as ECMO and mAFP facing with several types of cannulation and insertion.

• Understanding the role of durable mechanical assist devices and practice of implantation of devices in the wet- and dry-lab.

• Practicing the technique of VADs and ECMO surgery in mannequins and animal hearts.

• Practicing (simulation) and understanding the usage and application of TEE/TTE for imaging and assessment of pts on both temporary and durable MCS.

• Meet experts in the field and discuss important issues in your own development of a MCS program.
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Faculty

ABART THEODOR, Wien - AT
BOFFINI MASSIMO, Turin - IT
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Temporary-Mechanical Circulatory Support (ECMO, mAJPf, LVAD, RVAD, BVAD)

9.00 Welcome, course day 1 introduction, learning objectives.
   Welcome by European Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery (EACTS), International Society for Mechanical Circulatory Support (ISMCS) and Italian Society for Cardiac Surgery (SICCH)
   A. Loforte, G. Faerber, M. Pilato, A. Parolari

9.15 Cardiogenic Shock: a clinical need to address soon and properly
   G.M. De Ferrari

9.30 t-MCS as treatment of different fenotypes of Cardiogenic Shock
   M. Rinaldi

9.45 Echo imaging pre-, peri-, and post- t-MCS
   M. Kukucka
Haemodynamic assessment and management pre-, peri-, and post- t-MCS
C. Vandenbriele

Interactive Discussion I

Coffee break

Indications and contraindications: how to select the right patient for type of t-MCS
G. Faerber

Set-up and cannulation options for t-MCS insertion
E. Potapov

Transport on t-MCS
M. Boffini

How to handle complications during t-MCS running
E. Potapov
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12.15  Myocardial function recovery after MCS: an update
       E. Rame

12.30  Needs, tips and tricks in pediatric t-MCS and d-MCS population
       C. Pace Napoleone

12.45  Interactive Discussion II

13.15  Lunch

14.15  Training dry- and wet-lab I (Rotational and alternate running)
       Station 1 - Echo lab
       Station 2 - Impella mAFP lab
       Station 3 - d-LVAD wet lab
       Station 4 - Total Artificial Heart lab
       Station 5 - d-LVAD wet lab
       Station 6 - ECMO lab

18.15  Closure day 1 A. Loforte, E. Potapov
Durable-Mechanical Circulatory Support (LVAD, RVAD, BVAD, TAH)

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A. Loforte, G. Faerber, M. Pilato, A. Parolari

8.45 Chronic advanced heart failure: current treatment policy and results
F. Gustafsson

9.00 d-MCS as treatment of different phenotypes of chronic advanced heart failure: current and merging options
I. Netuka

9.15 Concomitant cardiac surgery procedures at the time of d-LVAD implantation
A. Loforte
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9.30  Echo imaging pre-, peri-, and post- d-MCS
      M. Kukucka

9.45  Haemodynamic assessment and management pre-, peri-, and post- d-MCS
      M. Scandroglio

10.00 smart d-MCS: how to read displays, controllers and monitors
     T. Abart

10.15 Interactive Discussion III

10.45 Coffee break

11.15 Indications and contraindications: how to select the right patient for type of d-LVAD and TAH
      G. Faerber

11.30 Implantation strategies for d-LVAD
      E. Potapov

11.45 Virtual simulation and surgical implantation of TAH
      G. Gerosa
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12.00  How to handle complications during d-MCS running
E. Potapov

12.15  Current development and application of d-MCS in Japan:
Asia-Pacific population management
K. Toda

12.30  Interactive Discussion IV

13.00  Lunch

14.00  Training dry- and wet-lab II (*Rotational and alternate running*)
Station 1 - Echo lab
Station 2 - Impella mAFP lab
Station 3 - d-LVAD wet lab
Station 4 - Total Artificial Heart lab
Station 5 - d-LVAD wet lab
Station 6 - ECMO lab

17.00  Closure day 2 M. Boffini, E. Potapov
COURSE INFORMATION:

Date  
June 7th - June 8th, 2024

Location  
University of Turin, Department of Surgical Sciences, Dental School academic laboratory
Via Nizza 130, Turin - Italy

Course Directors and Organising Committee
A. Loforte (Turin), E. Potapov (Berlin), G. Faerber (Homburg), M. Boffini (Turin), M. Rinaldi (Turin)

Course Format
In-person meeting.
Interactive Workshops including presentations and videos.
Interactive device and technology demonstrations employing simulators.
Hands-on wet- and dry-lab operative sessions.
TE echo monitoring and assessment simulations.

Course Fee
EACTS - ISMCS Member: € 550.00
EACTS - ISMCS Non-Member: € 650.00
Residents, Fellows, Technicians, Perfusionists, Nurses: € 350.00

Fee includes lunch, refreshments and conference kit.

Kindly note due to the nature of this course, registration may be limited to 60 delegates.
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