



COMPREHENSIVE COURSES OF SURGICAL ANATOMY AND OPEN VASCULAR  
SURGERY TECHNIQUES

# Masterclass Vascular Access for Dialysis

Course II · Berne, 28 to 29 April 2027

13 CME Credits



Vascular International School AG · Stanserstrasse 111 · CH-6064 Kerns · Switzerland

## 01 Welcome

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### Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the faculty and organisers, it is a great privilege and honour to warmly welcome you to the comprehensive basic and advanced courses on vascular surgical anatomy and open surgical techniques. These courses, unique in the world, have proven over the last decades to be very effective training methods for vascular surgeons.

The main feature is the intensive supervision of multilingual tutors with a lot of experience in vascular surgery and training. The close tutor-participant interaction guarantees an intensive learning process. Intensive discussions are encouraged in a relaxed training atmosphere. There is only a limited number of slots available, so please register early!

Join us for an enriching learning experience. We hope that you will be as enthusiastic about the 2027 courses as we are, and look forward to meeting you there!

*For the executive board of Vascular International and the faculty*



**Prof. Dr. Jürg Schmidli**  
Berne, Switzerland



**Dr. Corinne Kohler**  
Zurich, Switzerland



**Dr. Pascal Kissling**  
Solothurn, Switzerland

## 02 About the courses

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The comprehensive basic and advanced courses on vascular surgical anatomy and open surgical techniques are organised for the 27th time by the Vascular International School. We started with the access to leg arteries course, followed by the Vascular Access Masterclass in 2009 (for haemodialysis access). In 2017 we introduced the course on the thoracic and thoracoabdominal aorta and the supra-aortic vessels.

The school's goals are the teaching of topographical and surgical anatomy, surgical basic practices, advanced open surgical techniques and innovations. The courses are based on practical dissection of 5 to 7 cadavers (legs, arms, thoracic aorta and supra-aortic arteries) under the guidance of expert tutors.

The arm and leg courses are particularly recommended for vascular surgeons in training. The thoracic course is designated for advanced vascular and cardiac surgeons.

- The official language is English.
- The number of participants is limited for technical reasons.
- Please take your magnifying glasses with you.

## 03 Course fee and faculty

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### Masterclass Vascular Access for Dialysis

**CHF 1'450**

13 CME credits

*Includes coffee breaks and lunches, disposables and didactic materials.*

### COURSE DIRECTOR

**Corinne Kohler, Zurich**

### TUTORS

Matthias K. Widmer, Berne

Andrej Isaak, Basel

*Faculty subject to change.*

## 04 Programme

*Important: take your magnifying glasses with you and some slides with a case report to discuss.*

**Wednesday, 28 April 2027** 09.00 to 18.00

| STEP              | SESSION                                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|                   | Registration, welcome and introduction to the course   |
| <b>Workshop 1</b> | Brachio-cephalic AV fistula                            |
|                   | <i>Break</i>                                           |
| <b>Workshop 2</b> | Radio-cephalic AV fistula, snuffbox AV fistula         |
|                   | <i>Lunch</i>                                           |
| <b>Workshop 3</b> | Forearm loop AVG                                       |
|                   | <i>Break</i>                                           |
| <b>Workshop 4</b> | Re-routing technique in local infections of a loop AVG |

## 04 · PROGRAMME, CONTINUED

**Thursday, 29 April 2027** 08.30 to 15.30

| STEP              | SESSION                                                                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Workshop 5</b> | Basilic AVF with transposition; AVF elevation technique, patch technique |
|                   | <i>Break</i>                                                             |
| <b>Workshop 6</b> | Treatment of vascular access induced hand ischemia (DRIL, PAVA, RUDI)    |
|                   | <i>Lunch</i>                                                             |
| <b>Workshop 7</b> | Subclavian loop AVG                                                      |
|                   | Feedback session and farewell                                            |

## 05 Venue

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### Institute of Anatomy, University of Bern

Baltzerstrasse 2  
CH-3012 Berne, Switzerland

## 06 Accommodation

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### Berne Tourism

Please arrange your own accommodation.

**Berne Tourism** can help with hotels near the Institute of Anatomy.

## 07 Registration and payment

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Register online at [www.vascular-international.org](http://www.vascular-international.org). You must register for each course separately. If you attend more than one course a reduction applies: **10% for two courses, 15% for three courses**. Your registration is confirmed by email with an invoice attached. By registering online you can pay immediately via PayPal (all major credit cards) with instant course confirmation. If you prefer to pay by invoice, please transfer within 10 days, otherwise the provisional reservation is released. Registrations are confirmed on arrival of payment (first come, first served); unpaid registrations are removed no later than three weeks before the course.

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Bank</b>           | UBS Switzerland AG                      |
| <b>IBAN</b>           | CH53 0023 4234 1718 5501 B              |
| <b>BIC / Swift</b>    | UBSWCHZH80A                             |
| <b>Account holder</b> | Vascular International School AG, Kerns |

**Refund / cancellation:** Replacements are accepted; please inform us immediately. Cancellation fee CHF 100 until 7 April 2027; no reimbursement for later cancellations.

## 08 Requirements by EthicalMedtech

The programme is included in this document. There is no live music or any other form of entertainment foreseen at any point of the programme. There is no hospitality or social programme included in the participant fee.

### The participant's fee covers

- Course organisation (registration administration, IT support, insurance)
- Tutors' travel expenses (no proctoring fees are paid)
- Rent of the course venue
- Materials used during the course
- Rent of hands-on models, instruments and operating tables
- Rent of didactic infrastructure (audio / video equipment)
- Consumables, cadavers, gloves, needles and instruction manual
- Day catering: morning coffee and croissant, water, coffee and fruit during breaks, sandwich lunch

### The participant's fee does not cover

- Any full meals
- Overnight stay
- Any travel expenses

## 09 Organisation and partners

### Organisation

Vascular International, School for Vascular Surgery  
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### Supporting societies

Austrian Society for Vascular Surgery (ÖGG)  
 Swiss Society for Vascular Surgery (SGG)  
 German Society for Vascular Surgery (DGG)  
 European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS)  
 Division of Vascular Surgery of UEMS

### Supporting partners

To be announced

### Credits

13 CME credits will be provided.