Preconference Courses

Wednesday, 11 November 2026.

Venue | Innovation Centre of the Kinderspital Zurich

EndoFLIP Treatment Pathway Course 2026

From Diagnostics to Precision Fundoplication

Creating the Future Patient Treatment Pathway with Intraoperative EndoFLIP

FINAL AGENDA | 11:00–14:00 Duration 3 hours

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Faculty

Prof. Sebastian Schoppmann • Vienna
Prof. Daniel Pohl • Zurich

Target audience: Visceral surgeons, upper GI surgeons, gastroenterologists and specialists in gastrointestinal functional diagnostics.

Course objectives

Review the scientific evidence for EndoFLIP in antireflux surgery and understand the complementary perspectives of surgery and gastroenterology.

Programme

11:00–11:30	**Welcome and introduction** Why do we need a future patient treatment pathway for EndoFLIP use? Speakers: Prof. Sebastian Schoppmann and Prof. Daniel Pohl
	Session 1 • What do we know about the EGJ? Speaker: Sebastian Schoppmann
	Session 2 • EndoFLIP beyond motility testing and pH monitoring Speaker: Daniel Pohl Topics: Distensibility versus pressure measurement; strengths and limitations of high-resolution manometry (HRM); EndoFLIP as a complement to conventional diagnostics; preoperative patient selection. Interactive discussion: Cases from Swiss practice. Take-home messages: When is EndoFLIP truly helpful? Which patients should undergo preoperative testing?
11:30–12:00	**Session 3 • EndoFLIP during fundoplication** Tailoring fundoplication with real-time physiology Speaker: Prof. Sebastian Schoppmann
12:00–12:15	**Coffee break and expert networking**

EndoFLIP Clinical Cases

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12:15–13:30	**Session 4 • Multidisciplinary case conference** Moderated case discussions Experts: Prof. Sebastian Schoppmann and Prof. Daniel Pohl

Case 1 • GERD with normal motility

Does this patient need EndoFLIP?

Case 2 • Ineffective esophageal motility

Toupet or Nissen fundoplication with EndoFLIP guidance?

Case 3 • Borderline EGJ obstruction

Can EndoFLIP change the surgical strategy?

Case 4 • Persistent dysphagia after fundoplication

What role does EndoFLIP play in revisional surgery?

13:30–13:50	**Session 5 • A multidisciplinary approach to EndoFLIP use** Experts: Prof. Sebastian Schoppmann and Prof. Daniel Pohl
13:50–14:00	**Treatment pathway statement and closing** Summary by Prof. Daniel Pohl and Prof. Sebastian Schoppmann

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EFS Fellows Course 2026

Foregut Motility

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Faculty and chairs

Course Chairs: Prof. Dr. Daniel Pohl (CH) · Prof. Dr. Sebastian F. Schoppmann (AT)

Laborie Faculty: Prof. Dr. Radu Tutuian (CH) · Dr. Moustafa Elshafei (DE)

Enterra Faculty: Dr. Asma Fikree (UK) · Dr. Moustafa Elshafei (DE)

Programme agenda

Time	Session	Faculty	Focus
15:00–15:10	Welcome & clinical framework	Moderators	Welcome, objectives and the multidisciplinary foregut pathway.
15:10–15:45	Laborie Case 1 — Dysphagia and esophageal motility	Dr. Radu Tutuian Dr. Moustafa Elshafei	High-resolution manometry: indications, landmarks, Chicago Classification and surgical implications.
15:45–16:05	Laborie — HRM study walk-through	Dr. Radu Tutuian + Dr. Moustafa Elshafei	Normal and abnormal tracings, artifacts, structured interpretation and referral decisions.
16:05–16:35	Laborie Case 2 — Typical reflux and wireless pH	Dr. Radu Tutuian → Dr. Moustafa Elshafei	Test selection, on/off PPI strategy, acid exposure and anti-reflux planning.
16:35–16:45	Break	—	Break
16:45–17:00	Laborie — pH / pH-impedance review	Dr. Radu Tutuian (CH) + Dr. Moustafa Elshafei (DE)	Symptom association, reflux episodes, borderline studies and common pitfalls.
17:00–17:10	Enterra — Gastroparesis Today: Pathophysiology & Clinical Phenotypes	Dr. Asma Fikree	Key mechanisms, European etiologies and phenotype-led treatment selection.
17:10–17:20	Enterra — Diagnosis & Medical Management: A Practical Approach	Dr. Asma Fikree	Gastric emptying studies and European alternatives; symptom, nutrition and medical management; escalation decisions.
17:20–17:35	Enterra — Interventional Options: Choosing the Right Approach	Dr. Moustafa Elshafei	G-POEM versus laparoscopic pyloroplasty; role of Enterra Therapy; patient selection.
17:35–17:45	Enterra — Programming Basics: What Fellows Should Know	Dr. Asma Fikree	Core gastric electrical stimulation principles, initial settings, titration and real-world workflow.
17:45–17:55	Break	—	Break
17:55–18:10	Enterra — Procedure Videos & Technical Pearls	Dr. Moustafa Elshafei	Enterra implantation overview; pitfalls and complication avoidance.
18:10–18:25	Enterra — Interactive Case Discussion	Dr. Asma Fikree	Diabetic, postsurgical, idiopathic and prior-treatment-failure cases; treatment selection and strategy changes.
18:25–18:30	Take-home messages, discussion & Q&A	Moderators	Key messages, concise discussion and audience Q&A.

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07:30–17:00	**Registration**
08:00–09:00	**OPENING OF THE 6th ANNUAL EFS MEETING** EFS Anthem EFS Presidents Daniel Pohl and Christian Gutschow EFS Chair of the Board Sebastian Schoppmann AFS Member Felice Schnoll Sussmann, Steward Spechler (EFS Lifetime Achievement Award Arnulf Hölscher) Introductory lecture Martin Riegler (AUT) Prologue: Nicholas Boyle (UK)
09:00–10:30	**Session 1** THE DARK SIDE OF BENIGN INTERVENTIONS Chairs: Oliver Pech (GER), Luigi Bonavina (IT), George Lazar (HU)
09:00–09:15	**Pulling the Plug: Salvage Strategies for Failed Antireflux Implants** Nick Maynard (UK)
09:15–09:30	**Dysphagia, Diverticula & GERD: How to handle the POEM Aftermath** Adam Chwiesko (POL)
09:30–09:45	**Failed GERD procedures: endoscopic repairing the repair** Alberto Testoni (IT)
09:45–10:00	**The Heart-Sink post-surgical GERD Patient: Surviving Nemesis** Stefan Mönig (GER)
10:00–10:15	**Dumping, Dysmotility & Distress: Managing Vagus Nerve Injuries** Mustafa ElShafei (GER)
10:15–10:30	**The “Tears & Beers” Discussion**
10:30–11:00	**Keynote Lecture: Alex Straumann (CH)** Prologue: Stephen Attwood (UK) Olten and Hopewell: The True EoE Story
11:00–11:15	**Coffee & Learn**
11:00–11:40	**INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM supported by IMPLANTICA** REFLUX STOP

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11:40–12:55	**Session 2** RARE, DIFFICULT, OVERLOOKED & DANGEROUS Chairs: Stephen Attwood (UK), Daniel Pohl (CH), Tania Triantafyllou (GR)
11:40–11:55	**Tough to Swallow – Strategies for Benign Strictures** Stephen Attwood (UK)
11:55–12:10	**Emergency Management of Non-Neoplastic Perforations** Christoph Schlag (CH)
12:10–12:25	**The Short Esophagus – A Surgeon's Ghost or Clinical Reality?** Riccardo Rosati (IT)
12:25–12:40	**Dunbar, Wilkie, Gastroptosis – call your surgeon or hide your patient?** Simon Dexter (UK)
12:40–12:55	**Idiopathic Gastroparesis – treat motility or sensation?** Asma Fikree (UK)
12:55–13:10	**The "Hard Truth" Discussion**
13:10–14:10	**INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM supported by MEDTRONIC** Endoflip™ & Esoflip™: Advancing the Diagnosis and Treatment of Esophageal Disorders
13:10–13:25	**Endoflip: Transforming the Esophageal diagnostics pathway** Dr Nicola Frei
13:25–13:40	**Endoflip: Real- time control and assessment in foregut surgeries** Dr Tania Triantafyllou
13:40–13:55	**Esoflip: Controlled Dilation for esophageal strictures and achalasia treatment** Dr Rehan Haidry
13:55–14:10	**Discussion** ALL
14:10–14:45	**LUNCH BREAK**

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14:45–16:15	**Session 3** PRECISION & HIGH DEFINITION: THE VIDEO MASTERCLASS Chairs: Aleksandar Simic (SRB), Edoardo Savarino (IT), Rocio Temino Lopes (ESP)
14:45–15:00	**Anatomical EGJ Reconstruction for Hiatal Hernia and GERD: Why & How** Marcel Schneider (CH)
15:00–15:15	**Folding for Function: Technical Secrets of TIF and C-TIF** Rehan Haidry (UK)
15:15–15:30	**RefluxStop™ - Lessons learned** Yves Borbély (FR)
15:30–15:45	**Enterra – From Implantation to Adaptation – Tips and Tricks** Jessica Leers (GER)
15:45–16:00	**Endo/EsoFLIP: One-Stop Shop – Test & Treat** Daniel Pohl (CH)
16:00–16:15	**The "Director's Cut" Discussion**
16:15–17:30	**Session 4** BARRETT'S BIOLOGY: FROM MOLECULES TO MANAGEMENT Chairs: John Lipham (USA), Tripp Buckley (USA), Nicola Frei (CH)
16:15–16:30	**The Crystal Ball: Can Molecular Markers predict the Future?** Ines Gockel (GER)
16:30–16:45	**AI vs. Human Eye: Will Machines take over Surveillance?** Nicola Frei (CH)
16:45–17:00	**To Burn or to Cut? Deciding between RFA and EMR** Felice Schnoll Sussmann (USA)
17:00–17:15	**Closing the Valve: Does Anti-Reflux Surgery stop Progression?** John Lipham (USA)
17:15–17:30	**The "Burn, Cut or Pray?" Discussion**
17:30–18:00	**Keynote Lecture: Eduardo Savarino (IT)** Prologue: Daniel Pohl (CH) FOREGUT MOTILITY DIAGNOSTICS 2027: CHICAGO, SAN DIEGO, DALLAS, …?

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18:00–19:00	**Session 5** EXTRAESOPHAGEAL GERD, UPPER ESOPHAGEAL DISORDERS Chairs: Jörg Bohlender (CH), Dimitri Theodorou (GR), Michael Smith (USA)
18:00–18:10	**LPR Unmasked: Cutting through the Diagnostic Fog** Rami Sweis (UK)
18:10–18:20	**LPR is a Surgical Disease!** Nick Boyle (UK)
18:20–18:30	**No. It's the Head (or the Nerves), Stupid!** TBA
18:30–18:40	**RCPD – help me, I cannot burp!** Jörg Bohlender (CH)
18:40–18:50	**Globus sensation – to ablate or not** Jason Dunn (UK)
18:50–19:00	**The "Brain, Belch and Burn" Discussion** End of Day 1 Note: Afternoon coffee will be served in the lobby during afternoon sessions

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08:00–09:00	**BEST PAPERS and Coffee** Chairs: Balazs Kovacs(HU), Arnulf Hölscher (GER), Joy FEKA (AUT)
09:00–10:00	**Session 6** THE ROBOTIC FRONTIER: BEYOND THE HYPE Chairs: Lana Fourier (CH), Christian Gutschow (CH), Peter Grimminger (GER)
09:00–09:15	**The Billion Swiss Francs Question: Does the Robot actually improve Benign Outcomes?** Beat Müller (CH)
09:15–09:30	**Through Looking Glass: Does 3D-Vision & Wristed Dexterity make us better surgeons?** Mickael Chevallay (CH)
09:30–09:45	**From Da Vinci to deep learning : the evolution of and the future of the surgical robot** Peter Grimminger (UK)
09:45–10:00	**Ergonomics vs. Economics: Is the Surgeon's Longevity worth the Investment?** Jose Oberholzer (CH)
10:00–10:15	**Training the Next Generation: Is the Laparoscopic Surgeon becoming a Museum Piece?** Dagmar Kollmann (AUT)
10:15–10:30	**The “Joystick Junkies” Discussion**
10:30–10:45	**TOPIC: Our Journal - FOREGUT** Phil Katz (USA), Sebastian Schoppmann (AUT)
10:45–11:00	**Keynote Lecture: Calin Popa (RO)** Prologue: Sebastian Schoppmann (AUT) BEYOND ”SEE ONE, DO ONE”: REDEFINING EXCELLENCE IN FOREGUT TRAINING
11:00–11:15	**Coffee & Learn**
11:00–11:30	**INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM - supported by MERIT Medical** Latest evidence on c-TIF procedure and the Belgrade Consensus Statement for Endo-surgical treatment for GERD Speakers: Prof. Aleksandar Simic (SRB), Dr. Rehan Haidry (UK)

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11:30–13:00	**Session 7** THE HEAVY WEIGHT DEBATE: OBESITY & THE HIATUS Chairs: Ralph Peterli (CH), Catalin Copaescu (RO)
11:30–11:45	**The Sleeve Paradox: When Weight Loss creates a Reflux Monster** Ralph Peterli (CH)
11:45–12:00	**Bypass: The Ultimate Anti-Reflux Operation or Overkill?** Daniel Gero (CH)
12:00–12:15	**To Fix or Not to Fix? The Dilemma of the "Innocent" Hiatal Hernia in Bariatrics** Ognjan Skrobic (SRB)
12:15–12:30	**Revisional Nightmares: Converting Failed Antireflux Surgery to Bariatric Procedures** Gerhard Prager (CH)
12:30–12:45	**Renaissance of the Hill procedure in Post-Bariatric HH: Fixing GERD** Enes Efendic (SE)
12:45–13:00	**The "Belly vs. Valve" Showdown** Javier Osorio Aguilar (ESP)
13:00–13:15	**Discussion**
13:15–14:15	**Industry Symposium – supported by BD** The PROVISIONAL title will be: Hiatal and incisional hernias: building durable repairs and preventing future defects Speakers: Dimitrios Theodorou (GRE), Tania Triantafilou (GRE)
14:15–14:45	**Lunch Break**

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14:45–16:30	**Session 8** NUMBERS & NERVES: DECODING FUNCTION Chairs: Radu Tutuian (CH), Asma Fikree (UK)
14:45–15:00	**The Manometry Lies: What to do when Tracings and Patients disagree?** Mark Fox (CH)
15:00–15:15	**The Motility No-Man's Land: Navigating the Fog of IEM** Radu Tutuian (RO)
15:15–15:30	**Brain-Gut Axis: When not to call your surgeon** Johannes Lenglinger (CH)
15:30–15:45	**The PPI Funeral: Will P-CABs take over the Throne?** Jeanine Wakim (CH)
15:45–16:00	**"Treat the Patient, not the Plot" Discussion**
16:00–16:30	**Keynote Lecture: Martin Wagner (CH)** Prologue: Christian Gutschow (CH) HOW DOES AI CHANGE FOREGUT PRACTICE NOW

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16:30–17:30	**Session 9** THE GREAT HIATOPLASTY SHOWDOWN Chairs: John Lipham (USA), Davide Bona (IT)
16:30–16:45	**Point: Mesh is Mandatory – Why we need Reinforcement** Alberto Aiolfi (IT)
16:45–17:00	**Counterpoint: Mesh is a Time-Bomb – The Case for Pure Tissue Repair** Reginald Bell (USA)
17:00–17:15	**The Middle Ground: Pledgets, Biologics and "The Tailored Hiatus"** Ivo Bröders (NL)
17:15–17:30	**The Material Science Evolution: Can Bio-absorbable Scaffolds Solve the Dilemma?** Caroline Gronnier (FR)
17:30–17:45	**Live Audience Voting & "Hard Truth" Final Summary**
17:45–18:30	**Closing Remarks & Awards** This was EFS Zurich 2026 Daniel Pohl / Christian Gutschow This will be EFS 2027 Budapest George Lazar, HU Farewell