

# **COMPREHENSIVE COURSES OF SURGICAL ANATOMY AND OPEN VASCULAR SURGERY TECHNIQUES**

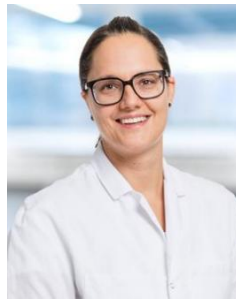
## **Course I - Access to arteries of the lower extremities**

**Berne, April 27 – April 28, 2026**





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## **Welcome**

*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 by multilingual tutors with a lot of experience in vascular surgery and in 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 enthusiastic about the Courses 2026 as we are and look forward meeting you there!

For the executive board of VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL and the faculty

Prof. Jürg Schmidli, Berne  
Dr. Corinne Kohler, Zurich  
Dr. Pascal Kissling, Solothurn

The comprehensive basic and advanced courses on vascular surgical anatomy and open surgical techniques will be organised for the 26<sup>th</sup> time by the VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL School. Back then, we started with the access to leg arteries course, followed by the Vascular Access Masterclass in 2009 (for haemodialysis access). In 2017, we finally introduced the course on the thoracic and thoracoabdominal aorta and the supra-aortic vessels.

The school's goals are teaching of topographical and surgical anatomy, surgical basic practices, advanced open surgical techniques and innovations.

The courses are based on practical dissection of 5-7 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.**

## **ACCESS COURSES 2026 / Fee / Convenor**

### **Course I    April 27-28    Access to arteries of the lower extremities**

**Fee:** CHF 1'450 (13 CME Credits)

The fees include:

- Coffee-breaks and lunch
- Disposable and didactic materials

**Convenor:                    Pascal Kissling, Solothurn**

**April 27-28, 2026**  
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**Tutors:**     **Nektarios Galanis (Athens)**  
                  **Georg Heller (Chur)**  
                  **Hon lai Chan (Fribourg)**

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**Program:**

**Monday, April 27, 2026**

**09.00 – 18.00**

- Registration, welcome and introduction to the course
- Topographic anatomy leg arteries (short lecture)
- Workshop 1     Access popliteal artery pars I und III
- Workshop 2     Access to tibiofibular trunk
- Break
- Workshop 3     Access to proximal, middle and distal anterior tibial artery
- Workshop 4     Access to dorsalis pedis artery
- Lunch
- Workshop 5     Access to proximal, middle and distal posterior tibial artery
- Workshop 6     Access to peroneal artery; medial and lateral approach
- Break
- Workshop 7     Access to pedal and plantar arteries
- Workshop 8     Posterior access to popliteal artery at the popliteal fossa

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

**08.30 – 15.30**

- Workshop 9      Groin access, course of the femoral bifurcation and deep femoral artery, femoral nerve
- Workshop 10      Lumbotomy and access to iliac arteries
- Break
- Workshop 11      Alternatives in bypass-surgery, tunneling, bypass procedure above knee
- Lunch
- Workshop 12      Bypass procedure below knee, great saphenous vein, small saphenous vein, principles of in-situ bypass, clamping variations of below-the-knee arteries, distal anastomoses, popliteal interpositions.
- Feedback session and farewell

**VENUE**      [Institute of Anatomy](#)  
University of Bern  
Baltzerstrasse 2  
CH-3012 Berne  
Switzerland

## 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
- The participant's fee covers the expenses for:
  - o the course organisation (administration for registering, IT Support, Insurance, etc.)
  - o the tutors travel expenses (there are no proctoring fees paid)
  - o the rent for the course venue
  - o the material used during the course
    - rent of hands-on models, medical instruments, operating tables
    - rent of didactic infrastructure (operating table, audio/video equipment)
    - cost for consumables, cadavers, gloves, needles, instruction manual, etc.
  - o the day catering including:
    - croissant with coffee in the morning to start
    - water, coffee and fruits during breaks
    - sandwiches for lunch
- The participant's fee does NOT cover:
  - o Any full meals
  - o Expense for overnight stay
  - o Any travel expenses
- There is no hospitality and social programme included in the fees for participants.

## **REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT**

Online: [www.vascular-international.org](http://www.vascular-international.org)

**You have to register for each of the courses separately. If you attend more than one course a reduction applies (10% for two courses, 15% for three courses).**

Your registration will be confirmed by email with an invoice attached. By registering online, you will have the opportunity for immediate payment via PayPal (=all major credit cards), and immediate course confirmation. Please click the PayPal-button at the end after booking.

If you prefer to pay by invoice, please transfer the payment within 10 days, otherwise the provisional reserved space is released.

Bank: Credit Suisse, CH-6301 Zug  
BIC/Swift: CRESCHZZ80A  
IBAN: CH17 0483 5176 1211 7100 0  
Account holder: Vascular International School AG, Kerns

Registrations will be confirmed by email upon arrival of the payment (first come first served).

Cancellation: Replacements will be accepted, please communicate immediately.

Annulation costs: CHF 100.- until April 13, 2026, no reimbursement for later cancellations.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

[Berne Tourism](#)

## **ORGANISATION**

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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

## **CREDITS**

13 CME credits will be provided