



ELITA

SPLITLIVER

MASTERCLASS 2025

27-28 October 2025 | Groningen, The Netherlands

INTRODUCTION

The **ELITA SPLIT LIVER Masterclass** is a premier hands-on surgical training programme designed for surgeons with initial experience in liver transplantation who seek to master the complex and life-saving technique of split liver transplantation. Over two intensive days, participants will receive expert-led mentorship, refine their surgical precision, and engage in realistic hands-on practice using human livers in a state-of-the-art Skills Lab.

Hosted at one of Europe's leading transplant centres, this exclusive masterclass is limited to 24 participants and provides a practice-focused learning experience, blending theoretical knowledge with cutting-edge surgical simulations. Participants will train with internationally renowned faculty, performing step-by-step split liver techniques, while incorporating advanced liver perfusion technology.

By taking this course, participants will be able to: perform ex-situ split liver procedures with precision and confidence; identify and navigate anatomical variations that are critical for successful transplantation; apply advanced preservation techniques to maximise liver graft viability and function; develop strategic decision-making skills to assess graft suitability for splitting; enhance vascular and biliary reconstruction techniques, improving long-term surgical outcomes.

Scientific Organising Committee

Course Co-directors:

Hermien Hartog, *ELITA secretary*

Silvio Nadalin, *ELITA secretary-elect*

ELITA Education Coordinators:

Miriam Cortes Cerisuelo, *ELITA Treasurer*

Deniz Balci

Eliano Bonaccorsi-Riani

Constantino Fondevila

Norman Junge, *ESPGHAN representative*

Flavia Neri, *YPT representative*

When

Monday, 27 October 2025

Tuesday, 28 October 2025

Where

Groningen, The Netherlands

Target Group: Surgeons with prior experience in liver transplantation who seek to deepen their expertise and develop the necessary skills to safely perform split-liver transplantation.

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Day 1

Monday
27 October

08:30 - 09:00

Registration

Lecture Room

09:00 - 09:15

Welcome & round of introductions

Course leads:

Hermien Hartog, Groningen, The Netherlands

Silvio Nadalin, Tübingen, Germany

Session I

Course leads:

Hermien Hartog, Groningen, The Netherlands

Silvio Nadalin, Tübingen, Germany

09:15 - 09:45

Surgical anatomy for liver splitting and Q&A

Faculty member: Constantino Fondevila, Madrid, Spain

09:45 - 10:05

Technical aspects (tricks & tips) of *ex-situ* splitting

Faculty member: Miriam Cortes Cerisuelo, London, United Kingdom

10:05 - 10:25

Technical aspects (tricks & tips) of *in-situ* splitting

Faculty member: Roberto Troisi, Naples, Italy

10:25 - 10:55

Discussion

All faculty members and participants

10:55 - 11:10

Coffee break ☕

Session II

Chairs:

Flavia Neri, Bergamo, Italy

Marco Spada, Rome, Italy

11:10 - 11:25

Splitting on machine

Faculty member TBC

11:25 - 11:40

Tips and tricks of full left/full right splitting

Faculty member TBC

11:40 - 11:55

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Faculty member: Jiri Fronek, Prague, Czech Republic

11:55 - 12:10

Discussion

All faculty members and participants

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Day 1

Monday
27 October

12:10 - 12:30

Donor selection and splittability criteria and Q&A

Faculty member: Eliano Bonaccorsi-Riani, Brussels, Belgium

12:30 - 13:15

Lunch break 🍴

Lecture Room

13:15 - 13:55

**Introduction to Simulation Centre and hands-on session
Practical guidelines**

Hermien Hartog, Groningen, The Netherlands

Alison Kindt, Groningen, The Netherlands

Operating Theatre

13:35 - 15:00

Hands-on session I

All faculty members and participants

**Intermezzo: Management of the parenchymal
resuction surface**

Faculty member: Flavia Neri, Bergamo, Italy

15:00 - 15:15

Coffee break ☕

15:15 - 17:00

Hands-on session II

All faculty members and participants

Lecture Room

17:00 - 17:30

Day evaluation

Course leads:

Hermien Hartog, Groningen, The Netherlands

Silvio Nadalin, Tübingen, Germany

Lecture Room

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Day 2

Tuesday
28 October

09:00 - 09:10

Short introduction to hands-on session

Hermien Hartog, Groningen, The Netherlands

Alison Kindt, Groningen, The Netherlands

Operating Theatre

09:10 - 11:15

Hands-on session III

All faculty members and participants

Intermezzo: (Hyper)reduction and heterotopic implantation

Deniz Balci, Istanbul, Turkey

11:15 - 11:30

Coffee break ☕

11:30 - 13:15

Hands-on session IV

All faculty members and participants

Intermezzo: Graft reduction

Faculty member TBC

13:15 - 14:00

Lunch break 🍴

Lecture Room

Session III

Chairs:

Deniz Balci, Istanbul, Turkey

Eliano Bonaccorsi-Riani, Brussels, Belgium

14:00 - 14:15

European overview of split liver transplantation

Faculty member: Norman Junge, Hannover, Germany

14:15 - 14:30

Perspective from hepatologist/paediatrician

Faculty member: Henk Jan Verkade, Groningen, The Netherlands

14:30 - 15:00

Discussion

All faculty members and participants

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME



Day 2

Tuesday
28 October

Chairs:

Vincent de Meijer, Groningen, The Netherlands

Silvio Nadalin, Tübingen, Germany

15:00 - 15:30

**Keynot lecture: (Mandatory) Split policies
and discussion**

Marco Spada, Rome, Italy

15:30 - 16:00

Take-home messages and farewell

Course leads:

Hermien Hartog, Groningen, The Netherlands

Silvio Nadalin, Tübingen, Germany

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

Simulation Center
University Medical Center
Groningen, The Netherlands

ACCREDITATION

An application will be submitted to the EACCME® for accreditation of this masterclass.

REGISTRATION

ESOT member with ELITA affiliation* 1.200 EUR (VAT included)
Non-member 1.400 EUR (VAT included)

* in order to be eligible to register with an ESOT member fee, you must be an active ESOT member with ELITA affiliation at least until the end of the masterclass.

The registration fee includes:

- Access to scientific sessions
- Educational materials
- Certificate of attendance
- CME credits (pending EACCME approval)
- Coffee breaks and luncheons
- Networking dinner (no entertainment)

INVOICES

Invoices will be issued exclusively for payments made via bank transfer. If you require an invoice, please ensure you select this payment method.

CANCELLATION POLICY

There will be no refunds once your registration has been confirmed. Refunds will be issued only if the Organiser elects to cancel the event due to force majeure. Should ESOT decide to cancel in-person courses, this will be communicated to all registered participants a month before the start date of the event.

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