



BASIC GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY

3-DAY COURSE

February 25 - 27, 2026



IRCAD AFRICA: THE AFRICAN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY

With the launch of IRCAD Africa in 2023, we are thrilled to provide hands-on training in minimally invasive surgery. IRCAD (Research Institute against Digestive Cancer).

The Institute looks forward to receiving trainees from around the continent as well as other corners of the globe.

The center is proud to feature state-of-the-art, fully equipped facilities, including an advanced surgical laboratory and an auditorium. These cutting-edge facilities are equipped with modern technology, such as high-definition imaging systems, to provide realistic and immersive training experiences.

IRCAD Africa provides comprehensive training. Not only a center for minimally invasive surgery, we look forward to host various medical conferences. IRCAD Africa provides comprehensive training programs that encompass various surgical specialties. These programs are specifically designed to offer surgeons hands-on training, theoretical knowledge, and practical experience.

In addition to its carefully designed training programs, IRCAD leading experts in the field of minimally invasive surgery serve as faculty members and trainers. These world-renowned experts bring their extensive experience and knowledge to the training programs, ensuring that participants receive top-quality education and mentorship.

COURSE CANCELLATION POLICY

If you wish to cancel or postpone your registration, please inform us via email at courses@ircad.africa

Any cancellation or postponement of a course must be received at least 8 weeks prior to the start of the course

Feb 25

7:45 AM Registration and welcoming of the participants

THEORETICAL SESSION

8:00 AM Introduction to Endoscopy

- Informed consent for gastrointestinal endoscopy, patient preparation, and sedation (15')
- Electrosurgical principles for endoscopy (15')

8:30 AM Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

- Instrumentation, technique, and identification of landmarks (with videos) (20')
- Common pathologies for upper GI endoscopy (with videos): Cancers, Polyps, Submucosal Lesions (15'), Ulcers and Hemorrhage (15'), GERD and Barrett's Esophagus (15'), Varices (15')
- When and how to take biopsies
- Transnasal upper endoscopy
- AI and upper GI endoscopy

10:30 AM **Coffee Break**

11:00 AM Colonoscopy

- Preparation, indications and contraindications, instrumentation (15')
- Technique (with videos) (15'): Scope Insertion, Scope Withdrawal, Complications
- Common pathologies of the lower GI tract: Cancer (10'), Polyps (10'), Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (10'), Angiodysplasia (10'), Diverticulosis (10')
- When and how to take biopsies (10')
- Quality measures (10')
- Artificial intelligence in colonoscopy (10')

1:00 PM **Lunch Break**

PRACTICAL SESSION

2:00 PM HANDS-ON SESSION ON DRY LAB SIMULATORS AND TOOLBOX

6:30 PM END OF SESSION

8:00 PM DINNER IN HONOR OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Feb 26

7:50 AM EVALUATION OF THE PREVIOUS DAY'S SESSIONS

8:00 AM THEORETICAL SESSION

Upper GI Emergencies

- Upper GI bleeding(30') : Timing of endoscopy, Preparation of the patient, Medical therapy, Classification of bleeding
- Techniques of hemostasis in ulcer bleeding (30') : Injection, Monopolar and Bipolar coagulation, Argon Plasma Coagulation (APC), Clips, Powders and hemostatic agents
- Techniques of hemostasis in variceal bleeding (30') : Sclerotherapy, Band ligation, Glue injection, Powders and hemostatic agents
- Foreign body retrieval (15')
- Caustic ingestion (15'): Classification of caustic agents, Timing of Endoscopy, Classification of caustic injuries

10:30 AM **Coffee Break**

11:00 AM Lower GI Bleeding (30')

- Timing of endoscopy
- Preparation of the patient
- Medical therapy
- Classification of bleeding

Causes of Lower GI Bleeding- (30')

How to manage a Lower GI Bleeding (30')

1:00 PM **Lunch Break**

PRACTICAL SESSION

2:00 PM HANDS-ON SESSION ON DRY LAB SIMULATORS AND TOOLBOX AND VCE STATIONS

6:30 PM END OF SESSION

Feb 27

7:50 AM EVALUATION OF THE PREVIOUS DAY'S SESSIONS

8:00 AM THEORETICAL SESSION

Polypectomy

Technique of upper GI polypectomy and mucosal resection

- Esophagus (30')
- Stomach (30')
- Duodenum (30')

10:30 AM Coffee Break

11:00 AM Technique of colonic polypectomy

- Cold and hot Snare Polypectomy (30')
- Submucosal Injection: when and how (10')
- Techniques to prevent bleeding (20')
 - Stalk injection
 - Endoloop
 - Clipping
- EMR , ESD and Underwater mucosal resection (U-EMR) (30')
- Tattooing: when and how (10')
- Resection site closure: when and how (10')

1:00 PM Lunch Break

PRACTICAL SESSION

2:00 PM HANDS-ON TRAINING ON LIVE PIGS

6:30 PM END OF OF THE COURSE
DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

How to get to IRCAD AFRICA

GETTING TO THE INSTITUTE COULDN'T BE EASIER



KIGALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO IRCAD AFRICA 21min (12KM)

IRCAD AFRICA PARTNER HOTELS

Phoenix Apartment

15min (9.4KM)

phoenixapartment.rw

Radisson Hotel

35min (14KM)

Radissonhotels.com



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