

Craniofacial Surgical Emergencies Course



Hands-on Cadaver Workshop

Thursday, 19. November 2026
at the Institute of Anatomy, University of Basel

Oral and Craniomaxillofacial Surgery, University Hospital Basel
Specialist Centre for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and
Emergency Dental Medicine of the Competence Centre for
Military and Disaster Medicine, Swiss Armed Forces

This intensive workshop provides hands-on cadaver training in the management of time-critical craniofacial and neck emergencies.

Participants will gain practical experience in **surgical airway management** (cricothyroidotomy, tracheotomy, and submental intubation), **hemorrhage control** and **vascular injury management** (vascular access, temporary vascular shunting, nasal packing and tamponade), **orbital decompression** for compartment syndrome and ocular emergencies.

Additional immersive **VR-based case** discussions will provide scenario-based training and enhance clinical decision-making in emergency situations.



Course director:
PD Dr. Dr. Benito K. Benitez
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Limited Spots Available

Program:

08:00 - 08:15	Registration & welcome
08:15 - 09:00	Principles of craniofacial trauma management ■ Airway & bleeding management ■ Best practices & emergency strategies
09:00 - 09:20	Coffee break
09:20 - 11:30	Hands-on cadaver-training ■ Surgical airway management: Cricothyroidotomy, tracheotomy & submental intubation ■ Hemorrhage control in the head and neck region: Vascular access, nasal packing & tamponade ■ Orbital decompression for compartment syndrome & ocular emergencies
11:30 - 12:30	XR-demonstrations of craniofacial trauma cases
12:30 - 13:00	Questions & closing



Instructors & Faculty Members:



PD Dr. Andrej Isaak
Vascular Surgery



Prof. Dr. Dr. Christoph Kunz
Craniomaxillofacial Surgery



PD Dr. Szilvi Mezey
Anatomy



PD Dr. Simona Negoias
Ear-Nose-Throat



Prof. Dr. Dr. Florian Thieringer
Craniomaxillofacial Surgery



PD Dr. Dr. Raphael Vuille-dit-Bille
Pediatric Surgery

- 12 Spots for Hands-on Participants (750 CHF)
- 4 additional Spots for Observers (350 CHF)