

ADVANCED CASE-BASED COURSE IN ECLS/ECMO
October 10-11, 2026
Face-to-face, Lisbon, Portugal

DAY 1 – October 10, 2026

13:30 Welcome and presentations

D. Dauwe & D. De Backer

FROM INDICATION TO UNLOADING (VA ECMO)

13:45 **Indication and Cannulation for VA ECMO – a case-based discussion**

Experts: M. Belliato, L. Carson, D. Dauwe, D. De Backer, G. Georgovasilis

- Indication *D. De Backer*
- Normal and difficult cannulation *M. Belliato, L. Carson, G. Georgovasilis*

15:45 BREAK

16:15 **Physiological pitfalls and unloading on VA ECMO – a case-based discussion**

Experts: M. Belliato, D. Dauwe, D. De Backer, G. Georgovasilis

- Commencement including physiology disturbances induced by ECMO *D. Dauwe*
- Unloading and troubleshooting *D. Dauwe*

18:15 Food for thought

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18:30 END DAY 1

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DAY 2 – October 11, 2026

09:00 Welcome back & food for thought

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TRANSITION TO HYBRID ECMO/CARDIAC TRANSPLANT (VA ECMO)

09:15 **Ventilation and weaning, a case-based discussion**

Experts: L. Camporota, L. Carson, D. Dauwe, D. De Backer, G. Georgovasilis, J. Riera

- Ventilatory support in VA ECMO *L. Camporota*
- Weaning and cardiac recovery *D. De Backer*

11:15 BREAK

11:45 **Hybrid and RV ECMO, a case-based discussion**

Experts: L. Camporota, L. Carson, D. Dauwe, D. De Backer, G. Georgovasilis, J. Riera

- Hybrid ECMO and converting *J. Riera*
- VV and VP Cannulation *J. Riera*

13:00 LUNCH

VENTILATION AND REHABILITATION (VV ECMO)

14:00 **Indications, ventilation and weaning on VV ECMO, a case-based discussion**

Experts: M. Belliato, L. Camporota, D. De Backer, G. Georgovasilis

Indications: Common & uncommon *L. Camporota*

- Ventilation: the first 72 hours
- Ventilation during prolonged ECMO including awake ECMO
- Weaning

15:45 BREAK

16:15 **Rehabilitation, a practical demonstration and discussion**

Experts: M. Belliato, L. Camporota, L. Carson, G. Georgovasilis, D. McWilliams

- Awake ECMO & rehabilitation
Experts: M. Belliato, L. Carson, G. Georgovasilis, D. McWilliams

18:00 Wrap up and course closure

D. Dauwe & D. De Backer

18:30 END DAY 2