

A photograph of three surgeons in an operating room, wearing blue scrubs, masks, and hairnets, performing a minimally invasive surgical approach. A large surgical light is visible above them. A red rectangular overlay is positioned on the left side of the image, containing the title text.

Transaxillary approach in ERAS center

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**Minimally Invasive
and Transcatheter
Cardiac Surgery
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Course Description

This course is held by **Prof. Dr. Marco Di Eusanio** Chief of Cardiac Surgery Department and Dr. Christopher Munch cardiac anesthetist from the Le Torrette University Hospital in Ancona, aims to provide participants with theoretical and practical knowledge of **Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery (MICS) through frontal (Transaxillary)** teaching and observation of interventions performed in the operating room.

To offer a more in-depth experience, the number of participants is limited to about 4 attendees.

It is exclusively open to candidates holding:

- Specialization in Cardiac Surgery;
- Specialization in Anesthesia, Resuscitation, Intensive Care and Pain;
- Specialization in Diseases of the Cardiovascular System; or the same specializations related to previous denominations/systems.

Dates:

- July 8-10, 2026
- September 9-11, 2026
- October, 14-16 2026
- October, 28-30 2026

Location:

Azienda Ospedaliero Universitaria delle Marche
Via Conca, 71
60126 Torrette AN, Italy

Day 1

16:30 Welcome and Introduction of the Course

17:00 Why and How to perform MICS

- Step by step on Transaxillary approach for Mitral and Aortic Valve repair or replacement: getting ready for the OR
- The new ERACS in MICS approach to enhance patient satisfaction: a change of perspective
- ERACS: the management in operating room and post-op

18:20 Discussion and Coffee Break

19:00 Let's get ready for tomorrow!

Live in a Box: Step by step techniques for ministernotomy, right anteriorthoracotomy (RAT) or transaxillary (TAX) mini-thoracotomy for AVR, the Ancona Experiences over the years

20:00 Dinner

Day 2

07:30 Coffee and Case presentation

09:00 Case 1: Transaxillary Valve Replacement: Mitral or Aortic Disease

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Case 2: Transaxillary Valve Replacement: Mitral or Aortic Disease

16:30 Let's get ready for tomorrow!

17:00 Live in Box: Review the cases of the day

20:00 Dinner

Day 3

07:45 Coffee & Case presentation

09:00 Case 1: Transaxillary Valve Replacement: Mitral or Aortic Disease

13:00 End of the Course

The content of the course and the dates can be adapted on a case by case basis according to the needs of the participants.

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