



Aortic Root Management Course

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Course Description

This course is held by **Prof. Ruggero De Paulis**, Director of the Cardiac Surgery Department at the European Hospital, Unicamillus University in Rome and his team.

The course aims to provide participants with theoretical and practical knowledge in treating aortic root diseases through **frontal presentations** and direct observation of surgical procedures.

The course will focus on the correct **approach to the dilated or small aortic root associated with tricuspid and bicuspid valve diseases**.

During the course participants will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in terms of:

- Valve sparing aortic root replacement
- Aortic root enlargement
- Biobentall

To offer a more in-depth experience, the number of candidates is limited to 4 participants. It is exclusively open to candidates holding a Specialization in Cardiac Surgery.

Course Director

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Cardiac surgeons

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Dates:

- July 22-23, 2026
- September 28-29, 2026
- October 21-22, 2026
- November 18-19, 2026

Day 1

16.00	Welcome and introduction
16.30	Case series of diagnosis, patient selection, Echo and CT scan evaluation in preoperative decision making for treatment of aortic root and valve diseases.
17.30	Break
18.00	Technical aspect & step-by-step of VSARR and its variation How to effectively enlarge the annulus and prevent PPM Bentall procedure and variability in the use of a graft with sinuses Anatomy of aortic root reconstruction by CT scan images
19.00	Case presentation of tomorrow cases
20.00	Dinner

Day 2

7.30	Welcome in the hospital and transfer in OR
9.00	Case 1: Ascending aorta surgical procedure OR 1 Case 2: Ascending aorta surgical procedure OR 2
12.30	Lunch break
14.30	Case 3: Ascending aorta surgical procedure
17.30	Review of the cases and wrap-up



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