



Friday 12th September –
Saturday 20th September
6:30pm – 9:30pm



Townsville, Brisbane,
Melbourne, Sydney,
Adelaide, Perth

Thoracic Surgical Skills Roadshow with Dr. Tomaž Štupnik

Program overview

This workshop will feature both didactic lectures and a hands-on workshop component led by international faculty member, Dr. Tomaž Štupnik on key surgical techniques to be proficient in performing VATS procedures. Dr Stupnik was an early adopter of the VATS technique in lung resection and is the developer of the Stupnik Thoracic VATS simulator, which has been utilised in multiple countries across the world. He has played a significant role in the education of other clinicians on the VATS technique in Europe. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice and refine their instrument and device handling skills via the use of the Stupnik VATS Simulator and get valuable tips and tricks for performing VATS surgery.

Event requirements

Delegate Criteria – unaccredited Cardiothoracic Registrar, ANZSCTS Registrar, Fellow, Consultant

Program agenda

- Overview of Surgical training and the importance of using simulation in Thoracic training
- How the Thoracic simulator is used to enhance your Thoracic procedural competency
- How to use feedback on surgical skills to enhance your Thoracic training
- Hands on surgical skills workshop with Stupnik Simulators led by Dr. Štupnik and local faculty

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Queensland

Friday 12th September – 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Townsville University Hospital
Simulation Centre - Debrief and Skills Rooms



Monday 15th September – 6:30pm – 9:30pm
The Prince Charles Hospital
Cardiology Tutorial Rooms 2 & 3



Victoria

Tuesday 16th September – 6:30pm – 9:30pm
The Royal Melbourne Hospital
Main Block, Ground Floor West Wing
Yellow & Orange Rooms – Lecture A & B



New South Wales

Wednesday 17th September – 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Institute of Academic Surgery



South Australia

Thursday 18th September – 6:30pm – 9:30pm
The Royal Adelaide Hospital
Room TBC



Western Australia

Saturday 20th September – 8:30am – 11:30am
The University Club of Western Australia
Seminar Rooms 1 & 2



Faculty

Dr. Tomaž Štupnik MD, PHD

Dr. Tomaž Štupnik is a graduate of University of Ljubljana. He received training in General Surgery and Thoracic Surgery at the University Medical Centre Ljubljana where he completed his residency in 2008. He was also trained in Texas Heart Institute under Igor Gregoric, MD Anderson Cancer Center under Ara Vaporciyan and Reza Mehran, the Methodist Hospital, Houston TX under Harish Seethamraju and Mathias Loebe and Allgemeines Krankenhaus in Vienna under Walter Klepetko.



Dr. Štupnik was the first thoracic surgeon in South-East Europe to perform a VATS Lobectomy (2008) and the first to perform Uniportal VATS Lobectomy (2015). Between 2012 and 2014 he organized 12 International courses of VATS Lobectomies with wet-labs and Live Surgery, hosting many established thoracic surgeons from Europe, Middle East, and Africa. He performed two Worldwide Live VATS Lobectomy Video Transmissions in (2015 and 2017).

Dr. Štupnik has played a major role in spreading the VATS technique to the South-East Europe by performing Live VATS Lobectomies in Poland, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Greece and organizing 2016 and 2017 South- Eastern European Joint Meetings of Thoracic Surgeons and Anesthesiologists in Split and Ljubljana respectively. He was a member of the Organizing Committee at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons held in Ljubljana.

Dr. Štupnik has authored a Textbook on Thoracentesis and chest tube drainage placement (2013). He was an invited speaker and member of the faculty at many international meetings such as 3rd International Uniportal VATS Course in Berlin, CEE Thoracic Symposiums, 1st CEE Uniportal VATS Wet-Lab in Istanbul, 1st International Course on non-intubated and advanced VATS Lobectomy technique in Guangzhou, China, ESTS VATS Lobectomy Beginner and Intermediate Course in Hamburg.

He has coauthored papers with Diego Gonzalez-Rivas on advanced uniportal VATS techniques published in EJCTS and JTD (2016).

Dr. Štupnik finished his PhD in the field of Medical Statistics (2017) and was habilitated to a position of an Assistant Professor at Medical faculty of Ljubljana. Since 2016 he heads the Department of Thoracic Surgery of University Medical Centre Ljubljana.

In collaboration with Ethicon Dr. Štupnik developed the 'Ethicon Stupnik VATS Simulator' targeted specifically to deliberate practice of VATS skills. Since 2017 more than 200 simulators were produced and deployed in Europe, North America, Japan, China, Middle East, Australia, and New Zealand. More than 3000 training opportunities were created worldwide and practice on this simulator is currently being incorporated into standard thoracic surgical training.