

Introduction to Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery (VATS)



Clinical Education



Thoracic event

Aimed at Set 1-3 ANZSCTS trainees and unaccredited registrars, this course intends to provide a theoretical and practical foundation for transitioning from open to minimally invasive thoracic surgical techniques with a focus on VATS wedge resection.

Participants will engage in a discussion about definition, benefits, instrumentation, equipment, positioning, oncological efficacy, surgical technique as well as hearing from a range of Physicians instrumental in the diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer. The practical component will take place on the second day and will involve transferring this knowledge to hands on practice in a live lab setting.

Agenda

Flinders Medical Centre	
12:30pm	Arrive for 1:00pm
1:00pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Welcome and Introduction
1:45pm	Medtronic-Technology update and demonstrations
2:30pm	Technical aspect of surgical localisation of nodules
3:00pm	Set up, procedural steps and technique of VATS wedge resection
3:30pm	Radiologist- Interpreting a LDCT scan
4:00pm	Respiratory Physician- Management of detected nodules
4:30pm	Oncologist- Neoadjuvant treatment
5:00pm	Debrief and close
7:00pm	Dinner @ TBC

SHMRI Gilles Plains	
9:00am	Introduction
9:30am	Live lab
11:30am	Lunch
12:30pm	Live lab
1:45pm	Debrief and close
2:00pm	Depart



Date

15-16 May 2026



Venue:

Flinders Medical Centre
SHMRI Gilles Plains



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