

Multidisciplinary Difficult Airway MANAGEMENT COURSE

**CLINIC FOR EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT DISEASES AND HEAD AND
NECK SURGERY OF THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CENTRE ZAGREB
CROATIAN SOCIETY FOR HEAD AND NECK TUMORS**

Date

November 27–28, 2026

Lectures

University Hospital Centre Zagreb
Kišpatićeva 12
10 000 Zagreb

Hands-on Training

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine,
University of Zagreb
Heinzelova 55, Zagreb



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES UNTIL 1 JUNE 2026

SPECIALISTS: 650 €

RESIDENTS / TRAINEES: 550 €

ATER 1ST JUNE 2026 FULL COURSE FEE:

YOUNG ELS MEMBERS: 500 €

SPECIALISTS: 700 €

RESIDENTS / TRAINEES: 600 €

Accreditation

Participation is accredited in accordance with the Croatian Medical
Chamber (HLK) Regulations

Participant Registration:

Please note that the number of places is limited. A spot is secured
only upon payment of the registration fee.

HANDS-ON COURSE WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION



REGISTRATION



Technical organizer:



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Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to announce the second **"Multidisciplinary Difficult Airway Management Course"** with international participation, organized by the Clinic for Ear, Nose, and Throat Diseases and Head and Neck Surgery of the University Hospital Centre Zagreb, in collaboration with the Croatian Society for Head and Neck Tumors. This course aims to bring together experts from various fields who encounter the challenge of managing pediatric airways, whether due to congenital anomalies, iatrogenic conditions, or foreign body obstructions.

Course Structure:

Day 1 will feature lectures from leading experts in the field, covering all key topics and hands-on training for managing subglottic stenosis on pig larynx.

Day 2 will include hands-on training sessions designed for anesthesiologists, neonatologists, pediatric intensivists, pediatric pulmonologists, pediatric cardiothoracic/general surgeons and otorhinolaryngologists seeking to enhance their airway management skills.

A distinctive feature of this course is the practical training, which will be conducted using pediatric mannequins and pig larynx as well as animal models (rabbit and pig) under general anesthesia in the operating rooms of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb.

We are honored to welcome for the first time our esteemed guest lecturers and mentors:

Professor Colin Butler from Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH, UK)

Professor Kishore Sandu from Lausanne University Hospital (Switzerland)

Both are leading experts in this field and will significantly contribute to the quality and depth of the course.

This course represents an exceptional opportunity for all healthcare professionals involved in pediatric airway management to advance their knowledge and skills, ultimately contributing to improved quality of care for this vulnerable patient population.

Course Director:

Dr. Irena Ivković, MD, PhD

**Head of the Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology Division
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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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MENTORS

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LECTURERS

Colin Butler, MD, PhD, FRCS (ORL-HNS) Consultant Paediatric ENT Surgeon
Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), UK

Professor **Kishore Sandu**, Otorhinolaryngologist
Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV), Switzerland

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Martina Fojtik Budanko, M.A., Speech and Language Pathologist
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Irena Ivković, MD, PhD, Otorhinolaryngologist
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PROGRAM

Day 1 – Lectures & Demonstrations



UHC Zagreb, Kišpatićeva 12, Zagreb

08:15 – 08:45

Registration

08:45 – 09:00

Opening Remarks

09:00 – 11:00

Lectures

The Role of the Anesthesiologist in Flexible and Rigid Bronchoscopy, Microlaryngoscopy and Surgical Tracheotomy

Renata Curić Radivojević (Anesthesiologist)

Microlaryngotracheobronchoscopy (MLTB)

Ana Bernić (ENT, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust)

Tracheotomy Techniques & Exit Procedure from ENT perspective

Ratko Prstačić (ENT)

Management of Pediatric Tracheotomy Complications

Daša Gluvajić (ENT, University Clinical Centre Ljubljana)

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break



11:30 – 13:30

Lectures

Management of Airway Malacia

Kishore Sandu (ENT, Lausanne University Hospital)

Endoscopic and Open Techniques for Subglottic Stenosis

Colin Butler (ENT, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London)

The Role of Speech-Language Pathologists in the Rehabilitation of Tracheotomized Children

Martina Fojtik-Budanko (SLP)

Tracheostomy Pathology and Decannulation Protocol

Irena Ivković (ENT)

13:30 – 15:00

Lunch Break



15:00 – 16:00

Challenging Case Roundtable -This session features complex pediatric airway cases with expert commentary on management options, treatment timelines, and family expectations

Moderator:

Ana Bernić (ENT, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust)

Presenters:

Daša Gluvajić (ENT, University Clinical Centre Ljubljana)

Ana Bernić (ENT, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust)

Irena Ivković (ENT)

Expert commentary :

Colin Bulter (ENT, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London)

Kishore Sandu (ENT, Lausanne University Hospital)

16:00 – 18:00

Demonstration and Hands-on Training – Porcine Larynx Rib Cartilage Graft in Pediatric Airway Repair

Colin Butler (ENT, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London)

Kishore Sandu (ENT, Lausanne University Hospital)

18:30

Course dinner



Day 2 – Hands-on Training



Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Heinzelova 55, Zagreb

09:30 – 10:00

Participant Briefing

10:00 – 11:30

Demonstration Sessions (Group A&B)

Intubation Techniques and Options

Renata Curić Radivojević (Anesthesiologist)

Flexible Bronchoscopy: Foreign Body Removal Techniques

Filip Rubić (Pediatric Intensivist) & **Boris Bumber** (ENT)

Hot & Cold Endoscopic Management of Airway Obstruction

Matej Šapina (Pediatrician)

11:30 – 13:00

Flexible Bronchoscopy – Hands-on Training

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break



14:00 – 15:30

Demonstration Sessions and Hands-on Training (Group A)

Rigid Bronchoscopy and Foreign Body Removal – **Ana Bernić** (ENT)

Microlaryngobronchoscopy (MLB) – **Daša Gluvajić** (ENT)

14:00 – 15:30

Demonstration Sessions and Hands-on Training (Group B)

Horizontal Tracheotomy Technique – **Ratko Prstačić** (ENT)

Vertical Tracheotomy Technique – **Miha Zabret** (ENT)

(The exercises are performed on a rabbit)

