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Fondazione IRCCS
San Gerardo dei Tintori
Via G.B. Pergolesi 33, Monza - Italy

When?

24th February 2026

Registration

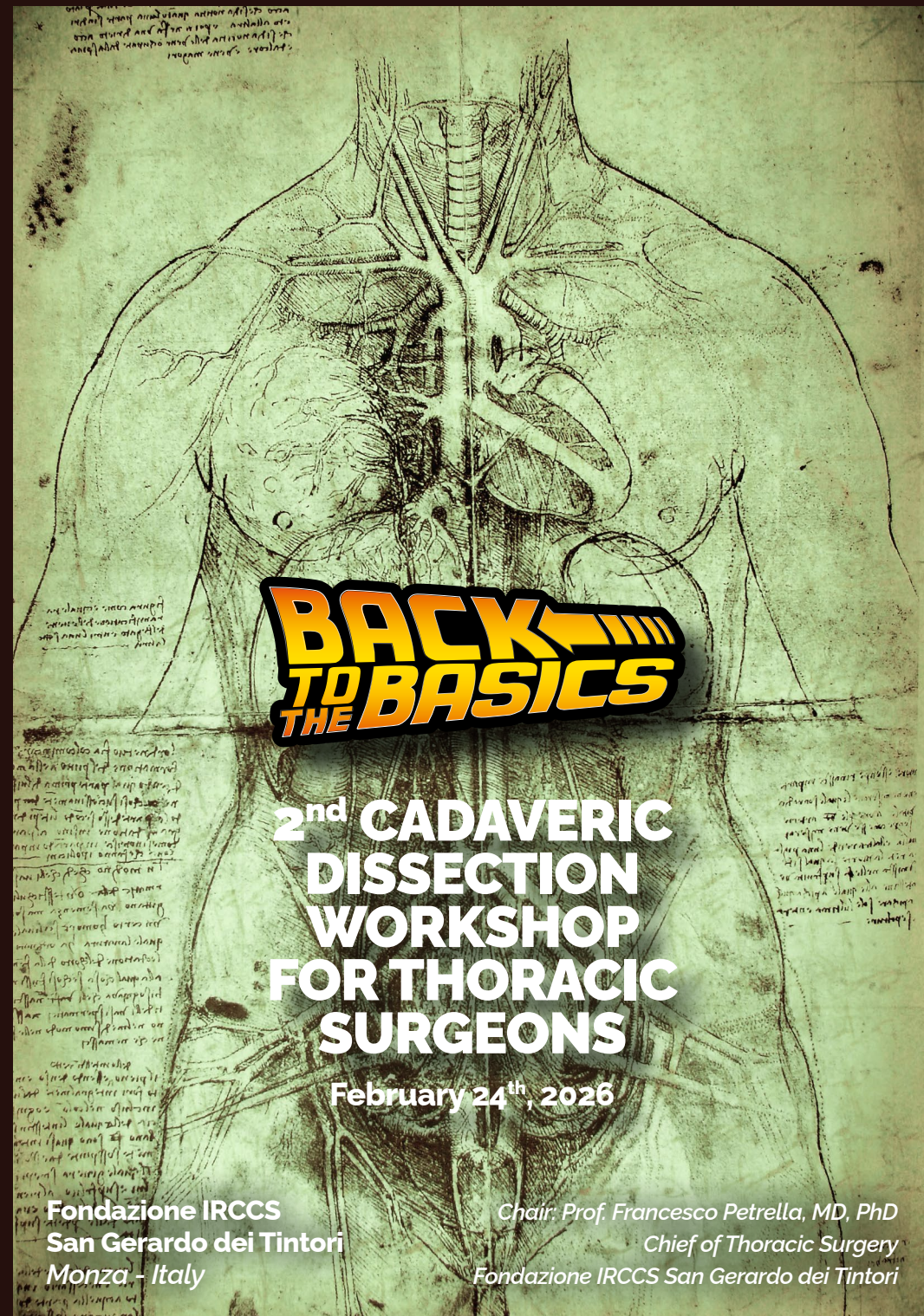
The registration fee for attending the course is TBD
Pre-registration is on line from the www.studioprogress.it website.
Requests will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
If registrations are closed, please contact info@studioprogress.it as there might be a waiting list in case of cancelations.

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**2nd CADAVERIC
DISSECTION
WORKSHOP
FOR THORACIC
SURGEONS**

February 24th, 2026

**Fondazione IRCCS
San Gerardo dei Tintori
Monza - Italy**

**Chair: Prof. Francesco Petrella, MD, PhD
Chief of Thoracic Surgery
Fondazione IRCCS San Gerardo dei Tintori**



Rationale of the course

With the advent of minimally invasive techniques in thoracic surgery- such as video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) and robotic-assisted approaches (RATS) - traditional open access to the pleural cavities and mediastinum is becoming increasingly rare. This shift has led to reduced training opportunities for thoracic surgery trainees and poses a tangible risk of deskilling among experienced surgeons.

The objective of this cadaveric course is to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and clinical practice by providing hands-on experience with complex surgical access to the pleural cavities and mediastinum.

Upon completion of the course, participants are expected to:

- Understand fundamental principles of thoracic anatomy
- Develop and enhance dissection techniques
- Translate anatomical knowledge into clinical application, particularly in extended thoracic surgery
- Build a solid foundation for safe and effective surgical practice

Benefits of Attending

Unique opportunity to perform dissections on complex anatomical regions using fresh cadaver specimens

Hands-on experience with a range of techniques relevant to extended thoracic surgery

Who Should Attend

Thoracic surgery residents

Practicing thoracic surgeons seeking to enhance or refresh their skills in open surgical approaches

General and emergency surgeons with a dedicated interest in thoracic surgery

Preliminary Program

09:30-12:45 Morning Session

Course Introduction and Presentation

Transfer to the Dissection Room

Dissection I

Median Longitudinal Sternotomy

Mediastinal Dissection and Trans-Pericardial Isolation of the Tracheal Carina

Right Anterior Thoracotomy (Hemiclamshell Approach)

Lunch Break

13:30-17:30 Afternoon Session

Dissection II

Extra-Pericardial Isolation of the Superior Vena Cava and Azygos-Caval Confluence

Left Anterior Thoracotomy (Hemiclamshell Approach)

Right Transmanubrial Approach

Left Transmanubrial Approach

Sternal Osteosynthesis

Transfer to Lecture Room

Debriefing and Closing Remarks

Faculty

Scientific Coordinators

Lidia Libretti, MD

Federico Raveglia, MD

Trainers

Andrea Cara, MD

Emanuele Pirondini, MD

Antonio Tuoro, MD

Enrico Mario Cassina, MD

Mara Tuberosi, OR nurse