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Who Should Attend?

- Practicing Neurosurgeons
- Neurosurgical Residents & Fellows
- Cerebrovascular and Skull Base Specialists

Learning Format
The course is designed to combine focused theoretical instruction with intensive practical training. The program begins with concise introductory lectures, providing essential anatomical concepts, surgical strategies, and technical insights. These sessions are immediately followed by an immersive hands-on cadaver dissection workshop, allowing participants to translate theory directly into practice.

Each fully equipped workstation will include:

- Operating microscope
- Endoscope system
- Microsurgical instruments
- Aneurysm clips and applicators
- High-speed drill system

To ensure optimal supervision and individual learning experience, each station will accommodate a maximum of two participants under close faculty guidance.

***Dear Colleagues,
welcome to Lünen, Germany!***

While invaluable learning takes place in the operating theater, it is within the dissection laboratory that the essential foundations of skull base and cerebrovascular surgery are truly built. Adequate time devoted to cadaveric training allows surgeons to develop profound anatomical understanding and refine microsurgical techniques before progressing to live operative procedures.

Even after mastering advanced surgical interventions, cadaveric work remains indispensable. It offers a unique opportunity to explore intricate anatomical relationships in a controlled environment — insights that cannot always be fully appreciated in the operative setting.

By inviting worldwide leaders in skull base and cerebrovascular surgery, we aim to provide a high-level, hands-on cadaver workshop centered on step-by-step demonstrations, meticulous anatomical dissection, and the exchange of surgical expertise. Our goal is to create an intensive educational experience that bridges anatomical mastery with operative excellence.

Together with our dedicated faculty and staff, we look forward to offering you an outstanding learning opportunity and an enjoyable stay in Germany.

*Yours sincerely,
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**International Hands-on
Cadaver Workshop
Cerebral Aneurysm &
Skull Base Surgery
26th – 28th September 2026**



Honored Guest:
Prof. Ali Krisht, MD,
Director ANI at St. Vincent Health System, Little Rock (USA)
A world-renowned leader in cerebrovascular and skull base surgery, he will share his expertise, surgical pearls, and decades of experience.

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26th

Saturday, 26th September 2026

(Pre-Course Scientific Lectures)

14.00 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

14.30 | Opening Ceremony & Course Overview

14.45 | Lecture

Update on the Surgical Treatment of Cerebral Aneurysms; Curability and Long-Term Outcomes | Prof. Ali Krisht, MD, Director ANI at St. Vincent Health System, Little Rock (USA)

15.05 | Lecture

Update on the Endovascular Treatment of Cerebral Aneurysms; Curability and Long-Term Outcomes | Yan Li, MD, PhD, Vice Chairman, Institute of Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology and Neuroradiology, University Hospital Essen, University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany

16.25 | Lecture

Update on the Surgical Treatment of Brainstem Cavernous Malformations | Prof. Philipp Dammann, MD, PhD, Vice Chairman, Department of Neurosurgery and Spine Surgery, University Hospital Essen, University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany

16.45 | Lecture

Update on Postoperative Oncological Care; High-Grade Glioma (WHO Grade 3 – 4) | Prof. Martin Glas, MD, Head of Department of Neurooncology at Marienhospital, Lünen, Germany

17.05 | Surgical Cases

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18.30 | Event Dinner

27th

Sunday, 27th September 2026

08.00 | Lecture

Anterior Circulation Aneurysm Exposure: Pterional Approach & Sylvian Fissure Dissection | Krisht

09.00 | Hands-on

Anterior Circulation Aneurysm Exposure: Pterional Approach & Sylvian Fissure Dissection | Krisht & Faculty

12.00 | Lunch

13.00 | Lecture

The Transcavernous Pretemporal Approach to Basilar Aneurysms | Krisht

14.00 | Hands-on

The Transcavernous Approach to Basilar Aneurysms | Krisht & Faculty

28th

Monday, 28th September 2026

08.00 | Lecture

Posterior Cranial Fossa Approach & Vertebrobasilar Exposure | Krisht

09.00 | Hands-on

Posterior Cranial Fossa Approach & Vertebrobasilar Exposure | Krisht & Faculty

12.00 | Lunch

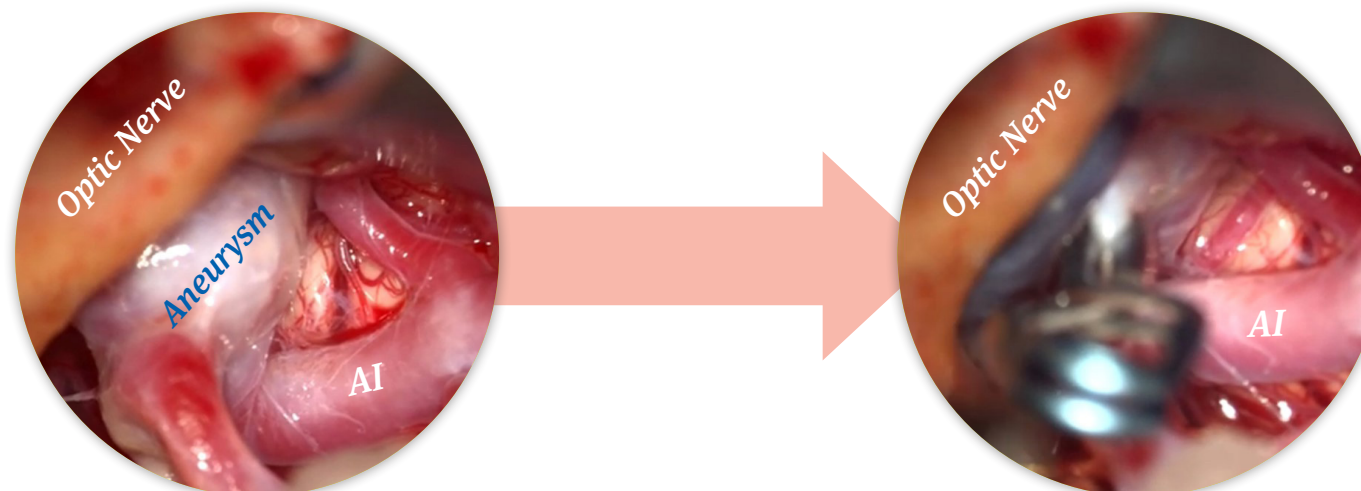
13.00 | Lecture

Cervical pedicle screw placement with 3D-printed guides (MySpine, Medacta) | Daabak

14.00 | Hands-on

Cervical pedicle screw placement with 3D-printed guides (MySpine, Medacta) | Daabak & Faculty

17.00 | Closing Remarks



Accreditation

The International Hands-on Cadaver Workshop will be accredited by the Deutsche Ärztekammer Westfalen Lippe.

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Guest Faculty

Prof. Ali Krisht, MD, Director ANI at St. Vincent Health System, Little Rock (USA)

Faculty

- Ibrahim Zarmouh, MD
- Ibrahim Aburiash, MD
- Agnieszka Grzywotz, MD
- Ralf Stroop, MD, PhD
- Ahmed Alfarra, MD

Number of Workstations

8 Workstations

16 active participants

10 passive participants

Language

English & German

Fee

Active: €1,000 (full attendance; lectures and laboratory)

Passive: €400 (excluding hands-on sessions)