

## Airway Hands-on Workshop: Meet the experts



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Airway management is a cornerstone of patient safety. The role of the error prevention has been repeatedly emphasised in documents from leading healthcare bodies:

- World Health Organization (WHO): "Guidelines for Safety Surgery"
- ESA, in cooperation with the EBA (European Board of Anaesthesiology-UEMS): "Helsinki Declaration on Patient Safety in Anaesthesiology"
- World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA)
- European Patients' Federation (EPF)

All of these bodies as well as various national guidelines describe the good clinical practice of recognising and effectively preparing for life-threatening loss of airway or respiratory function. Unfortunately,

despite these numerous guidelines and many innovative techniques to improve airway management, airway related adverse events continue to represent one of the most frequent cause of anaesthesia-related morbidity and mortality in perioperative care, critical care and emergency medicine.

### Euroanaesthesia Hands-on workshop

The Euroanaesthesia Airway hands-on workshop organised by the ESA Scientific Subcommittee 19: Airway Management, has been designed to provide participants with the state-of-the-art in this field and to experience on a multitude of proven and promising airway techniques and devices. The delegates will have the chance to meet 36 of the main experts from ESA (European Society of Anaesthesiology), EAMS (European Airway Management Society) and SAM (the American Society for Airway Management) with a common passion for education and continuing professional development for safe airway management.

### Course objectives

The workshop will offer the participants:

- a small group, hands-on training in advanced airway management techniques outlined in the airway guidelines, using a variety of safe techniques and promising new devices;
- an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with a panel of international experts in airway management;
- simulated airway scenarios to practice skills and strategies used in managing a difficult airway.

### Target audience

The airway course is intended for all grades of anaesthetists wishing to learn, refresh and update skills in managing patients with a difficult airway and to learn about the newest developments in the field of airway management.

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**Airway Hands-on Workshop – Meet the experts will be organised twice during the Euroanaesthesia 2011 (Amsterdam, the Netherlands) on:**

- Sunday, 12 June 2011, 14.00-17.30 – Workshop 1
- Monday, 13 June 2011, 9.00-12.30 – Workshop 2

**Registration is limited to 72 delegates per session. Online registration will be available as of 3 November 2010. Please visit [www.euroanaesthesia.org](http://www.euroanaesthesia.org) for more information. ||**