Course Introduction

The *Linz E-AHPBA Preparatory Course – Management of Hepatobiliary Disease* is a focused, exam-oriented 2-day program designed for surgeons preparing for **E-AHPBA and UEMS certification**. The course follows the *patient's path*from selection and perioperative optimization to operative strategy, pathology, and oncological outcomes, emphasizing what candidates are expected to know, explain, and justify in the examination setting.

Faculty with extensive experience in hepatobiliary surgery, oncology, radiology, pathology, and perioperative care will translate guidelines, consensus statements, and current evidence into **clear clinical decision-making algorithms**. Particular attention is paid to common exam pitfalls, mandatory versus academic diagnostics, technical difficulty assessment, bail-out strategies, and multidisciplinary thinking.

This course is ideal for fellows and early consultants aiming to consolidate their knowledge, sharpen exam performance, and align daily clinical practice with European standards in hepatobiliary surgery.

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Preparatory Course for E-AHPBA & UEMS (Exam-Oriented)

Day 1 – The Patient's Path (13:00–18:00 CET)

13:00–13:10 – Welcome & Overview
Speaker: Course Directors

13:10–14:00 – Patient Selection, Prehabilitation & ERAS
Speaker: ***Stefan Stättner***

14:00–14:40 – Mandatory vs Academic Diagnostics (Imaging, Labs, Functional Tests)
Speaker: ***Maximilian Ziernhöld / Michelle DeOliveira***

14:40–15:00 – Coffee Break

15:00–15:30 – Tissue Diagnosis: When, How, When Not
Speaker: ***Giovanni Scotton / Drolaiz Liu***

15:30–16:00 – Multidisciplinary Tumor Board – Decision Making
Speaker: ***all faculty***

16:00–16:30 – Preoperative Counselling & Medical Optimization
Speaker: ***Mark-Philipp Willingshofer / Christa Schlucker***

16:30–17:00 – Liver Function Testing & Surgical Implications
Speaker: ***Manuel Maglione***

17:00–17:30 – Liver Augmentation Strategies (PVE, ALPPS) – Indications & Risks
Speaker: ***Stefan Stättner /Pierre Schmit***

17:30–18:00 – Pathology, Margins & NGS
Speaker: ***Rupert Langer***

Day 2 – Technical Strategy & Tumor Entities (09:00–14:30 CET)

09:00–09:40 – Technical Difficulty in Liver Surgery & Learning Curves
Speaker: ***Guido Torzilli***

09:40–10:10 – Ablation: Principles, Indications & Bail-out Strategies
Speaker: ***Giovanni Scotton***

10:10–10:30 – Vascular Techniques in Liver Surgery
Speaker: ***Alejandro Serrablo***

10:30–10:50 – Coffee Break

10:50–11:30 – Guidelines & Consensus Papers – Translating to Practice
Speaker: ***Frederik Berrevoet***

11:30–12:00 – Systemic Therapy & Liver Injury (Chemo, IO)
Speaker: ***Gudrun Piringer***

12:00–12:20 – Liver Metastases: Surgery & Multimodal Concepts
Speaker: ***Tamas Mersich***

12:20–13:00 – Lunch Break

13:00–13:30 – Cholangiocarcinoma (phCC & iCCA): Strategy & Outcomes
Speaker: ***Aiste Gulla***

13:30–14:00 – Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC): Classification & Treatment Algorithms
Speaker: ***Emmanuel Melloul***

14:00–14:25 Exam Review: Perioperative Decision-Making
Speaker: Course Faculty

14:25–14:30 – Final Exam-Oriented Take-Home Messages
Speaker: Course Directors

15:00

Test exams…..

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