

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Surgical Training Institute

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These Terms & Conditions govern use of the Surgical Training Institute ("STI") website and registration for STI courses, workshops and related educational activities. STI is operated by the Foundation for Laparoscopic and Thoracoscopic Surgery and Other Minimally Invasive Techniques, VAT RO29231232, with its registered office at 85A Nicolae G. Caramfil Street, Bucharest 014142, Romania.

1. Purpose of the website

The website provides information about STI medical and surgical training activities, including hands-on workshops, courses, clinical training and other educational events, together with registration, accreditation and endorsement information, educational resources and contact details. Website content is educational and informational and does not constitute medical advice.

2. Eligibility

- Participants must be at least 18 years old unless a specific programme states otherwise.
- Participants must meet the professional and educational requirements applicable to the selected course.
- Participants must provide accurate and complete registration information.
- STI may request evidence of professional status or eligibility where required.

3. Registration and payment

- Registration is subject to availability and, where applicable, STI confirmation.
- Fees, taxes and payment terms are displayed during registration.
- Unless otherwise stated, a place is confirmed only after the required payment is received and registration is confirmed by STI.
- Registration is personal and may not be transferred without STI's prior approval.

4. Course content, faculty and schedule

STI makes reasonable efforts to provide the published programme, faculty and schedule. STI may modify the programme, timetable, venue, faculty or content when necessary for operational, safety, academic or other legitimate reasons. If STI cancels or postpones a course, participants will be informed and, where applicable, offered a future session or refund under the applicable arrangements.

5. Cancellation and refunds

- At least 14 calendar days before the course: full refund.
- 7–13 calendar days before the course: 50% refund.
- Less than 7 calendar days before the course: no refund.
- No-shows are non-refundable.
- Refunds are processed within 14 working days after confirmation of the applicable refund.

Different course-specific cancellation or refund terms, if expressly stated during registration, will prevail.

6. Participant responsibilities

- Follow the instructions of STI faculty, trainers and staff.
- Comply with applicable safety, professional, ethical and institutional rules.
- Use equipment and facilities responsibly and only as instructed.

- Accept that STI may remove a participant from a practical activity or course where conduct creates a safety, ethical or operational risk.

7. Hands-on and live-tissue training

Certain programmes may involve simulators, anatomical models, specimens or live animal models. Participation is subject to the specific safety, ethical and animal-welfare requirements applicable to the programme.

- Follow the instructions of the expert instructor and, where applicable, the responsible veterinarian.
- Perform only procedures and manoeuvres authorised by the instructor.
- Respect animal welfare requirements and the integrity of the animal model at all times.
- Complete any additional informed consent or training-specific declaration required before practical participation.

8. Certificates

Where a course provides a certificate, issuance is subject to the applicable attendance, participation and/or completion requirements. Certificate type and accreditation/CME information will be communicated for the relevant course.

9. Intellectual property

Website content and STI educational materials, including text, graphics, logos, photographs, videos, presentations and course materials, are owned by STI or used with permission and protected by applicable intellectual property laws. Materials may be used only for personal educational purposes and may not be reproduced, distributed, sold, published, uploaded, modified or commercially exploited without prior written permission.

10. Photography, video and testimonials

STI may photograph or film courses and events for documentation and communication purposes. Publication of an identifiable participant's photograph, filmed interview or testimonial on the STI website or social media will be carried out where the required consent has been obtained. Consent may be withdrawn for future use in accordance with the applicable consent form and Privacy Policy.

11. Website use

- Use the website only for lawful purposes.
- Do not compromise website security or access restricted systems.
- Do not upload malware, viruses or harmful code.
- Do not distribute unauthorised promotional or commercial messages.
- Do not reproduce or misuse STI content or intellectual property.

12. Privacy and cookies

Personal data is processed in accordance with the STI Privacy Policy. Cookies and similar technologies are described in the STI Cookie Policy.

13. Third-party links

The website may contain links to third-party websites or services. STI is not responsible for their content, availability, privacy practices or terms.

14. Limitation of liability

STI makes reasonable efforts to keep website information accurate and available but does not guarantee uninterrupted, error-free or complete operation. STI is not responsible for losses arising solely from temporary technical interruptions, inaccuracies or omissions in general website information. Training develops professional knowledge and skills; STI is not responsible for how participants subsequently apply those skills in their professional practice.

15. Force majeure

STI will not be liable for failure or delay caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including natural disasters, public health emergencies, war, government measures or major infrastructure failures.

16. Changes

STI may update these Terms from time to time. The current version will be published on the website with the applicable update date.

17. Governing law and jurisdiction

These Terms are governed by Romanian law and applicable European Union law. Disputes will be submitted to the competent courts in Bucharest, Romania, unless mandatory law provides otherwise.

18. Contact

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