



Module D – Cancer Treatments 2026

Cancer Surgery

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Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Course venue: University Hospital Zurich

Morning Session: OR Visit (26 students in total; divided in 2 groups)

GROUP 1 (13 students)

08:45 – 09:00 Meet at Sternwartstrasse, 14 8006, Zurich (M. Meerang)

09:00 – 10:30 Visit of the operating theatre: (M. Schneider, JP. Jonas, S. Hillinger)

GROUP 2 (13 Students)

10:15 - 10:30 Meet at Sternwartstrasse, 14 8006, Zurich (M. Meerang)

10:30 - 12:00 Visit of the operating theatre: (M. Schneider, JP. Jonas, S. Hillinger)

Post lunch Session: Cancer surgery lectures

All students meet at **13:15** again at Sternwartstrasse 14, 8006 Zurich. We will then walk together to **USZ, Frauenklinikstrasse 24, 8091 Zürich, Gebäude Nord2, Stock B, Konferenzraum 811**

13:35-13:40 Welcome and introduction of the speakers (**M. Meerang**)

13:40-14:20 Principles & techniques of abdominal surgical oncology and surgery as part of multimodal therapy for gastrointestinal cancers (**M. Schneider**)

14:20-15:00 Treatment of Hepato-pancreato-biliary (HPB) tumors and outlook (e.g. Transplant Oncology) (**JP Jonas**)

15:00-15:15 **Break**

15:15-15:50 outlook Lung Cancer and Pleural Mesothelioma – Clinical Aspects and Translational Research (**S. Hillinger/ M. Meerang**)



Learning outcomes:

During the course, Ph.D. students will get a chance to see real-time live surgery in operating theatres and learn how a surgeon plans cancer-related surgeries. Watching live surgeries is a very motivating experience providing an opportunity to realize how clinically oriented research could be useful for the cancer patients. Furthermore, lectures on complex cancer surgeries elaborate on traditional to modern surgical approaches, the importance of patient-driven research in clinical decision-making and possibility of initiating collaborating projects with clinicians and surgeon scientists