



Linz UEMS HPB 3rd Preparatory Course 2026

DECEMBER 3-4, 2026

Venue: Courtyard by Marriott Linz, Austria



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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME - SUBJECT TO FACULTY CONFIRMATION

"Preparing Europe's Next HPB Specialists"

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Course Introduction

The Linz UEMS HPB Preparatory Course 2026 is a focused, exam-oriented two-day programme designed for surgeons preparing for the UEMS HPB examination. The Course follows the patient's path from selection and perioperative optimisation to operative strategy, pathology and oncological outcomes, emphasising what candidates are expected to know, explain and justify in the examination setting.

Faculty with extensive experience in HPB 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 HPB surgery.





LINZ UEMS HPB PREPARATORY COURSE 2026

Exam-oriented preparation for the UEMS HPB Examination

DAY 1 - THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2026

The Patient's Path (13:00-18:00 CET)

13:00-13:10 – Welcome & Overview

13:10-14:00 – Patient Selection, Prehabilitation & ERAS

14:00-14:40 – Mandatory vs Academic Diagnostics (Imaging, Labs, Functional Tests)

14:40-15:00 – Coffee Break

15:00-15:30 – Tissue Diagnosis: When, How, When Not

15:30-16:00 – Multidisciplinary Tumor Board – Decision Making

16:00-16:30 – Preoperative Counselling & Medical Optimization

16:30-17:00 – Liver Function Testing & Surgical Implications

17:00-17:30 – Liver Augmentation Strategies (PVE, ALPPS) – Indications & Risks

17:30-18:00 – Pathology, Margins & NGS

DAY 2 - FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2026

Technical Strategy & Tumor Entities (09:00-14:30 CET)

09:00-09:40 – Technical Difficulty in Liver Surgery & Learning Curves

09:40-10:10 – Ablation: Principles, Indications & Bail-out Strategies

10:10-10:30 – Vascular Techniques in Liver Surgery

10:30-10:50 – Coffee Break

10:50-11:30 – Guidelines & Consensus Papers – Translating to Practice



11:30-12:00 – Systemic Therapy & Liver Injury (Chemo, IO)

12:00-12:20 – Exam Review: Perioperative Decision-Making

12:20-13:00 – Lunch Break

13:00-13:30 – Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC): Classification & Treatment Algorithms

13:30-14:00 – Cholangiocarcinoma (phCC & iCCA): Strategy & Outcomes

14:00-14:25 – Liver Metastases: Surgery & Multimodal Concepts

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

FROM 15:00- UEMS HPB ORAL EXAM SIMULATION

Approximately 15 minutes per trainee.

Educational simulation only - this is not the official UEMS examination

Final duration and capacity will depend on the number of registered trainees and available examiners.

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Registration opening soon.

