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WELCOME NOTE

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

The **2nd Department of Vascular Surgery of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)**, at **Laiko General Hospital of Athens**, a Vascular Access Society (V.A.S.) Endorsed Vascular Access Training Center, is pleased to invite you to the **Laiko Vascular Access (La.V.A.) Masterclass: From Creation to Cannulation**, which will take place on **5-6 February 2027 at the New Building of the NKUA School of Medicine (Lecture Hall No. 10)** and in the **operating room of Laiko General Hospital of Athens**.

The La.V.A. Masterclass is held under the endorsement of the **Vascular Access Society (V.A.S.)** and is a highly specialized, advanced two-day educational course and interactive workshop dedicated to the creation, management, and treatment of complications related to vascular access in patients undergoing haemodialysis.

Your presence and participation would be a great honour and pleasure for us.

Yours sincerely,

George M. Chatzantonis

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ORGANIZING INSTITUTION



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ENDORSEMENT



Vascular Access Society (VAS)

CHAIRS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Katsaounos E.
Klonaris C.
Lazaridis M.
Mallios A.
Pantazopoulos C.
Spiliopoulos S.
Vergadis C.
Vernadakis S.



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LOCATION AND VENUE

Theoretical Session: New Building of the School of Medicine, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) Lecture Hall No. 10 (74th Mikras Asias Str., Goudi, Athens, GR)

Hands-on Session: Operating Room of Laiko General Hospital of Athens (17th Ag. Thoma Str. Goudi, Athens, GR)

COURSE DATES

Theoretical Session: Friday, 5 February 2027

Hands-on Session: Saturday, 6 February 2027

ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

The scientific event is intended for **Vascular Surgeons, Transplant Surgeons,** and **physicians with a particular interest in vascular access.** Participation is **free of charge** and is available exclusively in person. No online attendance or recorded/on-demand viewing will be available.

REGISTRATION

- Registration is mandatory for participation in and attendance at the Masterclass.
- The number of participants is strictly limited in order to ensure the highest educational value and meaningful interaction between faculty and attendees.
- Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Interested applicants are required to complete the registration form available on the website.

PARTICIPATION PRIORITY

- Priority will be given to residents in training and recently qualified specialists.
- Every effort will be made to ensure participation from physicians representing different institutions and varying levels of experience, thereby fostering a dynamic and enriching educational exchange.
- Participant selection will be made strictly on the basis of registration order, while taking the established priority criteria into account.
- The final list of participants will be announced on **1st of December 2026.**
- Should a selected participant be unable to attend, the vacant place will be offered immediately to the next eligible applicant on the registration list.

COURSE WEBSITE

www.lavamasterclass.gr

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09:00 - 09:30	Registration	
09:30 - 10:00	Welcome Addresses & Opening Ceremony	
09:30 - 09:40	Welcome Address by the Chair of the Organizing Committee	Klonaris C.
09:40 - 09:50	Welcome Address by the President of the Hellenic Association of Kidney Patients	Leontopoulos G.
09:50 - 10:00	The History of Vascular Access in Greece	Lazaridis M.
10:00 - 11:00	Vascular Access Anatomy and Types	
10:00 - 10:10	Vascular Anatomy of the Upper and Lower Extremities	Georgakarakos E.
10:10 - 10:20	Vascular Anatomy of the Thorax	Avgerinos E.
10:20 - 10:30	Selecting the Appropriate Vascular Access	Vernadakis S.
10:30 - 11:00	Discussion	
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 - 12:10	Vascular Access Mapping: From A to Z	
11:30 - 11:40	Duplex Ultrasound Assessment of the Upper Extremity	Katsaounos E.
11:40 - 11:50	Endovascular v/s Surgical Arteriovenous Fistula	Chatzantonis G.
11:50 - 12:10	Discussion	
12:10 - 13:00	Hemodialysis Catheters - Tips & Tricks	
12:10 - 12:20	Standard Hemodialysis Catheter Placement (Hands-on Training on a Phantom Model)	Giannikouris I.
12:20 - 12:30	Transhepatic and Translumbar Hemodialysis Catheter Placement	Vergadis C.
12:30 - 13:00	Discussion	
13:00 - 13:50	Lunch Break	



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13:50 - 15:00	Vascular Access Creation: Surgical Techniques	
13:50 - 14:00	Surgical Vascular Access Creation	Chatzantonis G.
14:00 - 14:10	Percutaneous Vascular Access Creation	Mallios A.
	Complex Vascular Access	
14:10 - 14:20	Arteriovenous Grafts (AVG)	Vernadakis S.
14:20 - 14:30	Vein Transposition Techniques	Chatzantonis G.
14:30 - 15:00	Discussion	
15:00 - 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:30 - 17:00	Advances and Complications in Vascular Access	
15:30 - 15:40	Dysfunctional Vascular Access - Diagnosis	Giannikouris I.
	Vascular Access Salvage Techniques	
15:40 - 15:50	Aneurysms	Georgakarakos E.
15:50 - 16:00	Thrombosis and Stenosis	Vergadis S.
16:00 - 16:10	Central Venous Stenosis	Spilliopoulos S.
16:10 - 17:00	High-Flow Arteriovenous Fistula	Mallios A.
17:00 - 17:10	Dialysis Access Steal Syndrome	Chatzantonis G.
17:10 - 17:20	Anesthesia for Vascular Access Procedures	Pantazopoulos C.
17:20 - 17:30	The Role of the Vascular Access Team	Chatzantonis G.
17:30 - 18:00	Discussion	
18:00	End of Day One (1)	



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Hands on Session



Operating Room

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17th Ag. Thoma Street

08:30 - 09:15	Introduction and Live Case Presentations
Lecture Hall No10	Faculty: C. Vergadis, I. Giannikouris, A. Mallios, G. Chatzantonis
	Live Surgical Cases – Operating Room of Laiko General Hospital of Athens
09:15 - 11:15	Autologous Vascular Access Creation (with or without external support device)
	Hemodialysis Catheter Placement (Standard Access)
11:15 - 11:30	Break - Coffee
	Live Surgical Cases – Operating Room of Laiko General Hospital of Athens
11:30 - 14:00	Complex Vascular Access (Vein Transposition or Arteriovenous Graft Placement)
	Percutaneous Vascular Access Creation
	Ultrasound-Guided Salvage of Dysfunctional Vascular Access
14:00 - 14:45	Break - Light Lunch
14:45 - 15:15	Conclusions and Closing Remarks
15:15	End of La.V.A. Masterclass



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