



GLOBAL VASCULAR  
COMPANIONSHIP

**Course  
Fee:**  
**\$950**  
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Hands-on  
training,  
materials,  
meals,  
competitions.

Suitable for  
GVC mentees,  
General  
Surgeons  
and Vascular  
Registrars and  
Trainees.

For each person, in  
every nation, to access  
equitable vascular care.

# Inaugural GVC Vascular Trauma Course

Friday 23 – Saturday 24 January 2026

Northern Public and Private Hospital, Epping, Victoria, Australia

## Leadership:

### Program Director & Scientific Chair:

Professor Erica Mitchell (USA)

### Australian Organising Chair:

Professor David McClure (Australia)

### Skills Program Chair:

Professor Hideaki Obara (Japan)

### Chief Simulation Faculty:

Dr. Young-Kwang Park (EBM, Japan)

The course combines cutting-edge lectures, case-based discussions, and immersive hands-on simulation using high-fidelity vascular trauma models. The course aims to advance global expertise in managing vascular injuries while strengthening surgical capacity in Australia and low- and middle-income countries.

## Day 1 – Friday 23 January

- **Anastomosis Skills Training (paired registrars)** – 20-min rotations, then switch
- **Tips & Tricks** (lecture during station reset) – Prof. Obara
- **Anastomosis Heat Race #1** – Categories: fastest, best quality, best assistance, best overall
- **Core Lecture Block** – Prof. Mitchell & faculty
  - Dx of Vascular Injury (PE, ABI, imaging); hemorrhagic/ischemic/thrombogenic injuries
  - Hemorrhage Control: non-surgical; surgical/ endovascular (extremity, neck, chest, abdomen); shunts
  - Basic Open Techniques: conduits (GSV/FV/non-autogenous), anastomoses (end-end/end-side/mismatch), tunnelling
  - Basic Endovascular: balloon control, embolisation, stenting
  - DUS for mapping & access; **Surgical Exposures** from aorta to distal vessels
- **Anastomosis Heat Race #2** (evening sessions for the Die hard competitors)

### Faculty contributors include but not limited to:

Erica Mitchell, Hideaki Obara, Young-Kwang Park, Nalaka Gunawansa, William Yoon, Michael Woosup Park, Matt Smith, Inez Torres, Dr Takuro Shirasu (Japan), Dr Sabatta Tsotetsi (South Africa)

## Day 2 – Saturday 24 January

- **Endovascular Skills Station (GORE® Session)** – hands-on endovascular trauma repair
- **Lectures:** fasciotomies (thigh/4-compartment/ forearm), CTR, primary amputations (ankle/BK/AK/ hip/UE), venous repairs (VC, iliac, femoral, popliteal)
- **Integrated Trauma:** ortho + vascular, nerve injuries – Maysam Shehab
- **TOP GUN Anastomosis Competition (finals)** – awards for fastest, best quality, best assistance, best overall

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