



Inaugural GVC Vascular Trauma Course

Friday 23 – Saturday 24 January 2026

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

Northern Public and Private Hospital, Epping, Victoria, Australia

Course Fee:

\$950
AUD

Hands-on training, materials, meals, competitions.

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

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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