

INVITATION

The expanding role of donor rectus fascia transplantation

Wednesday 7 January 2026

PROGRAMME

8:00-12:00 CADAVERIC WORKSHOP (TARGET GROUP: SURGEONS IN CLINICAL PRACTICE; LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE)
Prof. dr. Laurens Ceulemans, dr. Nele Van De Winkel, dr. Gabriel Gondolesi, dr. Irum Amin, dr. Antoine Dubois, dr. Ewout Muylle

8:00-8:05	Welcome and coffee
8:05-8:20	Introduction on rectus fascia transplantation <i>prof. dr. Laurens Ceulemans, dr. Nele Van De Winkel</i>
8:20-9:50	Procurement from human cadaver
9:50-10:50	Bench and preservation
10:50-11:50	Transplantation in human cadaver
11:50-12:00	Debriefing and conclusion <i>dr. Gabriel Gondolesi, dr. Irum Amin</i>

12:00-12:45 Lunch

12:55-15:45 SYMPOSIUM: The expanding role of donor rectus fascia transplantation

12:55-13:00	Welcome <i>prof. dr. Laurens Ceulemans</i>
PART 1:	Chairs: <i>Nele Van De Winkel and Gert De Hertogh</i>
13:00-13:20	The origin of abdominal rectus fascia transplantation <i>dr. Gabriel Gondolesi</i>
13:20-13:40	The Cambridge experience with abdominal rectus fascia transplantation <i>dr. Irum Amin</i>
13:40-14:00	IBD and the complex abdomen: from inflammation to fibrosis <i>prof. dr. André D’Hoore</i>
14:00-14:15	Questions and discussion

14:15-14:30 Coffee and cake

PART 2:	Chairs: <i>Irum Amin and Gabriel Gondolesi</i>
14:30-14:50	From salvage therapy to strategic option: The changing role of multivisceral transplantation <i>prof. dr. Jacques Pirenne</i>
14:50-15:10	Hernia repair in abdominal transplantation: Structural integrity in immunosuppressed terrain <i>prof. dr. Olivier Detry</i>
15:10-15:30	Expanding indications of abdominal rectus fascia transplantation <i>prof. dr. Laurens Ceulemans</i>
15:30-15:40	Questions and discussion

At 17:00 hrs, you are cordially invited to attend the public PhD defense by dr. Nele Van De Winkel (KU Leuven, University Halls, Naamsestraat 22, 3000 Leuven).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DATE	Wednesday 7 January 2026, 8:00-15:40 hrs
LOCATION	CADAVERIC WORKSHOP: KU Leuven, Vaardigheidscentrum Anatomie, ON1bis, Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven SYMPOSIUM: UZ Leuven campus Gasthuisberg, Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven, auditorium Hergé (Paarse straat, poort 4, verdieping 1)
PARKING	UZ Leuven, parking West
REGISTRATION	Please register before 17 December 2025 > Register for the cadaveric workshop via <u>CADAVERIC WORKSHOP</u> . Participation fee is €100, limited places available. > Register for the symposium via <u>SYMPOSIUM</u> . Participation is free.



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