Aims and objectives of this session
In many parts of Europe, open retropubic radical prostatectomy is still the gold standard for treating localised prostate cancer. The competition with radiotherapy and novel techniques like cryosurgery and HIFU, should encourage urologists to optimally perform the surgical resection. This teaching course is a must for the elder resident and the younger urologist but well trained urologists who do not treat many patients with localised prostate cancer, will benefit.

Introduction
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Surgical anatomy
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Step by step radical retropubic prostatectomy
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Tips, tricks and pitfalls
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Treatment of complications
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Discussion and interaction