ESU Hands-on Training Course in Non-technical skills in surgery
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**Location:** Yellow Area, Iglo

**Chairs:**
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**Tutors:** To be confirmed

**Aims and objectives of this session**
The operating room is a complex and highly stressful environment that requires interaction between a large team to achieve successful outcomes for the patients. This requires not only effective procedure-specific technical skills, but also additionally a range of non-technical skills. Non-technical skills are defined as skills unrelated to the technical completion of surgical procedures. They include decision-making, team-working, communication and leadership skills.

The importance of non-technical skills is often overlooked but they are unfortunately a major cause of surgical error. Like technical skills, which are acquired over many years of practice and training, non-technical skills are not innate traits and must also be developed through training and experience.

This course will serve to introduce practicing urologists to the concept of non-technical skills using an interactive full immersion simulation environment, developed at Imperial College London, whilst undertaking common scenarios in endoscopic urological surgery. Participants will be evaluated by experts in surgical education and provided individual feedback with view for further self-improvement.

**Supporting faculty:**
- N. Raison, London (GB)
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