



Invitation

Heart Centre, Lucerne Cantonal Hospital

LUCCA – LUcerne Complex and CALcified PCI Meeting 5.0

Thursday, April 23, 2026

09.00–12.00, Kultur- und Kongresszentrum KKL Lucerne – 4 Workshops;
14.00–18.20, Luzerner Kantonsspital Luzern, Grosser Hörsaal –
various lectures and four live cases, 19.00 welcome dinner

Friday, April 24, 2026

08.30–12.00, Luzerner Kantonsspital Luzern, Grosser Hörsaal –
various lectures and one live case

Dear colleagues and friends,

We are delighted to announce the **fifth edition of our complex coronary intervention meeting, LUCCA – Lucerne Complex and Calcified PCI Forum**. The program will begin on **Thursday, April 23, 2026**, at the Kultur- und Kongresszentrum KKL Lucerne with four dedicated workshops. The opening scientific session will follow at 2:00 pm at the Luzerner Kantonsspital, where the sessions on Thursday and Friday will be complemented by five live cases and a dinner event.

We are delighted that both the meeting and the interest in LUCCA continue to grow year after year. This year's program will place particular emphasis on **intravascular imaging, decision making and management of complex and calcified lesions, and new devices in the cath lab**, with a special focus on drug coated balloons and mechanical circulatory support. Our aim is to create a forum where cardiologists, fellows, allied health professionals, and industry partners can meet, exchange ideas, and engage in open, constructive dialogue on the latest developments in complex PCI. We are pleased to welcome a distinguished international faculty from Europe and North America. Together with our speakers and participants, we look forward to engaging exchanges on indications, management strategies, and next level interventional approaches. In keeping with the spirit of LUCCA, all attendees are encouraged to actively contribute their perspectives and experience.

For those who are interested, an exquisite intravascular imaging workshop led by true experts in the field, which will take place on Wednesday, April 22. As places are very limited, we encourage early registration to secure a spot.

We look forward to your **registration at www.lucca.swiss** and to welcoming you to Lucerne in April 2026. Register soon to secure your place – spots are limited. We are excited to welcome you to Lucerne and to share an inspiring few days of learning, exchange, and collaboration.

From the Heart Center – Luzerner Kantonsspital



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Scientific programme

Wednesday afternoon, April 22, 2026

Kultur- und Kongresszentrum KKL Lucerne Clubrooms 4/5

Imaging-Workshop (places are limited)

13.00–14.00 Welcome & snacks

14.00–18.00 **Intravascular Imaging Masterclass – A practical workshop**

From Plaque to Plan: Clinical Decision-Making with Intravascular Imaging
Experts: S. Wilson, H. Faraz, L. Koltowski, J. Rigger and Team Heart Center –
Luzerner Kantonsspital

Topics

How IVI – OCT and IVUS – transform one's decision making and practice

OCT and IVUS: The fundamentals → From Plaque to plan

Hands-on: IVUS and OCT case reviewing and discussion (involving workstations)

Plenary discussions: Remarkable cases

15.45–16.15 Coffee break

Thursday morning, April 23, 2026

Kultur- und Kongresszentrum KKL Lucerne Clubrooms 5/6/7/8

Four Workshops (choose three out of four workshops)

08.30 Registration open for workshop participants

09.00 **Start Workshops** (each workshop lasts 50 minutes)

Workshop 1: The CTO-PCI Toolbox: A Tale of Wires and Wisdom by two Legends –
Asahi, Vascular Medical – J. Büttner, G. Werner

Workshop 2: Modern ISR Management with DCB: Case-Based Practice –
B. Braun – T. Rissanen, J. Rigger

Workshop 3: DCB in All-Corner Lesions: The Lucerne Way – Cordis – A. Attinger, T. Göldi

Workshop 4: Complex PCI with modern DES-Strategies (Bifurcations and more) –
Terumo – F. Woitek

09.50 Coffee break

10.20 Continuation of Workshop Rounds 2 and 3

12.00 End workshops

12.05 Lunch buffet at KKL

13.00 Bus transfer to Luzern Kantonsspital

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Luzerner Kantonsspital Luzern, Grosser Hörsaal

- 14.00 **Opening and official Welcome** F. Cuculi
- 14.10 **Session: Dealing with calcified lesions**
Live case 1 & 2
Moderator: F. Cuculi
Panelists: J. Büttner, G. Werner
Introduction to live case
Operators Live Case 1: S. Bartus
Operators Live Case 2: F. Woitek, G. Leibundgut
- Lectures**
- 15.10 **IVL is the gold standard** J. Spratt
- 15.20 **High-pressure balloons, what else** M. Bossard
- 15.30 **Debulk or regret** M. Egred
- 15.40 **Cut, cut, cut** J. Rigger
- 15.50 Back to live cases
- 16.10 Coffee break
- 16.40 **Session: DCB for complex lesions**
Live case 3 & 4
Moderators: F. Cuculi, S. Wilson
Panelists: A. Kastrati, J. Rigger, A. Papanikolaou, H. Faraz
Introduction to live case
Operators Live Case 3: M. Egred, A. Candreva
Operators Live Case 4: T. Rissanen, M. Elsharabassy
- Lectures**
- 17.40 **Dealing with the soft plaque: DCB vs. Stent** A. Kastrati
- 17.50 **DCB for complex lesions: are we there yet?** T. Rissanen
- 18.00 Back to live cases
- 18.20 End first day
- 18.30 Bus transfer to Lucerne
- 19.00 Dinner on the MS Waldstätter

Friday, April 24, 2026

Luzerner Kantonsspital Luzern, Grosser Hörsaal

- 08.30 **LUCCA 5.0 meets DANUBE CHIP & CTO Meeting 2026**
2 complication cases AU vs. 2 complication cases CH A. Ceka, C. Zivelonghi,
A. Spirito and others
- 09.30 Coffee break
- 10.00 **Session: Impella in contemporary PCI practice**
Live case 5
Moderators: F. Cuculi, M. Egred
Panelists: D. Weilenmann, J. Borovac, L. Koliastasis, T. Schmitz, G. Werner
Introduction to live case
Operators Live Case 5: L. Percuku, G. Gasparini
- Lectures**
- 10.30 **Introduction: How we used to complex PCI cases in the past** D. Weilenmann
- 10.45 **Who needs protection for complex PCI** R. Vergallo
- 11.05 **Impella for all anterior STEMIs? – Contemporary shock management with mechanical circulatory support devices** tbd
- 11.25 Back to live case
- 11.45 EBAC Evaluation and closing word: F. Cuculi
- 12.00 End of the meeting
- 12.15 Lunch buffet or lunchbag

Swiss faculty

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and Friday April 24, 2026**
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Kantonsspital 37
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luks.ch



Arrival

- **Car:** Address car park for GPS – Kantonsspital 37, Lucerne
- **Public transport:** Bus No. 9 / No. 19 / No. 30 to Kantonsspital

Registration and fee

- on-line www.lucca.swiss
- Early bird registration until March, 31, 2026
- Participation Thursday and Friday
CHF/EUR 250.– early bird registration
CHF/EUR 350.– regular
- Participation on Friday only
CHF/EUR 200.– early bird registration
CHF/EUR 300.– regular
- Fellows and nurses CHF/EUR 100.–
The amount will be refunded on site.

Accreditation

- Swiss Society of Cardiology SGK: 13 CME Credits Category 1B
- European Board for Accreditation of Continuing Education for Health Professionals (EBAC): 13 credits
- Extended specify continuing education for other specialities