Zurich Hand Courses 2027 - preliminary programme

As of 13 October 2026

Zurich Handflaps Course 2027 (preliminary)

Two days of theory and cadaver dissection. Dates and venue are still to be confirmed, the structure follows the 2026 course.

Day 1

From	To	Duration (min)	Title
08:30	08:45	15	Opening of the Course
08:45	09:30	45	Surgical vascular anatomy of the hand
09:30	11:45	135	**Flaps from the long fingers (theory and cadaver dissection)**
09:30	10:15	45	*Dorsal metacarpal flaps*
10:15	11:00	45	*Venkataswami and Segmüller flaps*
11:00	11:45	45	*Homodigital reverse island flap (Oberlin)*
11:45	12:15	30	Reconstruction of the dorsum of the hand
12:15	13:15	60	Lunch
13:15	16:15	180	**Flaps from and to the thumb (theory and cadaver dissection)**
13:15	14:00	45	*Kite flap*
14:00	14:45	45	*Dorso-ulnar flap (Brunelli)*
14:45	15:30	45	*Moberg/O'Brien and other thumb flaps*
15:30	16:15	45	*Littler flap*
16:15	16:35	20	Thumb reconstruction
16:35	16:55	20	The mangled hand: composite tissue reconstruction of complex hand defects
16:55	17:15	20	Finger replantation
17:15	17:25	10	Wrap up of the day
19:30			Social event (venue to be confirmed)

Day 2

From	To	Duration (min)	Title
08:30	11:30	180	**Flaps from the forearm (theory and cadaver dissection)**
08:30	09:30	60	*Radial forearm island flap*
09:30	10:30	60	*Dorso-ulnar forearm flap (Becker)*
10:30	11:30	60	*Posterior interosseous flap*
11:30	12:00	30	Considerations for replantation and flaps
12:00	13:00	60	Lunch
13:00	14:30	90	**Flaps for the palm (theory and cadaver dissection)**
13:00	13:30	30	*V-Y flap (Tranquilli) and eponychial flap*
13:30	14:30	60	*Cross-finger and thenar flaps, Hueston flaps*
14:30	15:00	30	Fingertip reconstruction
15:00	15:30	30	Application of intrinsic flaps for the hand
15:30	16:00	30	Fascial and fasciocutaneous flaps of the distal perforators
16:00	16:30	30	What would you have done? Case discussions
16:30	17:00	30	Strategy for hand and finger reconstruction
17:00	17:15	15	Closing of the course

Zurich Tendons Course 2027 (preliminary)

One-day course with theory and practical training. The date is still to be confirmed, the structure follows the 2025 course.

From	To	Duration (min)	Title
08:30	08:40	10	Opening of the Course
08:40	09:15	35	The art of flexor tendon surgery: strategies and outcomes
09:15	09:30	15	Flexor tendon suture (Tang)
09:30	10:15	45	**Practical training: flexor tendon repair**
10:15	10:35	20	Coffee break
10:35	10:55	20	Pulley preserving, venting, sacrificing
10:55	11:05	10	Epitendinous suture
11:05	11:45	40	**Practical training: epitendinous suture, pulley treatment, FDS handling in zone 2**
11:45	12:00	15	Considerations for the FPL tendon
12:00	13:00	60	Lunch
13:00	13:20	20	Suture in zone 1 vs. reinsertion
13:20	14:00	40	**Practical training: zone 1 suture, zone 1 reinsertion (Sood/Elliot)**
14:00	14:20	20	Rehabilitation of flexor tendon sutures
14:20	14:50	30	Treatment of extensor tendon injuries including tendon transfers
14:50	15:40	50	**Practical training: extensor tendon repair (zone 5/6), EIP to EPL transfer**
15:40	16:00	20	Coffee break
16:00	16:30	30	Principles in secondary tendon reconstruction
16:30	17:00	30	Indications, results and complications
17:00	17:10	10	Closing remarks