



AEPC Cardiovascular Intensive Care Training Course

2nd Edition

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Simulation
16 teaching hours

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Elevate Your Pediatric Cardiovascular Intensive Care Expertise.

Join the **AEPC Cardiovascular Intensive Care Training Course** and acquire cutting-edge skills in managing pediatric patients with critical cardiovascular conditions. Over two days, learn from international experts, participate in hands-on sessions, and tackle real-world scenarios through high-fidelity simulations.

Transform your approach to cardiovascular intensive care medicine and become a leader in this essential field. Be inspired, gain new skills, and be ready to make a difference.

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Venue

Teaching and Simulation Area. SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital.
Calle de Santa Rosa, 39-57 08950 Esplugues de Llobregat (BCN)

Registration Fees: <https://bit.ly/aepec-cardiovascular>

This includes course registration fee for 2 days, course material / hands-on, lunch & refreshments during coffee breaks & first-night dinner.

- **Juniors (AEPC, ESPNIC) or trainees (residents, fellows):** 300 €
- **Seniors:** 750 €

Virtual course (live lectures w/o hands-on): 100 €

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Learning methodology

Hybrid format	
Exchange of experiences	
Tutoring with experts	
Practical experience in small groups	
Active and collaborative learning	

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Thursday March 26th, 2026

08:15 -
08:30 h Welcome and Introduction

Interactive Talks & Live Simulation (Module 1)

08:30 -
09:00 h Basic Physiology and Monitoring
Raul Montero Yéboles

09:00 -
09:30 h Cardiopulmonary Interactions
Joan Sanchez de Toledo

09:30 -
10:00 h Mechanical Ventilation in Critically ill Hearts
Rebecca Anderson de la Liana

10:00 -
10:30 h Coffee Break 

Interactive Talks & Live Simulation (Module 2)

10:30 -
11:00 h Echocardiography in Mechanical Support
Nicole Sekarski

11:00 -
11:30 h Looking outside the heart
Nadya Yousef

11:30 -
12:00 h Live Simulation
SJD Simulation Program

12:00 -
14:30 h Lunch lecture | Postoperative arrhythmias & Challenging EKGs
Georgia Sarquella-Brugada & Andrea Greco 

Workout of the Day (Hands-on practice)

14:30 - 16:00 h	Skill 1 [4 stations]: Cath Data (A) / Mechanical Circulatory Support (B) / Simulation (C) / POCUS & TEE (D) Nicole Sekarski, Javier Gavela, Yolande Bell-Cheddar, Cecile Tissot, Jordi Clotet, Mar Reiné, Ricardo Muñoz, Joan Sánchez de Toledo, David Ferri, Damien Schaffner.
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16:00 -
16:30 h Coffee Break

16:30 - 18:00 h	Skill 2 [4 stations]: Cath Data (A) / Mechanical Circulatory Support (B) / Simulation (C) / POCUS & TEE (D) Nicole Sekarski, Javier Gavela, Yolande Bell-Cheddar, Cecile Tissot, Jordi Clotet, Mar Reiné, Ricardo Muñoz, Joan Sánchez de Toledo, David Ferri, Damien Schaffner.
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20:00 h Dinner remarks (TBD)

Friday March 27th, 2026

Interactive Talks & Live Simulation (Module 3)

08:15 -
09:00 h The Basics of Cardiopulmonary Bypass
Alejandro Fernandez-Cisneros

09:00 -
09:30 h Principles of MCS (ECMO & VADs)
Cho Ng

09:30 -
10:00 h The Transplanted Heart in the CICU
Dimpna Calila Albert

10:00 -
10:30 h Coffee Break 

Interactive Talks & Live Simulation (Module 4)

10:30 -
11:15 h Care of the Neonate in the CICU
Ricardo Muñoz

11:15 -
11:45 h Neuromonitoring in the CICU
Marta Camprubi-Camprubi

11:45 -
12:30 h Single ventricle physiology and management. [Qp/Qs]
Javier Gavela

12:30 -
13:00 h Sedation & Analgesia
Montse Fontanals Caravaca

13:00 -
14:00 h Lunch 

Workout of the Day (Hands-on practice)

14:00 - 15:30 h	Skill 3 [4 stations]: Cath Data (A) / Mechanical Circulatory Support (B) / Simulation (C) / POCUS & TEE (D) Nicole Sekarski, Javier Gavela, Yolande Bell-Cheddar, Cecile Tissot, Jordi Clotet, Mar Reiné, Ricardo Muñoz, Joan Sánchez de Toledo, David Ferri, Damien Schaffner.
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15:30 -
15:45 h Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:15 h	Skill 4 [4 stations]: Cath Data (A) / Mechanical Circulatory Support (B) / Simulation (C) / POCUS & TEE (D) Nicole Sekarski, Javier Gavela, Yolande Bell-Cheddar, Cecile Tissot, Jordi Clotet, Mar Reiné, Ricardo Muñoz, Joan Sánchez de Toledo, David Ferri, Damien Schaffner.
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17:15 -
17:30 h Feedback and closure