

# 3rd MD Anderson Robotic D2 Gastrectomy Course

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**September 12-13, 2025**

**<https://mdanderson.cloud-cme.com/MDARoboticCrse2025>**

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**A Live Case Observation, Interactive Didactic  
Sessions, and Hands-On Cadaver Training Course**



**MD Anderson Cancer Center**  
Onstead Auditorium  
6767 Bertner Avenue  
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This immersive two-day course is designed for General Surgeons, Surgical Oncologists, and Trainees aiming to incorporate oncologic robotic gastrectomy into their practice.

Topics include:

- D2 lymph node dissection
- Distal, total, and proximal gastrectomy techniques
- Hands-on robotic surgical training
- Use of state-of-the-art DaVinci 5 system

Day 1 features a live case observation, followed by didactic sessions led by renowned international faculty.

Day 2 offers intensive cadaveric lab sessions with a 3:1 participant-to-console ratio.

This is the only dedicated robotic gastrectomy course in the U.S., promoting peer-based coaching and global collaboration.

### Target Audience

This course will be of interest to general surgeons, surgical oncologists and surgical trainees.

### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to:

- Learn anatomy, definition, and evidence of D2 lymph node dissection for gastric cancer;
- Learn effective tricks to overcome challenges during robotic gastrectomy; Gain skills to perform robotic total and distal gastrectomy, and various reconstruction techniques.

#### MD Anderson

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### Sponsorship

This course has been generously sponsored by Intuitive Surgical.

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# Friday, September 12, 2025

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**NOTE: All times are CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (CST)**

7:00 am	Registration Check-In & Breakfast
7:30 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Course Introduction</b> Naruhiko Ikoma, MD and Brian Badgwell, MD
8:00 - 12:30 pm	<b>Live Robotic Gastrectomy Case (DaVinci 5 Platform)</b>
12:30 pm	Lunch (Provided)
2:00 pm	<b>Didactic Lectures to Include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robotic program development</li><li>• Port placement &amp; instrumentation</li><li>• Anatomy and D2 lymph node dissection</li><li>• Robotic distal, total and proximal gastrectomy</li><li>• Tips and troubleshooting</li><li>• Overview of DaVinci 5 benefits</li></ul>
3:30 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

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## Saturday, September 13, 2025 - Hands-On Cadaver Course

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8:00 am	• <b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>
8:30 am	• <b>Introduction</b>
9:00 am	• <b>AM Session: Robotic Distal Gastrectomy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- D2 dissection</li><li>- Billroth II &amp; Braun reconstruction</li></ul>
12:00 pm	• <b>Lunch</b>
12:30 pm	• <b>PM Session: Robotic Total Gastrectomy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mediastinal dissection</li><li>- Hand-sewn Roux-en-Y esophagojejunostomy</li><li>- Closure of mesenteric/Peterson's defect</li></ul>
3:30 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Naruhiko Ikoma, MD

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**Pre-Course Access: Attendees will receive step-by-step robotic gastrectomy video tutorials.**

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## Registration Information

On-site registration opens at 7:00 am on Friday, September 12, 2025, in the Onstead Auditorium, MD Anderson Cancer Center. The Course Introduction begins at 7:30 AM. Advanced registration is strongly encouraged as space is extremely limited.

### MD Anderson Cancer Center

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**Cadaver Lab** is located at TMC Innovation Factory, 2450 Holcombe Boulevard, Houston, Texas

#### Course Registration Fees:

- **Case Observation/Didactic Session (Day 1) & Cadaver Lab (Day 2)**  
*Maximum of 18 Attendees*
  - Regular registration: \$700
  - Trainee registration: \$400
- **Case Observation/Didactic Session (Day 1 Only) Unlimited Attendees**
  - Day-1 only registration: \$100

#### We accept the following forms of payment:

- Credit cards (MasterCard, VISA, and American Express)
- Check (payable through U.S. banks only)
- Mail Check to:  
**Continuing Professional Education** - Unit 1781 The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center P.O. Box 301407  
Houston, TX 77230-1407

#### Register on-line by clicking the link below:

<https://mdanderson.cloud-cme.com/MDARoboticCrse2025>

A receipt/confirmation email will be sent to you within 24 hours of on-line registration.

The full course registration fee includes tuition, "step by step" videos, breakfast, box lunch, and breaks.

## Special Assistance

For additional information or special assistance contact Continuing Professional Education/Learner Relations via phone 713-792-2223 or via email [ContinuingEducation@MDAnderson.org](mailto:ContinuingEducation@MDAnderson.org).



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