

# AtriCure

2026

## Professional Education Course Catalog

Committed to education for therapies to treat arrhythmias, restore sinus rhythm, improve cardiac output and outcomes and manage post-operative pain.



# About AtriCure

As a leading provider of innovative technologies for the treatment of atrial fibrillation (AF) and related conditions, electrophysiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons around the globe count on AtriCure to deliver best-in-class solutions that can treat even the most complex cases. We invest in innovation, clinical science, and education to focus on improving lives for our patients worldwide.

## Mission

We are passionately focused on reducing the global AF epidemic and healing the lives of those affected.

## Values

We work to heal the lives of Patients, empower our People, and collaborate with our Partners to reduce the burden of AF worldwide.

# Introduction

AtriCure is highly committed to training and education and provides robust blended training programs to develop expertise and support optimal clinical outcomes. Our faculty/trainers are experts in the field of treatment of atrial fibrillation/LAA management and the use of AtriCure products to demonstrate safe and effective use to other HCPs.

# Objectives

AtriCure courses feature both didactic and hands-on training from highly experienced AF physicians and covering a broad range of relevant topics:

- To understand the benefits of treating atrial fibrillation and LAA management
- Ablation techniques
- Pre-and post-operative management
- Gain confidence in the ability to reproduce optimum clinical results using the techniques learned from the training program
- Get an enhanced understanding of the goals and benefits of an ablation strategy of atrial fibrillation and LAA management
- Latest clinical evidence
- Safe and effective implementation of an AF ablation program

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# About This Course Catalog

AtriCure offers a full curriculum of educational programs that welcome a wide range of users and experience levels to include electrophysiologists, cardiac surgeons, thoracic surgeons, fellows, advanced practice providers and nurses.

## **Educational content includes:**

- Didactic modules
- Hands-on Training
- Peer to Peer (Case Observation)
- Proctorships
- Peer-to-Peer Webinar Sessions

Atrial fibrillation (AF) carries a heavy clinical burden, with patients experiencing a 5x greater risk of stroke<sup>1</sup> and a 5x increase in heart failure<sup>2</sup>. These patients also experience up to a 47 percent reduction in quality of life related to anxiety about medications and burnout from frequent doctor appointments.<sup>3-9</sup>

## **AtriCure offers innovative products used in various treatments:**

- Concomitant surgical ablation therapy
- Hybrid AF™ Therapy
- Left atrial appendage (LAA)
- Cryo Nerve Block Therapy (cryoNB)

Along with these treatments, AtriCure offers minimally invasive surgical instruments.

**AtriCure understands the importance of education as a key component in giving the healthcare professional access to the knowledge and experience required to assure optimal safety and outcomes in the AF patient population. This booklet contains educational information intended to enhance the user's experience. We encourage you to register for the program that meets your needs and educational interest. For additional information, please contact [profedemea@atricure.com](mailto:profedemea@atricure.com) or your local AtriCure representative.**

# Training Programs

# MAZE IV Program

This one-day program is devoted to all aspects of the concomitant surgical treatment of AF. Topics covered include:

- Evidence for surgical AF ablation and the effect on patient outcomes
- Effective treatment strategies based on the underlying pathology
- Surgical techniques using different energy sources to improve the results of concomitant ablation in different types of procedures
- LAA management

You'll practice different techniques and approaches and perform a complete Maze IV on a cadaver.

Your trainer will provide tips on becoming an effective AF surgeon and show you how to avoid pitfalls in different settings.

At the end of the training program, you'll be able to discuss upcoming cases with a trainer to identify the right strategy for your patients.

## Audience

Cardiac surgeons who have the desire to start an AF program or want to optimize their current practice.

## This course will be offered:

- Jan. 8
- Feb. 11
- Mar. 26
- May 6
- Jun. 25
- Sep. 30
- Oct. TBC
- Nov. 5
- Dec. 3

## Number of attendees

16 (maximum)

## Faculty

Course Director –  
Prof. Filip Rega

You will be trained by a minimum of two experts in the field of AF ablation.

## Venue

KU Leuven/Faculty of Medicine  
Gasthuisberg – Education and

## Agenda

**8:00–8:15**

Departure from hotel reception

**8:30–9:00**

Introduction to Maze IV Education Program

**9:00–12:00**

Didactic sessions:

- Electrophysiological pathology
- Patient selection
- Surgical techniques and lesion patterns
- LAA management
- Pre- and postoperative care

**12:00–12:45**

Networking Lunch

**12:45–15:00**

Cadaver lab: open thorax cadaver

Hands-on with Cryo and RF energy

LAA management with AtriClip®

**15:00**

Departure

Research I bis  
Herestraat 49  
3000 Leuven, Belgium

## Accommodation

Hotel Martin Klooster  
Onze-Lieve-Vrouwstraat 18  
300 Leuven, Belgium



[Find out more information](#)

# Minimal Access Concomitant Program

This one-day training is for physicians who, at present, perform minimal access cardiac surgery and are interested in concomitant ablation – either to implement a program or with the desire to optimize current ablation techniques. This dynamic and interactive course features a variety of learning formats.

You will be trained by experts in the field of surgical treatment of atrial fibrillation (AF) and LAA Exclusion.

The didactic session covers the following topics:

- Evidence for surgical AF ablation and the effect on patient outcomes.
- Effective treatment strategies based on the underlying pathology.
- Surgical techniques using different energy sources to improve the results of concomitant ablation in different types of procedures.
- LAA Exclusion – Transverse sinus /other minimal access strategies.

In the interactive cadaver lab session, you'll have the opportunity to practice hands-on various techniques, performing and managing the left atrial appendage using the AtriClip device, all within the context of minimal access approaches. At the end of the training, you will be able to discuss upcoming cases with the faculty.

## Audience

Physicians who perform minimal access cardiac surgery and are interested in concomitant ablation.

## This course will be offered:

- Mar. 25
- Jun. 24
- Sep. 29
- Nov. 4

## Number of attendees

6 (maximum)

## Faculty

You will be trained by a minimum of two experts in the field of AF ablation.

## Agenda

**8:15–8:15**

Departure from Martin Klooster hotel reception

**8:30–9:00**

Introduction to MACC

**9:00–12:00**

Didactic sessions

- Why treat AF
- Electrophysiological pathology
- Surgical techniques for the mitral concomitant surgery and LAAE
- LAAE

**12:00–12:45**

Networking lunch

**12:45–15:00**

Hands-on Cadaver lab training Mini Mitral / Mini AVR Access

- Performing bi-atrial lesion set using cryo
- LAA Exclusion – transverse sinus - AtriClip
- LAAE - Mini sternotomy
- PVI - Mini sternotomy

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# Hybrid AF™ Therapy Program

This half-day Hybrid AF™ Therapy Program is led by AtriCure's Professional Education team. The comprehensive program includes both a didactic presentation and the opportunity to perform Hybrid Approach cases in a beating heart specimen model to provide a comprehensive hands-on experience.

The specialized curriculum is designed to learn procedural techniques using AtriCure's simulation model.

Led by the Prof Ed team, these sessions are customisable to your training needs. Topics include:

- Subxiphoid (with OR setup)
- All Box Clamp techniques
- Total Thoracoscopic Maze
- Thoracoscopic LAA Exclusion
- Ligament of Marshall ablation
- Transverse Sinus 'Roof Line' ablation

At the end of this program, you will be able to discuss how to start a Hybrid AF™ Therapy Program at your hospital and how to proceed with your first scheduled cases.

## Learning objectives:

- Implementing Hybrid AF™ Therapy
- Perform Hybrid approach cases in a beating heart specimen model
- Intraoperative set-up
- Procedural techniques
- LAA management

## Audience

Cardiac surgeons and electrophysiologists who want to implement Hybrid AF™ Therapy.

**This course will be offered by request, available year-round to accommodate your team's needs.**

Please contact [profedemea@atricure.com](mailto:profedemea@atricure.com) or your local AtriCure representative to register your interest.

## Agenda

### Didactic sessions

- Implementing a Hybrid AF™ Therapy program
- Perform Hybrid Approach cases in a beating heart specimen model
- Intraoperative set-up
- Procedural techniques
- LAA management

### Hands-on Simulation

- Perform Hybrid Approach cases in a beating heart specimen model

## Venue

AtriCure Europe  
De Entree 260  
1101 EE Amsterdam  
The Netherlands

## Accommodation

Hotel bookings will be allocated on an individual basis and you will receive a reservation confirmation by email. Please check your travel details tab in your AF Connect dashboard for your details in advance of your travel. Accommodation will be provided close to the training venue.



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# Allied Health Professionals Course

In collaboration and endorsed by EACTS, this one-day course is designed to inform and educate allied health professionals, including but not limited to nurses, physician assistants, surgical care practitioners, and EP clinic nurses, in all aspects related to the surgical and hybrid treatment of atrial fibrillation. By attending this course, you will gain the knowledge and expertise needed to treat AF patients.

You will be trained by expert physicians and advanced practitioners in the areas of pre-, peri-, and post-hybrid/surgical care, who will present didactic sessions in the morning supported by AtriCure's Professional Education team.

In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to practice the techniques learned on AtriCure's simulation models in the Amsterdam simulation suite. You will perform open bi-atrial Maze concomitant ablation, Hybrid ablation, and thoracoscopic left atrial appendage exclusion.

At the end of the course, you'll be able to discuss treatment options for your upcoming clinical cases with a trainer to identify the right strategy for your patients.

## Accommodation

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## Audience

Allied health professionals, including but not limited to nurses, physician assistants, surgical care practitioners, and EP clinic nurses interested in AF treatment.

## Date

- 12 May
- 17 October

## Number of attendees

20 (maximum)

## Faculty

You will be trained by senior allied health professionals and physicians who have extensive experience in the field of AF ablation within clinics, catheter labs, and operating rooms.

## Venue

AtriCure Europe  
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# Multidisciplinary Pain Management Course

This one-day, interactive program is designed for clinicians involved in the diagnosis, referral, and treatment of patients experiencing chronic thoracic pain, with a particular focus on cryo nerve block (cryoNB) for perioperative pain management and enhanced recovery pathways. The course provides a comprehensive overview of the role of regional analgesia in cardiothoracic surgery and how coordinated, multidisciplinary care can improve patient outcomes.

You will learn from a faculty of experts in perioperative medicine, pain management, thoracic surgery, and anaesthesia, combining evidence-based teaching with practical insights from real-world clinical pathways.

The didactic session covers the following topics:

- The burden of chronic thoracic pain and its impact on recovery
- Mechanisms of action and clinical evidence for cryoNB.
- Identifying and selecting appropriate patients for cryoNB
- Integrating cryoNB into ERAS pathways and multidisciplinary care models
- Workflow considerations, consent, documentation, and best practices for implementation

In the hands-on session, you'll have the opportunity to engage in practical demonstrations of the cryo nerve block technique, including anatomical landmark identification, procedural setup, and device handling. Interactive case reviews will allow you to discuss specific clinical scenarios with faculty and explore how cryoNB can be applied within your own practice.

## Faculty

You will be trained by a multidisciplinary faculty with expertise in cryoanalgesia, perioperative pain management, and thoracic surgery.

## Course Overview

**Date Q3 2026** - please contact your local AtriCure representative to register your interest

**Format:** In-person - Didactic + CADet model

**Audience:** Anesthetists, Cardiac & Thoracic surgeons, perioperative nurses, and pain management teams

# Navigating the Maze – 21<sup>st</sup> Edition

We are thrilled to bring the highly-anticipated 21<sup>st</sup> edition of Navigating the Maze once again to Barcelona, Spain, on Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5, 2026. The program will be led by an international multidisciplinary faculty and will cover all aspects of surgical AF ablation management, Hybrid AF™ Therapies, and LAA Exclusion.

This 1.5-day event international atrial fibrillation program is for physicians interested in concomitant ablation and minimally invasive Hybrid AF™ Therapies. From patient selection to the latest clinical evidence, this dynamic program presents techniques and outcomes for catheter and surgical ablations. The faculty of leading experts will highlight specific cardiac surgery and minimally invasive hybrid therapies for AF patients through live surgeries and engaging presentations.

We are honored to continue our collaboration with the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS) on this unique education opportunity.

Participants who cannot travel to Barcelona will have the opportunity to watch the sessions streamed live on the event dates, or watch the video recordings on-demand after the event.

In collaboration with



## Audience

Cardiac surgeons and electrophysiologists who want to implement an AF program and want to optimize their current ablation strategy.

## Date

Dec. 4 - 5

## Program Director

Prof. Manuel Castella

## Accommodation

Hotel bookings will be allocated on an individual basis and you will receive a reservation confirmation by email. Please check your travel details tab in your AF Connect dashboard for your details.



Find out more information

# Hybrid AF™ Therapies Summit

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Hybrid AF™ Therapies Summit is taking place in Sitges (TBC) on June 5, 2026. Join your colleagues for a program covering AF and other cardiac arrhythmias treatment with Hybrid AF™ Therapies.

Led by an international panel of speakers, the event will include sessions and roundtables on latest clinical trial results, best practices, patient selection criteria and procedural considerations.

## Topics include:

- Pathophysiology and treatment options for persistent and long-standing persistent AF
- Principles and techniques for epicardial ablation and LAA exclusion
- Review of the latest clinical data
- Expert panel discussions
- Opportunities and challenges of developing a Hybrid AF Therapy program
- Real-world case debate

## Audience

Electrophysiologists and Cardiac Surgeons who are interested in developing a Hybrid AF Therapy program, or have already started it and would like to further advance their expertise through discussions with peers.

## Date

Jun. 5

## Venue

For more information on the programs and registration, please reach out to your AtriCure representatives.



Find out more information

# CryoNB Summit

The Cryo Nerve Block Summit will bring together physicians interested in advancing their knowledge of cryo nerve block therapy. It will be an opportunity to connect with peers and renowned international experts, engage in insightful discussions, review the latest clinical evidence, and exchange best practices for managing postoperative pain following cardiothoracic surgeries.

## Topics include:

- Pain Management in thoracic surgery – Multidisciplinary perspectives
- Best practices in perioperative protocols
- cryo nerve block therapy for minimally invasive & open lung surgery
- Cardiac surgery – cryoNB outcomes following median sternotomy
- Evidence generation in Europe – Latest insights and updates
- cryoSPHERE® MAX probe - the science behind cryoNB by AtriCure
- Expert panel: from patient assessment to cryoNB technique and application

## Dates

April 23 & 24

April 23: 7 pm Networking dinner

April 24: 8 am - 3 pm Scientific program

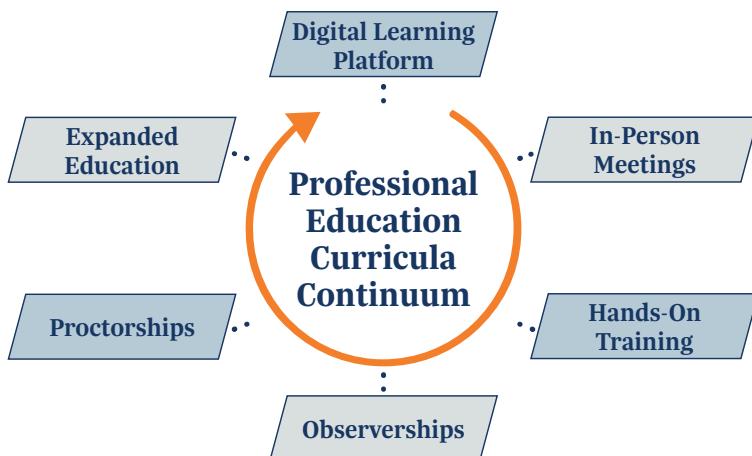
## Venue

AC Hotel Gava Mar  
Carrer dels Tellinaires, 33 - 35  
08850 Gavà  
Barcelona, Spain



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# Proctorships for Cardiac and Hybrid Ablation



## Proctorships

These are one-to-one physician training events conducted at the trainee's hospital to help expand device knowledge and to enhance technical and device related skill sets. Proctorships focus on the following areas: patient selection, pre, intra and post-surgical patient management, surgical technique, complication management and coordinated care.

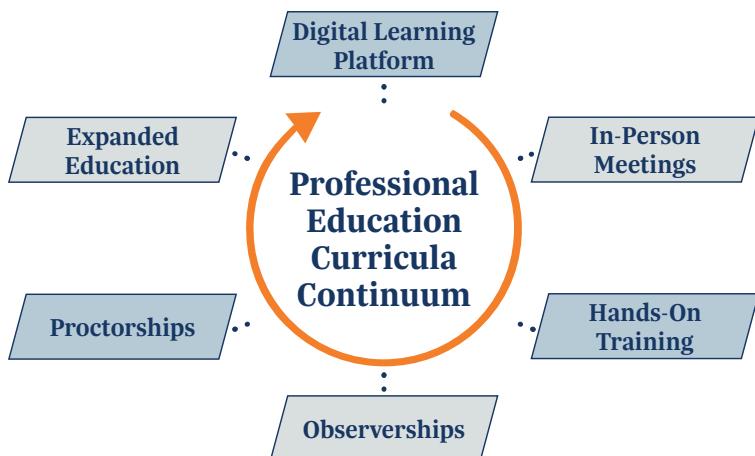
**Proctorships**  
Advanced Individualized  
Hospital Training  
(Proctorships)

### Requirement:

All proctorships must have two cases scheduled before proctor travel is booked.

Please reach out to AtriCure Professional Education at [proctoringemea@atricure.com](mailto:proctoringemea@atricure.com) for more information about these advanced programs.

# Case Observation for Cardiac and Hybrid Ablation



## Observerships

Hospital based programs, **observership** for physicians to observe techniques, skills and approach

## Observerships

This program is for physicians that have attended an AtriCure didactic course and a hands-on workshop and are geared to begin treating patients. The number of attendees is limited, giving each participant the opportunity to interact with world-class faculty, observe their surgical technique and discuss best practices.

### Who should attend:

Cardiac surgeons, electrophysiologists and advanced practice providers

# 2026 Schedule

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## Q1

January

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**MAZE IV Program** – BELGIUM

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**MAZE IV Program** – BELGIUM

February

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March

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**Minimal Access Concomitant Program** – BELGIUM

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**MAZE IV Program** – BELGIUM

## Q2

April

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**cryo NB Summit** – BARCELONA

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**cryo NB Summit** – BARCELONA

May

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**MAZE IV Program** – BELGIUM

12

**Allied Health Professionals Course**  
THE NETHERLANDS

June

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**Hybrid AF™ Therapies Summit**  
UK

24

**Minimal Access Concomitant Program** – BELGIUM

25

**MAZE IV Program** – BELGIUM

# Q3

September

**29**      **Minimal Access Concomitant Program** – BELGIUM

**30**      **MAZE IV Program** – BELGIUM

# Q4

October

**29**      **MAZE IV Program** – BELGIUM

November

**4**      **Minimal Access Concomitant Program** – BELGIUM

**17**      **Allied Health Professionals Course**  
THE NETHERLANDS

December

**3**      **MAZE IV Program** – BARCELONA

**4-5**      **Navigating The Maze** - BARCELONA

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