

SWISS
FOUNDATION
FOR INNOVATION
AND TRAINING
IN SURGERY

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

for Innovation, Training
and Research in Surgery

“Our vision is excellence. Our ambition, to become the best surgical and interventional training center in Europe!

Prof. Pierre Hoffmeyer
President of the SFITS



“The SFITS paves the way for new standards of surgical education and innovation.

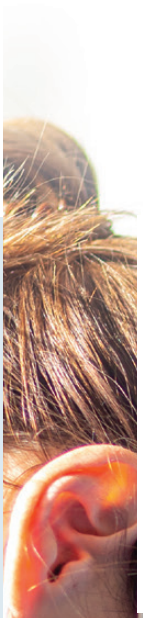
Dr. Jelena Godjevac
CEO



Training

Improve surgical and interventional practice by offering continuous training to all professionals working in operating rooms





Exchange

Serve as a platform for interdisciplinary exchange between teachers, researchers and engineers

OUR MISSION

Innovation

Foster the emergence of innovative ideas by bringing the medical and industrial worlds together



Research

Host research projects and support the development of new interventional and surgical techniques and technologies

Retrospective



2016

- Construction

2017

61
Days /Courses

- 1st training on September 22nd

2018

301
Days /Courses

1
Academic project

- Inauguration April 17th

2019

396
Days /Courses

- Hands-on workshops, seminars,and conferences
- E-learning modules
- Live streams

2020

456
Days /Courses

- Online events
- SFITS Calendar
- SFITS Online platform

2021

535
Days /Courses

- Hybrid events
- Structured training programs
- Online library

2022

559
Days /Courses

6
Academic projects

- Research projects platform
- Ecosystem of innovative partners
- Development of new techniques and technologies

2023

457
Days /Courses

7
Academic projects

- Platform to create cooperation revolving around innovation and research
- Partner for testing, R&D and validation of new concepts

2024

540
Days /Courses

7
Academic projects

- Center of excellence with training standards
- Ecosystem for innovative startups

2025

537
Days /Courses

7
Academic projects

- Centre of Excellence, with training standards
- Testing and concept validation platform
- SFITS On-Demand







Who we are

The SFITS is a not for profit foundation, based in the Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) complex in Switzerland.

We are specialized in hosting and organizing face-to-face, online and blended surgical and interventional training sessions and events for hospitals, medical associations and private companies. With a versatile modular space, our facility can easily be adapted to a wide range of learning modalities.



The SFITS offering is unique

- Almost real conditions
- A totally controlled environment
- Ethical access to anatomical specimens, organic parts, synthetic models
- Modern and well equipped infrastructure to host face-to-face, online and hybrid events
- Specific know-how and professional teams







The 5-star training and innovation center of excellence

Where you can

- Organize custom-made practical workshops, hybrid events, and conferences from A to Z
- Train your delegates in a secure environment, with no patient risk
- Configure your events in the right infrastructure
- Deliver best-in-class training experience, in adapted settings
- Benefit from a fully equipped and modern infrastructure, tailored to your needs
- Be at ease and rely on experienced and resourceful professionals for 5-star services
- Rely on our ethically managed anatomical specimens and organic parts
- Network and discuss with experts and OR professionnals, engineers, academic researchers
- Test your concept, validate your innovation, get direct feedback



Our 3 pillars for the **best-in-class** training experience

Unique know-how

- Experienced and resourceful teams
  - in wetlab preparation and assistance
  - in logistical coordination
  - in technical and biomedical assistance
  - in audiovisual engineering
  - in communication and accreditation management
  - in project and event management
  - in education management
- Efficient cross-functional processes
- Ethical management and strict medical codes of conduct





Versatile infrastructure

- Controlled and secured environment to safely practice
- Wetlabs fully equipped with modern biomedical equipment
- Hybrid room equipped with robotic arm and advanced 3D imaging system
- Imaging systems and radioprotection available in the center
- High-performance audiovisual routing system, with a control room
- Ultra-modern 50-seat auditorium connected to the center and external OR
- Modular conference rooms
- Luminous and comfortable lounge, for breaks and lunches

5-star services

- Customized wetlab services
- Full logistical and technical support
- Ethical management of anatomical specimens
- Organization of tailor-made practical workshops and events from A to Z
- Pedagogical engineering for face-to-face workshops, online modules and hybrid events
- Conception of instructional videos
- Catering and hospitality services



The open platform to boost your **innovation** strategies

SFITS INNOVATION

The **SFITS Innovation Program** drives two initiatives to support and accelerate the emergence and development of new interventional and surgical techniques and technologies.

The Corporate R&D Program supports Medtech companies and R&D departments, eager to continue research and development of innovative solutions, and to test and improve in a clinical setting, thanks to the SFITS real-life conditions and specific capabilities.

The Corporate R&D Program

offers Medtech companies

- Immersion in a vibrant and creative environment with selected researchers and startups to nurture innovation
- Support to leverage a rich and fertile ecosystem of engineering schools and universities to build and feed your innovation pipeline
- Assistance in developing the best collaboration format with relevant stakeholders for your specific objectives
- Top-notch infrastructure, expertise and services to accelerate the development and testing of new surgical technologies with high confidentiality
- The right place to monitor technology and market trends related to the interventional medicine



The Startup Accelerator Program is designed to bring together the entrepreneurial, medical, industrial, and financial communities, creating a dynamic ecosystem where innovation can thrive. It represents a significant opportunity for startups in the surgical and interventional technology space, providing the resources, connections, and expertise needed to bring innovative solutions to the market.

The Startup Accelerator Program

facilitates the development and deployment of disruptive surgical technologies, by

- Providing top-notch infrastructures, expertise and services
- Encouraging market adoption and changes in operating practices
- Fostering collaboration between innovators, healthcare professionals, Medtech companies and investors
- Promoting innovative startups and solutions in the medical community and on the international stage



SFITS
ACADEMY

SFITS Academy



Surgical Training Center of Excellence

Theoretical and practical workshops of quality, in a secured environment that is close to the reality

- For all specialties
- For all levels (from basic to expert)
- For all OR professionals

- **Training center accredited by NASCE and GESEA**
- **Courses accredited by Swiss and European societies**

SFITS CALENDAR

The SFITS Calendar is a free webapp made available to you to register for courses, to access e-learning modules and to download your training history (Logbook).







Access our e-learning modules to support your daily practice, wherever and whenever you want, at your own pace.

All modules are created and produced by the SFITS team, and accredited by the Swiss Society of Surgery.



SFITS E-LEARNING LIBRARY



SFITS on-demand

The turnkey solution for your training needs

- Do you have specific training needs for your residents and staff?
- Do you wish to be assisted in implementing track-record workshops within your hospital?
- Do you have a dedicated room?
- Do you have inhouse faculty ready to dedicate time to train?

We take care of the rest!

Train your residents with the SFITS standards of excellence!



Choose a practical workshop from our large variety of training, whether on synthetic models (Drylab), or on organic parts:

- Sutures
- Laparoscopy
- Surgical simulators (arthroscopy, laparoscopy, gastroenterology…), or
- Any other training from the SFITS Calendar (that meets the selection criteria)

We deliver to you the SFITS methology to organize a 1-day hands-on workshop, on either dry synthetic material, or on organic parts, following the SFITS standards of excellence.





Original Audio-Visual services

We assist you in creating, developing, editing, and publishing your online resources.

- **Anatomical illustrations:** Original anatomical drawings, illustrations and animations
- **Hybrid events:** event that combines the components of a TV-broadcast for in-person audience and a social and interactive live stream event for remote participants. Animation of online event, theoretical presentations, group discussions, Q&A, virtual break-out room sessions (online platform)
- **Live stream services:** intervention on patient in any fully equipped OR theater or anatomical dissections from one of our wetlabs
- **Video recording services:** in the HUG OR theater on a patient (upfront patient consent mandatory), or with built-in cameras (such as microscopes, surgical lights, endoscopes, navigation) or through 2D/3D Imaging equipment or any compatible biomedical equipment
- **Video editing services:** Storyboard, voice-over, technical captions



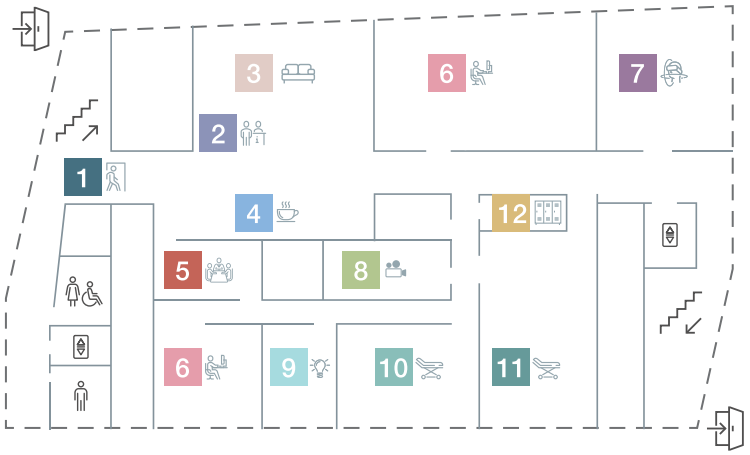
Lounge



Halsted

Our center

8th Floor



Access to Floor 7

1	Main entrance
2	Reception
3	Lounge
4	Lunch area
5	Colloque 8 (Meeting room)
6	Offices
7	Halsted (Simulation room)
8	Studio
9	InnoLab
10	Kocher (Organic and Drylab)
11	Paré (WetLab)
12	Cloakroom

Paré



Kocher lab



Recording studio





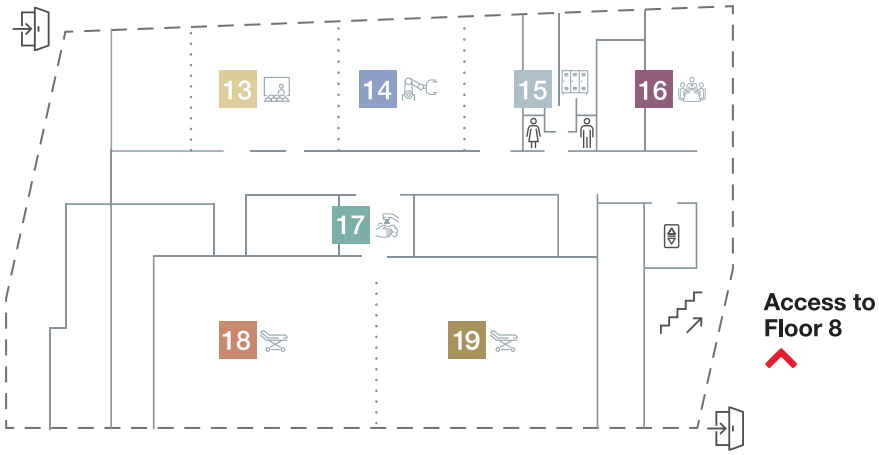
Auditorium



Hunter

7th Floor

13 Auditorium
14 Hunter (Hybrid room)
15 Cloakrooms
16 Colloque 7 (Meeting room)
17 Scrubbing
18 Vésale 1 (WetLab)
19 Vésale 2 (WetLab)



Access to Floor 8



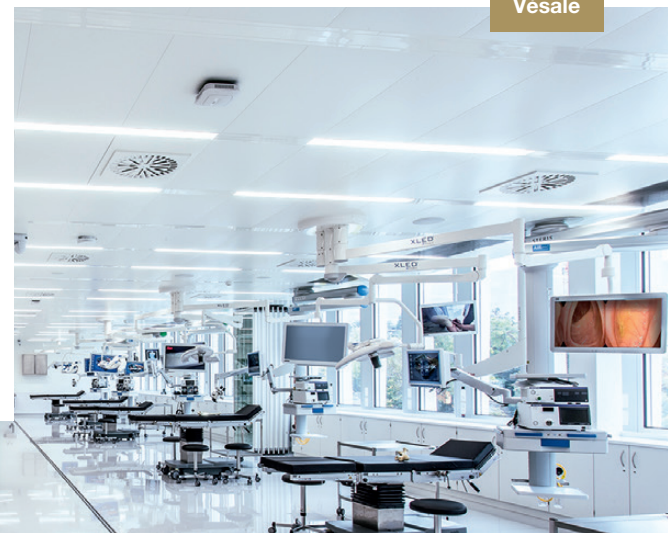
Colloque 7







Vésale



How to get to the SFITS

By car

Follow the *Hôpital* directions
from the exit of the motorway

PARKING Lombard

From Geneva main train station

Bus n° 1, n° 5, n° 7, n° 35
Bus stop *Hôpital*

Bus n° 3
Bus stop Claparède

Tram n° 12, 18 | Bus stop Augustins

Taxi available

Train | stop Genève-Champel

From Geneva airport

Train to Geneva train station
(every 10 min) and bus n° 1, n° 5
(Bus stop *Hôpital* or train stop
Genève-Champel))

Taxi available

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