

**Small Animal Laparoscopy Course**  
**Veterinary Practitioners and Veterinary Technicians**  
**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**



**Introduction**

Minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery is increasing in demand in small animal practice. Research shows that defined training programs and repetition of skills are essential to procedural success with minimal complications. We are offering a basic laparoscopic surgery course intended for veterinarians with minimal or no previous experience in the field. The course goal is to deliver essential basic theoretical knowledge about laparoscopy and provide opportunities for practical experience in basic laparoscopic surgery using bench-top models and progressing to live patient procedures. Equipment company representatives will



provide valuable information for adding this modality to your practice. By the end of the course, participants will be prepared for developing and commencing safe laparoscopic practice.

The first day will include an introduction to equipment and instrumentation via lectures and videos focusing on the use of the laparoscopy instruments; explanation of the different laparoscopic basic skills training tasks; and specific procedures such as biopsy (liver, pancreas and kidney), ovariectomy, thoracoscopy, and laparoscopic assisted procedures (intestinal biopsy, gastropexy and cystostomy). During the remainder of day one, participants will learn basic laparoscopic skills (peg transfer, pattern cutting, suturing, and practicing the cautery-cutting device) and laparoscopic procedure (laparoscopic portals, insufflation, biopsy and ovariectomy). In the end of the first day instructors will perform laparoscopic surgery demonstration on a live dog including laparoscopic abdominal exploration follow by ovariectomy.

The second day of the course will include practical laparoscopy surgery procedure (laparoscopic abdominal exploration, and ovariectomy) on live dogs.

### **Veterinary Technician Training for Basic Minimally Invasive Surgery**

This course is open also for veterinarian technicians. Technicians are a vital component of the Minimal Invasive Surgery (MIS) team. During this course, technicians will learn about preparation of equipment and instrumentation, preparation of patients for MIS procedures and all the anesthesia considerations for patients during MIS that occur as a result of abdominal insufflation. They will be ready to go!



**Instructors and lecturers:**

Dr. Ohad Levi, DVM  
Dr. Dominique Griffon, DMV, MS, PhD, DECVS, DACVS  
Dr. Lyon Lee, DVM, PhD, DACVAA  
Dr. Maria Fahie, DVM, DACVS  
Dr. David Clark, DVM, DABVP  
Dr. Young Joo Kim, DVM  
Ms. Annette Chavarria-Marron, RVT  
Ms. Leslie Torte, RVT  
Ms. Liz Villagran, RVT  
Ms. Prisma Martinez, RVT  
Mr. Matt Willis, Karl Storz , North America  
Ms. Meredith Anderson, Medtronic

**Schedule**

**Day 1 – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**Veterinarians**

7:30 - 8:00	Breakfast (provided) and check-in
8:00 - 9:05	Dr. Ohad Levi: Introduction to Laparoscopy- Equipment/instruments, procedures.
9:05 - 9:35	Dr. Lyon Lee: Anesthesia principals under insufflation
9:35 - 9:50	Coffee break
9:50 -10:20	Dr. Dominique Griffon: Arthroscopy in small animals
10:20 - 10:50	Dr. Ohad Levi: Laparoscopy surgery complications
10:50 - 12:00	Laparoscopy procedure, laparoscopic training on models (basic Laparoscopic tasks, biopsy, and ovariectomy)
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch (provided), round table Ovariectomy vs. Ovariohysterectomy
12:30 –14:15	Laparoscopy procedure, laparoscopic training on models (basic laparoscopic tasks, biopsy, and ovariectomy) continue.
14:15 – 14:30	Coffee break
14:30- 17:00	Laparoscopic ovariectomy procedure on a live dog (demonstration by instructors).



**Day 2 – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians**

8:00-8:30	Breakfast (provided)
8:30 -10:10	Surgery - laparoscopic basic technique and laparoscopic ovariectomy on live dogs
10:10-10:25	Coffee break
10:25 - 12:05	Surgery - laparoscopic basic technique and laparoscopic ovariectomy on live dogs
12:05-13:00	Lunch (provided)
13:00 – 14:40	Surgery - laparoscopic basic techniques and laparoscopic ovariectomy on live dogs
14:40-14:55	Coffee break
14:55 – 17:15	Surgery - laparoscopic basic techniques and laparoscopic ovariectomy on live dogs



**Registration fee:**

**Veterinarians \$1850**  
**Veterinary Technicians \$500**

**Payment:**

Only credit card payments are accepted through the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-animal-laparoscopy-course-for-veterinarians-veterinary-technicians-tickets-53664341490>

Registration is limited to six veterinarians and four Veterinary technicians. Once the registration is full, additional names will be placed on a waiting list. If any spots become available, we will contact you. Any questions please contact Dr. Ohad Levi [olevi@westernu.edu](mailto:olevi@westernu.edu) or CVM Continuing Education Coordinators Ms. Nicole Jimenez & Tonya Montgomery at [CVMCE@westernu.edu](mailto:CVMCE@westernu.edu)

**Continuing Education Credits: 17 CE Credit\***

*\* This continuing education program has been submitted to the Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine (WU-CVM) Continuing Education Committee (but not yet approved) for 17 hours of continuing education credit. This CE credit would be provided by WU-CVM as an AVMA accredited veterinary college and participants should be aware that some veterinary medical boards have limitations on the content and provider of continuing veterinary education credit. Please consult your states practice act.*

**Cancellations and Refunds:**

Cancellations greater than 30 calendar days prior to the start of the event will result in a refund of 100% of registration costs. Cancellations less than 30 days prior to the start of the event will result in no refund



**Travel:**

Local airports are Ontario International (ONT ~15 minutes) and Los Angeles International (LAX ~ 60-120 minutes).

- Staying at Sheraton Fairplex shuttles can be arranged for transport to/from Ontario airport.
- If traveling in/out of LAX please keep in mind estimated travel time could be a minimum of 2 hours.

**Lodging:**

**Pomona**

- Sheraton Fairplex - Pomona, CA (Shuttle transportation provided)

**Chino Hills**

- Ayres Hotel Chino Hills, CA (Shuttle transportation provided)
- Hampton Inn & Suites Chino Hills, CA

**Claremont**

- Double Tree by Hilton Claremont, CA
- Hotel Casa 425 + Lounge, CA

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