

ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPY COURSE FOR SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025



NOTE: This course requires previous experience in laparoscopic surgery!

INTRODUCTION

The increasing demand for minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery in small animal practice highlights the need for specialized training. Our advanced laparoscopic surgery course is specifically tailored for veterinarians with prior experience in this field. The course's primary focus is on laparoscopic Assisted- Gastropexy and the option of using the Single-Incision Laparoscopic Surgery (SILS), offering a blend of essential theoretical knowledge and hands-on practical experience. Participants will begin with bench-top laparoscopic models and simulators, gradually advancing to procedures on live patients. This approach ensures a deep understanding and proficiency in these advanced techniques. Additionally, the instructors and the representatives from equipment companies will provide insights on integrating these surgical methods into your practice effectively. Upon completion, participants will be fully equipped to safely perform assisted-laparoscopic gastropexy and the use of SILS, enhancing their surgical capabilities in response to the growing market needs.

The program is divided into two parts, focusing on the assisted-laparoscopic gastropexy procedure and the use of the Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery (SILS).

Part 1: The morning session starts with an introductory lecture and video presentations on the assisted-laparoscopic gastropexy procedure, including its potential combination with laparoscopic ovariectomy. In addition, the advantages, and disadvantages of using the SILS. Participants will receive comprehensive training on simulators, covering the equipment and instrumentation involved. The session will delve into the steps of the procedure, including the use of various cautery-cutting sealing devices currently available in the market.

Part 2: This session is devoted to practical training. Participants will perform laparoscopic assisted- gastropexy surgery on live dogs. The procedures may also include ovariectomy, depending on the case. This hands-on experience is designed to provide the application of part 1 theoretical learning, enhancing participants' laparoscopic surgical skills in a controlled, supervised environment.



Veterinary Technician Training

Looking to enhance the laparoscopic skills of your veterinary technicians? Let them join the course and equip your technicians to handle the demands of Minimal Invasive Surgery (MIS) procedures. In addition to lectures and training on models (activities that are common to both DVMs and RVTs), technicians will learn about the preparation of MIS equipment and instrumentation, patient preparation for MIS procedures, and anesthesia considerations for patients undergoing MIS procedures that involve abdominal insufflation. By the end of the course, your technicians will be ready to assist efficiently in your clinic laparoscopic procedures.

CERTIFICATION

At the end of the course, each clinician will receive a certificate of small animal laparoscopy course completion.

Continuing Education Credits: 9 CE Credit Hours*

**This continuing education program was submitted to the Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine (WU-CVM) Continuing Education Committee. It approved 9 hours of continuing education credit. WU-CVM would provide this CE credit as AVMA accredited veterinary college. Participants should be aware that some veterinary medical boards have limitations on the content and provider of continuing veterinary education credit. Please consult your state's practice act.*

INSTRUCTORS AND LECTURERS

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| Dr. Ohad Levi, DVM | Dr. Young Joo Kim, DVM |
| Dr. Maria Fahie, DVM, DACVS | Ms. Annette Chavarria-Marron, RVT |
| Dr. Lyon Lee, DVM, PhD, DACVAA | Ms. Leslie Tortez, RVT |
| Dr. David Clark, DVM, DABVP | Ms. Prisma Martinez, RVT |

Plus additional staff from our on-campus Pet Health Center (PHC)

COURSE LOCATION

**Western University of Health Sciences
College of Veterinary Medicine
Pet Health Center**

611 E. Second Street, Pomona, CA 91766

<https://pethealthcenter.westernu.edu/>

COURSE SCHEDULE

Monday, June 2, 2025

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| 7:30am - 8:00am | Breakfast (provided) and check-in |
| 8:00am - 9:00am | Dr. Ohad Levi: Advanced laparoscopic procedure - Laparoscopic Assisted-Gastropexy and Single-Incision Laparoscopic Surgery (SILS) |
| 9:00am – 9:15am | Coffee break |
| 9:15am – 10:15am | Laparoscopic training on models/simulators (Laparoscopic Assisted-Gastropexy and Single-Incision Laparoscopic Surgery (SILS) |
| 10:30am – 12:30pm | Laparoscopic Assisted-Gastropexy and +/- Ovariectomy on a live dog |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm | Lunch (provided), round table Ovariectomy vs. Ovariohysterectomy |
| 1:30pm – 5:00pm | Continue - Laparoscopic Assisted-Gastropexy and +/- Ovariectomy on a live dog |

REGISTRATION FEE

Fees:

Veterinarians - \$1800

Veterinary Technicians - \$250

(only credit card payments are accepted through the registration site)

Registration link: [Click here for more information and to register for this course](#)

*Registration is limited to **four** veterinarians and **two** Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs). Once the course registration is full, please contact us, and additional names will be placed on a waiting list. If any spots become available, we will contact you.*

Cancellations and Refunds

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

TRAVEL & LODGING

Travel

Local airports: Ontario International (ONT ~15 minutes) and Los Angeles International (LAX ~ 60-120 minutes, depending on traffic)

Lodging

We recommend the following lodging based on distance to the campus.

Pomona

- **Sheraton Fairplex Hotel**

Address: 601 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA 91768

Phone: (909) 622-2220

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ontsi-sheraton-fairplex-hotel-and-conference-center/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

Chino Hills

- **Ayres Hotel**

Address: 4785 Chino Hills Pkwy, Chino Hills, CA 91709

Phone: (909) 631-2922

Website: <https://www.ayreshotels.com/ayres-hotel-chino-hills>

- **Hampton Inn & Suites**

Address: 3150 Chino Ave, Chino Hills, CA 91709

Phone: (909) 591-2474

Website: https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ciccahx-hampton-suites-chino-hills/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-HX-CICCAHX&y_source=1_MjA4MzY1MS03MTUtbG9jYXRpb24ud2Vic2l0ZQ%3D%3D

Claremont

- **Double Tree by Hilton**

Address: 555 W Foothill Blvd, Claremont, CA 91711

Phone: (909) 626-2411

Website: https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ontcldt-doubletree-claremont/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-DT-ONTCLDT&y_source=1_MTM3MjY3NS03MTUtbG9jYXRpb24ud2Vic2l0ZQ%3D%3D

- **Hotel Casa 425 + Lounge, CA**

Address: 425 W 1st St, Claremont, CA 91711

Phone: (909) 624-2272

Website: <https://www.casa425.com/>

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