

Press Release

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Getinge Group Launch Endoscopic Vessel Harvesting Club

Getinge Group announces the successful launch of the European Harvester Club event which took place at the EMEA Academy in Rastatt, Germany (15-16 September 2016). This event was attended by over 80 participants (cardiothoracic surgeons and surgical care practitioners) from 18 different European countries who are either responsible for or will be responsible for Endoscopic Vessel Harvesting (EVH) in their respective hospital.

“The EVH Meeting was, in my opinion, exceptional. The lectures, case presentations and discussion were extremely valuable for both beginners as well as very experienced harvesters and this is exactly the type of training needed to drive the adoption of this therapy across Europe.” said Prof. Dr. med. Yeong-Hoon Choi, University of Cologne, Germany.

EVH is performed for patients during coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG, or “bypass surgery”) and is done by taking or “harvesting” a healthy blood vessel from the leg or forearm via a minimally invasive procedure, which is then used to bypass a blockage in the patient’s heart. This procedure has increasingly become the standard of care for bypass surgery given the significant clinical and cosmetic benefits without compromising long-term patient outcomes or safety. Getinge Group’s Maquet brand has been at the forefront of EVH technology and been working with clinicians to make the procedure easier, faster, and more protective of the harvested blood vessel, ultimately leading to better patient outcomes.

“We, at Getinge Group, are committed to partnering in training with the medical community and are therefore actively supporting education programs ranging from basic product training courses to advanced workshops and symposia in the field of Endoscopic Vessel Harvesting. As Maquet took an early leadership position in this procedure over the years, we have introduced improvements to our EVH system utilizing real-world, clinical user input and addressing the needs of our customers who use endoscopic vessel harvesting in their daily practice as a standard of care. Our commitment to enabling best in class EVH procedures is reflected in this initiative” says Markus Stirner-Schilling, Vice President, Marketing & Academy Getinge Group, Europe, Middle East & Africa

About Getinge Group

Getinge Group is a leading global provider of innovative solutions for operating rooms, intensive-care units, Hospital wards, sterilization departments, elderly care and for life science companies and institutions. With genuine passion for life we build quality and safety into every system. Our unique value proposition mirrors the continuum of care, enhancing efficiency throughout the clinical pathway. Based on our first-hand experience and close partnerships, we are able to exceed expectations from customers – improving the every-day life for people, today and tomorrow.

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