



STEPS 2025

TEACHING SEMINAR

under the auspices of
European Paediatric Surgeons' Association (EUPSA)

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN PEDIATRIC SURGERY EXPERTS FORUM



ANNOUNCEMENT



19-20 September 2025

Porto, Portugal



Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to invite you to the 2025 STEPS (Strategies & Trends in European Pediatric Surgery) Seminar which will be held under the auspices of European Pediatric Surgeons Association (EUPSA) and Portuguese Society of Pediatric Surgery in Porto on 19-20 September 2025.

The 2025 teaching seminar will be an Experts Forum on “Technological advances in Pediatric Surgery”. Experts have been invited to deliver State-of-the-Art lectures and compare their experiences in management. The expert's forum will include debates with expert opinions and views.

Porto is the second-largest city in Portugal after Lisbon and one of the major urban areas of the Iberian Peninsula. The urban area of Porto, which extends beyond the administrative limits of the city, has a population of 2.4 million in an area of 150 sq mi, making it the second-largest urban area in Portugal. It is recognized as a gamma level global city by the Globalization and World Cities (GaWC) Study Group, the only Portuguese city besides Lisbon to be recognized as a global city.

Located along the Douro river estuary in Northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European centers, and its historical core was proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996. The western part of its urban area extends to the coastline of the Atlantic Ocean.

Port is a great place to enjoy the cultural history of the country along with multiple social events that are on offer during Autumn 2025.

Our co-host from the Centro Hospitalar Universitario de Santo Antonio as well as the organizing team of STEPS welcome your participation in Porto for STEPS 2025.

Amulya K. Saxena
STEPS Organizer



Experts Forum Topics

- Advances in fetal and neonatal minimal access surgery
- Impact of technology and outcome assessment in pediatric surgical performance
- Advances in contrast-enhanced ultrasound (CEUS) in pediatrics
- 3D patient morphology mapping- impact on pediatric surgery
- Splanchnic near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) monitoring in NICU
- Game changers in pediatric anesthesia- technological advances and patient safety
- Esophageal atresia-state of the art and novel approaches
- Surgical advances in duodenal atresia
- Advances in congenital diaphragmatic hernia repair
- Thoracoscopic cryoanalgesia enhanced pain control in pectus excavatum repair
- Diagnostic advances in Hirschsprung's disease- immunohistochemical markers
- Indocyanine green (ICG) guided applications in pediatric surgery and urology
- Inguinal hernia repairs- advances and outcomes
- Video-assisted treatment of perianal fistula (VAAFT)
- Ergonomics in improving performance in pediatric thoracoscopy and laparoscopy
- Advances in pediatric robotic surgery and urology

Scientific Faculty

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ABSTRACTS /REGISTRATION/ VENUE



Abstract submission

Structured abstracts (Aim, Patients, Results, Conclusion) of 200 words with title, full author names (first name and family name) & institution (name, city, country) can be submitted online or by email to steps.seminars@gmail.com.

Abstract submission deadline 30th June 2025
Acceptance notification 15th July 2025

Registration Fee*	Before 31st Jul	From 1st Aug
EUPSA/HAPS member	200 €	250 €
Regular participant	250 €	300 €
Annual dinner	50 €	50 €

* *Registration fee includes seminar, breaks & lunches (Annual dinner not included)*

For registration email details (Name/Address/Registration type) to steps.seminars@gmail.com or online/website

Seminar Venue

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