

A WORLD-CLASS EXPERIENCE  
IN MINIMALLY INVASIVE THORACIC SURGERY

# MASTERCLASS

IN

# UNIPORTAL VATS

WITH PROF. DR. DIEGO GONZALEZ RIVAS

AT THE THORACIC SURGERY DEPARTMENT  
THEAGENEIO CANCER HOSPITAL, THESSALONIKI, GREECE



PROF. DR.

**DIEGO GONZALEZ RIVAS**

Pioneer and world leader in Uniportal VATS

International Masterclasses worldwide  
(Europe, Asia, Africa)



DATE

**June 10, 2026**

Wednesday



PARTICIPANTS

Up to  
**15 participants**



VENUE

**Theagenio  
Cancer Hospital**  
Thessaloniki, Greece



FORMAT

**Live Surgeries  
with Observing  
Participation**



## ABOUT THE MASTERCLASS

Prof. Dr. Diego Gonzalez Rivas, the founder of the Uniportal VATS technique for the full spectrum of thoracic surgeries, will lead a Masterclass in collaboration with the Thoracic Surgery Department of Theagenio Cancer Hospital.

He will perform major thoracic procedures using the uniportal approach together with the hospital's surgical team on selected cases. Participants will observe the surgeries live in the operating room and engage in discussions and Q&A sessions with the expert.

This unique Masterclass offers an educational experience focusing on innovation, precision, and excellence in minimally invasive thoracic surgery.



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## HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Live Uniportal VATS surgeries performed by Prof. Dr. Diego Gonzalez Rivas
- ✓ Direct interaction and discussion with the expert
- ✓ Insight into advanced techniques and real-world tips
- ✓ Networking with thoracic surgeons from around the world



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## **Prof. Diego González Rivas**

Completed training in Thoracic Surgery and Lung Transplantation at the University Hospital of La Coruña, 1999-2015

- Director of the Uniportal VATS international training program at the Shanghai Pulmonary Hospital, China  
The biggest thoracic center in the world,  
150 major lung resections per day,  
Uniportal VATS rate 90%+
- **Worldwide famous pioneer expert in the world performing such following procedures:**

- ✓ *Uniportal VATS anatomic resections*  
(1st case: June 2010)
- ✓ *Non-intubated uniportal major pulmonary resections*  
(1st case: April 2014)
- ✓ *"Unisurgeon" Uniportal VATS*  
(1st case: 2016)



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"Theagenio" Cancer hospital's Thoracic Surgery Department officially commenced operations in 1985, coinciding with the establishment of Greece's National Health System and is the only thoracic surgery-oncology center in Northern Greece. It services the thoracic surgical needs of neighboring hospitals in Thessaloniki, while, due to its specialized expertise, it also receives a large number of cases from the rest of Macedonia, Thessaly, Epirus, Thrace, the Ionian Islands and the northeastern Aegean islands, as well as from neighboring Balkan countries.

The Department performs the full spectrum of surgical procedures involving the lung, mediastinum, chest wall, esophagus, trachea, pleura, and diaphragm, especially in minimally invasive thoracic surgery procedures (M.I.T.S.).

Keeping pace with every innovative technological advance in healthcare, the department applies additional minimally invasive techniques, enabling the performance of hybrid robotic-thoracoscopic procedures (Robotic Hybrid V.A.T.S.). It is also equipped with the only Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy (E.N.B.) system in Greece, further contributing to early diagnosis and management of lung cancer. Thanks to this innovative technology, Thoracic Surgery Department was awarded First Prize at the Healthcare Business Awards 2024, in Athens.

# PROGRAM

- 🕒 10th June - Uniportal VATS Lectures and Live Surgeries  
📍 "Theageneio" Cancer Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece

Time	Content
08:30-09:00	Participant Registration and Welcome Session
09:00-10:30	Live Surgery: Uniportal VATS Surgery
10:30-11:00	Uniportal VATS Surgery Tips and Tricks: <b><i>Prof. Diego Gonzales Rivas</i></b>
11:00-12:30	Live Surgery: Uniportal VATS Surgery
12:30-13:30	Evolution from Uniportal VATS to RATS: <b><i>Prof. Diego Gonzales Rivas</i></b>
13:30-15:00	Closing Remarks and Conclusions