

## The 11th International Head and Neck Symposium

Location: Piet Borst Auditorium  
The Netherlands Cancer Institute – Antoni van Leeuwenhoek  
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Language: The official language of the symposium will be English.

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Registration online: <http://www.hoofdhalskanker.info/elderlysymposium>

Registration deadline: The deadline for registration is March 31, 2014.

Accreditation: CME points have been applied for.

Fees: Early bird registration before January 1, 2014:  
Clinicians: € 350,00; trainees/paramedics: € 275,00.  
Registration on/after January 1, 2014:  
Clinicians: € 425,00; trainees/paramedics: € 350,00.

The fee includes material, lunch, coffee and tea during breaks.

Cancellation policy: For registration fees to be refunded, written notice of cancellation must be received by April 1, 2014. The amount of registration fees remitted, minus a 15% handling fee, will be refunded after the symposium. Substitutions are accepted with written notification. After April 1, 2014, no refunds will be made.

Hotels: <http://www.hoofdhalskanker.info/elderlysymposium>

## Guest faculty

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ME Hamaker	Department of Geriatric Medicine, Diaconessenhuis, Utrecht, the Netherlands
JH Hoeijmakers	Department of Genetics, Cancer Genomics Center, Erasmus University Medical Center, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
A Klink	Department of Health, Labor and Politics, VU University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands Former Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport (2007-2010)
CJW Leget	University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, the Netherlands
VEPP Lemmens	Department of Public Health, Erasmus University Medical Center, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
SEJA de Rooij	Division of Internal Medicine, Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
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# HOW TO TREAT HEAD AND NECK CANCER IN THE ELDERLY?

Amsterdam, 10-11 April, 2014





Since 1993 ten successful AVL multidisciplinary symposia were held on the diagnosis and treatment of malignancies in the head and neck. The forthcoming eleventh symposium is focused on head and neck cancer in the elderly.

Sixty percent of all malignancies are diagnosed in patients who are over 65 years of age and the number of elderly patients will significantly increase for the forthcoming decennia in the Western hemisphere. In these patients individualized treatment is of utmost importance, because of the high incidence of comorbidities - with a related use of multiple drugs -, declined (multiple) organ functions and less optimal psychosocial functioning. This means that the use of standardized treatment protocols is limited in the older age group, requiring adaptations for almost every treatment modality. Also the application of the full armamentarium of highly technical diagnostic measures might be questioned in this specific patient population, particularly from a cost effectiveness point of view.

The adequate diagnosis and treatment of head and neck cancer in the elderly is strongly dependent on a multidisciplinary approach with active participation of various medical specialists. This symposium brings pitfalls in the diagnostic process and multimodality treatment to the attention of the participants. Case report discussions are included as well as how to implement the acquired knowledge.

Lectures and presentations aim at an adequate information on current advances and state of the art of diagnosis and treatment of head and neck cancer.

Looking forward to your participation, also on behalf of the Multidisciplinary Head and Neck Unit AVL/AMC-OMFS.

Organization committee:  
 AJM Balm  
 JP de Boer  
 MWM van den Brekel  
 O Hamming-Vrieze  
 WMC Klop  
 PJFM Lohuis

Thursday, April 10, 2014		
08.00 – 08.50	Registration	
08.50 – 09.00	Introduction	AJM Balm
<b>General aspects of cancer in the elderly</b> <b>Moderator AJM Balm</b>		
09.00 – 09.30	The biology of the aging cell	JH Hoeijmakers
09.30 – 10.00	Epidemiology of cancer in the elderly	VEPP Lemmens
10.00 – 10.45	Clinical decision making in the elderly cancer patient: ethical and financial dilemmas	SEJA de Rooij
10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break		
<b>Clinical and financial aspects of cancer treatment in the elderly</b> <b>Moderator MWM van den Brekel</b>		
11.15 – 12.00	How can we ensure that healthcare will remain affordable in the future?	A Klink
12.00 – 12.15	Discussion	
12.15 – 13.30 Lunch		
<b>Diagnosis of head and neck cancer in the elderly</b> <b>Moderator WMC Klop</b>		
13.30 – 14.00	Comorbidity and influence on survival	RJ Baatenburg de Jong
14.00 – 14.30	The value of geriatric assessments in predicting survival and treatment tolerance	ME Hamaker
14.30 – 15.00	How strict should standard treatment protocols be used in the elderly?	AJM Balm
15.00 – 15.45 Coffee break		
<b>Treatment of head and neck cancer in the elderly</b> <b>Moderator PJFM Lohuis</b>		
15.45 – 16.05	Palliative surgery	MB Karakullukcu
16.05 – 16.30	Radiotherapy schemes in elderly patients	JM Uppelschoten
16.30 – 17.00	Is chemoradiation an option for elderly patients?	JP de Boer
17.00 – 18.00	Case report discussions	Faculty*

Friday, April 11, 2014		
<b>Psychosocial and functional aspects of the older head and neck cancer patient I</b> <b>Moderator JP de Boer</b>		
09.00 – 09.30	Psychiatric coaching in head and neck oncology: personality disorders and addiction	PJM Seerden
09.30 – 10.00	Handling the disabling sequelae of mutilating treatment	J Slatman
10.00 – 10.30	Perspectives of death and afterlife in relation to quality of life in advanced cancer patients	CJW Leget
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break		
<b>Psychosocial and functional aspects of the older head and neck cancer patient II</b> <b>Moderator LE Smeele</b>		
11.00 – 11.20	Ethical and juridical aspects of non-treatment and euthanasia	G Widdershoven
11.20 – 11.50	Counseling of the elderly patient	JCM van Weert
11.50 – 12.15	Physical rehabilitation after major head and neck treatment: age matters	MM Stuiver
12.15 – 13.15 Lunch		
<b>Head and neck cancer care in the elderly</b> <b>Moderator CL Zuur</b>		
13.15 – 13.45	Understanding and manipulating the learning curve of surgery and the effect of aging for the individual head and neck surgeon	PJFM Lohuis
13.45 – 14.15	The influence of aging population on planning of head and neck surgeons' workload	LE Smeele
14.15 – 14.45	How to individualize care for elderly head and neck cancer patients: to treat or not to treat?	IB Tan
14.45 – 15.30	Case report discussions	Faculty*

\*During this session several complex cases will be presented with emphasis on diagnostic procedures and various treatment options.



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