



European Association for Cranio - Maxillo - Facial Surgery

EACMFS POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME HEAD AND NECK SURGERY: ONCOLOGY (2023)

EACMFS has become the most prominent and respected scientific reference for the specialty in Europe and is highly considered in other parts of the World.

According to our self-definition, the objectives of the Association are to promote cranio-maxillo-facial surgery in theory and practice and to attempt to establish uniform training requirements for the specialty in Europe and encourage these worldwide.

With the second edition of the EACMFS Postgraduate Programme Head and Neck Surgery: Oncology we aim to provide our colleagues with an updated knowledge concerning the state-of-the-art treatment in head and neck cancer. The surgical treatment of head and neck tumors including the multidisciplinary view of other specialists working in this region and the full armamentarium of reconstructive surgery is fully covered in our comprehensive Postgraduate Programme.

Programme description

Our one-year Postgraduate Programme in Head and Neck Surgery: Oncology will enable Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons to acquire advanced additional training in the specialty concerned with the diagnosis and management of head and neck tumours.

The Programme includes live online course, a clinical observership at a surgical centre with specialised experience in head and neck cancer treatment and a hands-on workshop on human anatomical specimens.

Upon completion of the Programme, the participants will receive a Certificate issued by EACMFS. Furthermore, an application for online learning course has been made to the UEMS EACCME® for CME accreditation of this event.



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Objectives of the Programme

This Programme aims to:

- Give the participants the knowledge to critically understand the scientific and molecular basis of head and neck cancer and its diagnosis.
- Provide the attendants with the appropriate knowledge of current multidisciplinary state-of-the-art management and treatment of head and neck tumours.
- Teach the participants advanced techniques in head and neck surgery including planning, approaches and microvascular free flap reconstruction.

Scientific Directors



Prof Julio Acero



Prof Emeka Nkenke



Prof Frank Hölzle



Prof Christos Perisanidis



Dr Nicholas Kalavrezos



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Programme curriculum

1. The online learning course

The online learning course of this Postgraduate Programme will take place between 21st March 2023 and 17th October 2023 with one module scheduled each month. Every module will consist of two 3 hours webinars.

The online learning course is divided into six modules that cover a wide range of topics including:

- Epidemiology and molecular oncology of head and neck cancer
- Diagnostic approach and staging
- Principles of surgical treatment and management of the neck
- Advances in radiotherapy
- Role of systemic treatment and immunotherapy
- Quality of life
- Microvascular reconstruction

Module 1

Scientific Directors:

Prof E. Nkenke, Prof C. Perisanidis

- Epidemiology of head and neck cancer
- Molecular biology
- Diagnostic approach
- Imaging studies
- Staging of head and neck cancer
- Principles of surgical treatment
- Advances in surgical oncology
- Contemporary clinical trials
- Principles of immunotherapy

Module 2

Scientific Director:

Prof J. Acero

- Surgical treatment of oral cancer
- Surgical approaches to maxillary, midface and skull base malignancies
- Management of the Neck including principles of neck dissection
- Management of the cN0 neck



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Module 3

Scientific Director:

Dr N. Kalavrezos

- Management of oropharyngeal cancer
- Transoral robotic surgery
- Surgical treatment of head and neck skin cancer
- Salvage surgery for recurrent disease

Module 4

Scientific Director:

Dr N. Kalavrezos

- Surgical treatment of salivary gland cancer
- Quality of life
- Management of head and neck sarcomas
- Management of thyroid cancer

Module 5

Scientific Directors:

Prof K.-D. Wolff, Prof F. Hölzle

- Microvascular reconstruction of soft-tissue defects
- Microvascular reconstruction of bone defects

Module 6

Scientific Director:

Prof J. Acero

- Virtual planning and guided surgery
- Functional reconstruction:
Implant restoration following head and neck cancer treatment
- Role of systemic therapy including immunotherapy
- Advances in head and neck radiotherapy

2. Clinical observership

The clinical component of the programme consists of a clinical observership for the participant at a specialised unit (chosen from the EACMFS Blue Book) with experience in the management of head and neck tumours. Over the course of a month, the participant will attend morning meetings, ward rounds and tumour boards to learn and practice cancer patient management, including diagnostic methods, therapeutic procedures, as well as implementation of guidelines and protocols. The participant will also attend operating theatres and will observe major head and neck cancer surgery.



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European centres providing clinical observership include:

- Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Ramon y Cajal University and Puerta de Hierro University Hospitals, Madrid, Spain
- Head and Neck Centre, University College London Hospital, UK
- Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Medical University of Vienna, Austria
- Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University hospital Rechts der Isar's, Munich, Germany
- Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, RWTH Aachen University Hospital, Aachen, Germany
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Heidelberg, Germany
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Leeds, UK
- Dept of Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery, University Hospital Basel, Switzerland
- Dept of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University Hospital Düsseldorf (UKD)
- Dept of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Conception University Hosp Marseilles, France

3. Hands-on workshop on human anatomical specimens

(5.-6. October 2023, at the Center for Anatomy, Medical University of Vienna)

The hands-on workshop on human anatomical specimens is designed to teach essential and advanced operative techniques in head and neck cancer surgery. including surgical oncology procedures and flap harvesting. The two-days intensive workshop on fresh frozen anatomical specimens will be held at the Center for Anatomy, Medical University of Vienna, Austria from 5th to 6th of October 2023.



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Assessment

Participants will be evaluated through:

- Online written examination (multiple choice questions)

Requirements for enrollment and applicant selection

Applicants are required to have the following credentials:

- EACMFS membership
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residents in their senior year of training or Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery specialists

The application* (please see under Registration) must be accompanied by a letter of support provided by the Head of the referring department (or former Head or Councillor) and a curriculum vitae. Knowledge of English is required.

A total of **16 applicants** will be selected by the Scientific Directors.

EACMFS Certificate and accreditation

Upon completion of the Head and Neck Surgery: Oncology Postgraduate Programme, the participants will receive a Certificate issued by the EACMFS.

Furthermore, an application for online learning course has been made to the UEMS EACCME® for CME accreditation of this event.

Application deadline and start date

Applications for consideration must be submitted no later than **15 February 2023** to Programme co-ordinator Ms Lidia Zaleczna (email: lidiazaleczna@eacmfs.org).

The Programme starts on **21st of March 2023** with the online learning course.



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Tuition fee

A tuition fee of €3,500 must be paid upon acceptance by bank transfer.

The tuition fee covers the cost of the live online course, the hands-on workshop, examination and Certificate.

The fee doesn't cover traveling, accommodation and living expenses during both clinical observership and the hands-on workshop.

Registration

Interested applicants should send the following documentation:

- A letter of application with details of current status/training
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- Letter of support of the application from the Head of the referring department, former Head or Councillor

Knowledge of English is required.

Please address all correspondence via email to the Programme co-ordinator

Ms Lidia Zaleczna (email: lidiazaleczna@eacmfs.org).

The closing date for the receipt of these applications is **15 February 2023**.

Late applications will not be considered.



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