



European Association for Cranio - Maxillo - Facial Surgery

EACMFS POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME 2024 IN HEAD AND NECK SURGERY: ONCOLOGY

Starting in March 2024

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 third edition of the EACMFS Postgraduate Programme in 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 tumours 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.



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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 Postgraduate Programme comprises a 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 successful completion of the PG Programme, participants will be awarded a PG Certificate issued by EACMFS. Additionally, an application for accreditation of the online learning course and a hands-on workshop on human anatomical specimens will be submitted to UEMS EACCME® for CME accreditation for this event.

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.



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Programme Curriculum

1. The Online Learning Course

The Online learning Course for this Postgraduate Programme is scheduled to run from March 26, 2024, to October 15, 2024, with one module scheduled for each month. There will be a total of 6 modules, and each module will consist of two 3-hour webinars.

The Online Learning Course will 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
- Staging of Head and Neck Cancer
- Management of Precancerous Lesions
- Principles of Surgical Treatment
- Vascularized Free Flaps
- Principles of Radiation Oncology
- Principles of Immunotherapy

Module 2

Scientific Director:

Prof J. Acero

- Coronal Approach
- Surgical Approaches to the Orbit
- Preauricular Approach to the TMJ
- Approaches to the Midface (Lefort I, Weber Ferguson) Combined Transconjunctival Perilimbic approach, Midfacial Translocation, Transmandibular Approach
- Surgical Approaches to the Infratemporal Fossa and the Skull Base: Orbitozygomatic Approach
- Management of the Neck Including Principles of Neck Dissection
- Management of the cN0 Neck and N+ Neck



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Module 3

Scientific Directors:

Prof R. Fernandes, Prof C. Perisanidis

- Patient-specific Implants for Mandibular Reconstruction
- Midfacial Reconstruction
- Management of Infratemporal Tumours
- Management of Cervical Paragangliomas
- Management of the Neck in Oral Cavity Cancer

Module 4

Scientific Director:

Dr N. Kalavrezos

- Principles of Management of Thyroid Disease and Cancer
- Neck Surgery "At the Extremis" Challenges and Outcomes' with a Focus on Surgery for Malignant Parotid Disease
- Management of Oropharyngeal Cancer: the HPV Impact
- Principles of Management of Head & Neck Sarcoma
- Neck Surgery "At the Extremis" Challenges and Outcomes
- Endoscopic Surgery for the Midface and Base of Skull

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

- Trans Oral Robotic Surgery (TORS)
- Robotic Microsurgery
- CAD/CAM techniques and Navigation in the Treatment of Mandibular Tumours
- CAD/CAM Techniques and Navigation in the Treatment of Midface and Skull Base Tumours
- The Impact of Computer Assisted Surgery (CAS) in the Treatment of Extensive Head and Neck Tumours. Surgical Boundaries
- Surgical Management of Head and Neck Skin Cancer. General Concepts. Reconstruction: Scalp. Cheek
- Surgical Management of Head and Neck Skin Cancer: Nose and Lips Reconstruction
- Management of Salivary Gland Tumours
- Systemic Therapy in Head & Neck Carcinoma



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2. Clinical Observership

The clinical component of the PG Programme consists of a clinical observership for the participant at a specialised unit 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 the implementation of guidelines and protocols.

The participant will also attend operating theatres and observe major head and neck cancer surgeries.

Centres providing Clinical Observership include:

- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Ramon y Cajal University and Puerta de Hierro University Hospitals, Madrid, Spain
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Athens, Greece
- Head and Neck Centre, University College London Hospital, UK
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Medical University of Vienna, Austria
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University Clinic of Wels, Austria
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University Hospital Rechts der Isar's, Munich, Germany
- Dept. 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 Ulm, Germany
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Leeds, UK
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Rome, Italy
- 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 Hospital Marseilles, France
- Dept. of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, UK
- Blenheim Head & Neck Unit, Churchill Hospital, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford, UK
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Florida Health Jacksonville, USA



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3. Hands-on Workshop on Human Anatomical Specimens (22-23 October 2024, 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-day intensive workshop on fresh frozen human anatomical specimens will be held at the Center for Anatomy, Medical University of Vienna, Austria, from October 22 to 23, 2024.

Assessment

Participants will be evaluated through an online written examination, which will consist of multiple-choice questions.

Requirements for Enrollment and Applicant Selection

Applicants are required to have the following credentials:

- EACMFS membership or active application for 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 **20 applicants** will be selected.

EACMFS Certificate and Accreditation

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Application Deadline and Start Date

Applications for consideration must be submitted no later than 12 February 2024 to Programme Co-ordinator Mrs Lidia Zaleczna (email: LZaleczna@eacmfs.org).

The Programme starts on 26 March 2024 with the online learning course.

Tuition Fee

A tuition fee of €4,000 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:

- An application form [download here](#)
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- Letter of support for 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 Postgraduate Programme Coordinator Mrs Lidia Zaleczna (email: LZaleczna@eacmfs.org)

The closing date for the receipt of these applications is 12 February 2024.

Late applications will not be considered.



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