



European Association for Cranio - Maxillo - Facial Surgery

EACMFS POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME 2026 HEAD AND NECK SURGERY: ONCOLOGY

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.

The fifth edition of the EACMFS Postgraduate Programme in Head and Neck Surgery: Oncology has been launched to once again provide colleagues with state-of-the-art knowledge and expertise in the treatment of head and neck cancer. This Postgraduate Programme is distinguished by its unique and comprehensive approach, offering in-depth coverage of the surgical management of head and neck tumours, a multidisciplinary perspective from leading experts, and the latest advancements in reconstructive surgical techniques. Built on the latest evidence base, this exceptional educational programme is designed to deliver a truly outstanding and practice-oriented learning experience at the highest level.

Starting: March 2026



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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 PG Programme comprises of a live online learning course, a clinical observership at a surgical centre with specialised experience in head and neck cancer treatment, and a hands-on cadaver workshop. 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 cadaver workshop 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 2026 to November 2026, with one module scheduled for each month.

There will be a **total of 7 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

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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, Reina Sofía University Hospital, Cordoba, Spain
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Athens, Greece
- 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 Hospital Düsseldorf (UKD), Germany
- Head and Neck Centre, University College London Hospital, UK
- Head and Neck Cancer MDT, University Hospital Southampton, UK
- Blenheim Head & Neck Unit, Churchill Hospital, Oxford University Hospitals, UK
- Dept. of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, UK
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Leeds, UK
- Dept. of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Manchester University, UK
- Dept. of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, University Hospital Birmingham, UK
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Rome, the Umberto I Polyclinic Hospital, Sapienza University in Rome, Italy
- Dept. of Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery, University Hospital Basel, Switzerland
- Dept. of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Conception University Hospital Marseilles, France
- Dept. of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Florida Health Jacksonville, USA



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3. Hands-On Cadaver Workshop

(17-18 November 2026, at the Center for Anatomy, Medical University of Vienna)

The **Hands-on Cadaver Workshop** 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 cadaver workshop will be held at the Center for Anatomy, Medical University of Vienna, Austria, from **November 17 to 18, 2026**.

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 form (please see below 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 20 February 2026 to Programme Co-ordinator Ms Lidia Zaleczna (email: LZaleczna@eacmfs.org).

The programme starts on 30 March 2026 with the online learning course.

Tuition Fee

A tuition fee of €5,000 must be paid upon acceptance by bank transfer.

The tuition fee covers the cost of the live online learning course, a hands-on cadaver workshop, examination and Certificate. The fee doesn't cover traveling, accommodation and living expenses during both the clinical observership and the hands-on cadaver workshop.

Registration

Interested applicants should send the following documentation:

- An application form [download here](#)
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae in English
- 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 EACMFS Postgraduate Programme Co-ordinator Ms Lidia Zaleczna (email: LZaleczna@eacmfs.org)

The closing date for the receipt of these applications is 20 February 2026.

Late applications will not be considered.



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