

ESSO Advanced Course on Breast Cancer Surgery

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PROGRAM

Thursday 25th September			
Time	Title of talk	Speaker	Session chair
13.00-13.10	Introduction	I.T. Rubio, L Wyld	
Symposium: Nipple and skin sparing mastectomy and post mastectomy breast reconstruction			
13.10-13.25	MRM, SSM, SRM, NSM – Technical and oncological considerations	I.T. Rubio	L. Wyld
13.25-13.40	Tailoring breast reconstruction, implant-based techniques including ADM/prepec and sub pec.	A. Kothari	
13.40- 13.55	Tailoring breast reconstruction – Autologous reconstruction	M. See	
13.55-14.10	Breast reconstruction and radiotherapy	M. Machiels	
14.10-14.25	Shared decision making in breast cancer surgery (Mx versus BCS, oncoplastic surgery)	G. Catanuto	
14.25-15.10	Discussion	All	
15.10-15.40	Coffee Break		
Lecture: Adjuvant Systemic Therapies			
15.40-16.00	Adjuvant chemotherapy and new molecular targeted agents	N. Battisti	I.T.Rubio
16.00-16.20	Use of risk prediction tools, clinical algorithms and gene arrays	C. Markopoulos	
16.20-16.40	Neoadjuvant and post neoadjuvant systemic therapies: Indications, regimens and outcomes	N. Battisti	
16.40-17.00	Adjuvant endocrine therapies, including ovarian suppression and extended regimens	L Wyld	
1700-1720	Breast Cancer in Pregnancy	N. Battisti	
17.20-17.40	Discussion	All	
Friday 26th September			
Time	Title of Talk	Speaker	Chair
Practical session: Split into 2 groups (Group 1, practical, group 2 MDT. Rotate with second session after lunch)			
08.30-10.30	Group 1 Axillary surgery and lesion localisation and oncoplastics (practical session with prosthetics) using magnetic localisation technique. 10 subgroups. G. Catanuto, A. Kothari, M. See, A. Karakatsanis, F. van. Duijnhoven, L. Wyld	Group 2 Mock MDT with case presentations I. Rubio, F. McNeill, M. Machiels, Radiologist, A. Shaaban Cases: Her2 positive breast cancer, Triple negative, gene carrier, B3 lesion and older woman.	
10.30-11.00	Coffee break		

Symposium: The axilla			
11.00-11.15	Axillary management in the adjuvant setting. Indications for SLN, ALND (including overview of trials and management algorithm)	I.T. Rubio	L. Wyld
11.15-11.30	Axillary radiotherapy, including selection of AMAROS and Z0011 paradigms	M Machiels	
11.30-11.45	Omission of axillary surgery and the impact of SOUND and INSEMA trials	I.T. Rubio	
11.45-12.00	Lymphoedema: surgical intervention for prevention or treatment	M. See	
12.00-12.30.	Discussion	All	
12.30-13.30	Lunch		
Impact of Genetics and Age on Breast Cancer care			
13.30-13.45	Management of breast cancer in older women	L Wyld	L Wyld
13.45-14.00	Hereditary Breast cancer: Risk management, and risk reducing surgery	F. van Duijnhoven	
14.00-14.15	Discussion	All	
Practical session: Split into 2 groups (Group 2, practical, group 1 MDT)			
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16.15-16.40	Coffee		
Symposium: Neoadjuvant treatment in breast cancer			
16.40-16.55	Radiological assessment in the neoadjuvant setting	Radiologist	I.T. Rubio
16.55-17.10	Pathological response assessment of residual disease in the neoadjuvant setting	A Shaaban	
17.10-17.25	Breast surgery after neoadjuvant therapy	A Kothari	
17.25-17.40	Axillary management in the neoadjuvant setting	I.T. Rubio	
17.40-17.55	Discussion		
Free evening. Faculty and any early examiners to have an allowance of 50 Euros for dinner costs. To allow late arriving examiners flexibility to eat if they arrive too late to attend a formal dinner.			
Saturday 27th September			
Time	Title of Talk	Speaker	Chair
Symposium: Special types of Breast Cancer			
09.00-09.15	Lobular Breast Cancer.	F. MacNeill	I. Rubio
09.15-09.30	Recurrent breast cancer	F. van Duijnhoven	
09.30-09.50	Discussion	All	
Oncoplastic Symposium: Breast conservation			
09.50-10.05	Oncoplastic techniques: level I and II	G. Catanuto	I.T.Rubio

10.05-10.20	Oncoplastic techniques: LCAP, MCAP, DCAP	A. Kothari	
10.20-10.35	The role of the pathologist and how to help them: Cut up, nodes, margins, oncoplasty and mastectomy	A. Shaaban	
10.35-11.00	Discussion		
11.00-11.20	Coffee		
DCIS Symposium			
11.20-11.35	High risk lesions and atypia: diagnosis and cancer risk – B3 guidelines	A. Shaaban	I.T. Rubio
11.35-11.50	Breast imaging update including the assessment of DCIS extent	Radiologist	
11.50-12.05	BCS, OPC and mastectomy. Which one to offer- mammogram, MRI and surgery	G. Catanuto	
12.05-12.20	New data on management of DCIS (COMET, LORIS etc)	F. van Duijnhoven	
	Discussion		
	Final wrap up and feedback	IT Rubio	