**Preliminary Programme**

**ESSO Hands on Course on Thyroid Cancer Surgery**

Rome (IT), 4-5 December 2025

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**Programme**

**Thursday, 4th December 2025**

08.00 - 08-10Welcome and Introduction

*M. Raffaelli*

08:10 – 08:30 Cytological and Histological Classifications of Thyroid Nodules and Thyroid Tumours

*E.D. Rossi*

08:40 – 09:00 Evaluation and Management of Thyroid Nodules: Integrating Imaging, Cytology and Molecular Markers

*A. Pontecorvi*

09:10 – 09:30 Management of Low-risk Thyroid Cancer: Selection for Active Surveillance vs Minimally Invasive Treatment vs Surgery

*E. Papini*

09:40 – 10:00 Is There a Role for Prophylactic Neck Dissection in Thyroid Carcinoma of Follicular Cells Origin?

*C. De Crea*

10:10 – 10:30 Definition and Surgical Management of Locally Advanced Thyroid Carcinoma

*J. Gomez-Ramirez*

**10:40 – 11:00 *Coffee break***

11:00 – 11.20 Thyroid Cancer: Long-term Follow-up and Treatment after Initial

Therapy – Which Tests? How Often? How Long?

*S.M. Corsello*

11:30 – 11.50 Management of Persistent or Recurrent Thyroid Cancer

*M. Vriens*

12:00 – 12.20 Management of Medullary Thyroid Cancer

*K. Lorenz*

12:30 – 12.50 Prevention and Management of Complications in Thyroid Cancer Surgery

*N. Santrac*

***13:00 – 15:00 Lunch time***

Live Fascial Neck Dissection

*M. Raffaelli*

With a Live Applied Embryology and Anatomy Recall

*F. Forte*

15:00 – 15:20 Advances and New Technologies in Thyroid Cancer Surgery: cIONM, Fluorescence, VR

*I. Koutelidakis*

15:30 – 15:50 Minimally Invasive and Remote Access for Thyroid Cancer Surgery *G. Materazzi*

**16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee break***

16.30 – 16:50 The Genetic Landscape of Thyroid Cancer and its Clinical Implication *C. Durante*

17.00 – 17:20 Systemic Therapy for Metastatic Thyroid Cancer

*L. Locati*

17.30 Discussion and Take-home Messages

*M. Raffaelli*

**Friday, 5th December 2025**

08.00 – 08.20 Lateral Neck Anatomy

*C. Sette*

08:20 – 08:40 Ethic-legal Aspect of Cadaveric Dissection  
*A. Oliva*

09:00 – 10:50 Round 1. Cadaveric Dissection

Round 2. VR and Training Models

***10:50 –*** ***11:10 Coffee break***

11:10 – 13:00 Round 1. VR and Training Models

Round 2. Cadaveric Dissection

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch time – video-session**

14:00 – 16:00 Interactive Clinical Cases Presentation

16.00Course Evaluation and Adjourn