



ESSO-ABDSA Course on Breast Surgery

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Programme

Friday 19th June

09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and introduction <i>H. Valiyeva, A. Kothari, Z. Matrai</i>
09:15 – 10:30	Updates in breast surgical oncology in the last year/s <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 09:15 St. Gallen International Breast Cancer Conference <i>K. Salmanova</i>• 09:30 ASCO <i>E. Bonci</i>• 09:45 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium <i>H. Valiyeva</i>• 10:00 ESSO <i>E. Bonci</i>• 10:15 Q&A
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	Management of Breast and Axilla after preoperative systemic therapy (PST)

- 11:00 Axillary surgery after PST in cN+: SLNB, TAD, ALND
A. Kothari
 - 11:15 Breast surgery after PST- multiple ipsilateral breast cancer
A. Kothari
 - 11:30 Mastectomies on pathological complete response from Institutional (Humanitas Catania and Milan), EUSOMA and SEER data base
G. Catanuto
 - 11:45 Q&A
- 12:00 – 13:00 MDT
- 12:00 The MDT and the role of the surgeon in the era of precision medicine
P. Gouveia
 - 12:15 Clinical cases (non-palpable tumour surgery, DCIS with wise pattern, locally advanced breast cancer surgery)
MDT panel -all faculty
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 Practical session with synthetic models: Oncoplasty (interactive session)
Indications for oncoplastic techniques:
- Video Round block
A. Kothari
 - Video Grissotti
A. Kothari
 - Video V and lateral mammoplasties
A. Kothari
 - Video Th mammoplasty
Z. Matrai
 - Video LTAP
Z. Matrai
- 15:15 Discussion
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 – 17:00 Controversies
- 16:00 Margins after BCS what is needed?
P. Gouveia
 - 16:15 Lobular cancer- indication for PST
A. Koppiker
 - 16:30 Breast and axillary localisation techniques
A. Kothari
 - 16:45 ALND after positive nodes in upfront surgery
A. Kothari
 - 17:00 Discussion

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- 17:15 – 17:45 The need for training and certification
- 17:15 BRESO
G. Catanuto
 - 17:30 UEMS exam
A. Kothari or G. Catanuto
 - 17:45 Discussion

Saturday 20th June

- 09:00 – 11:00 Mark up (superior/inferior pedicle) and hands on practice
Ultrasound-Guided Surgery and Localization Technologies on Phantom Models
Z. Matrai, H. Valiyeva, A. Koppiker, G. Catanuto, E. Bonci
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 – 12:15 Mastectomy SSM, NSM and Reconstructions
- 11:15 Nipple -sparing mastectomy +/-skin reduction
Z. Matrai
 - 11:30 Pre-pectoral Implant reconstructions using dermal flap or ADMs
K. Salmanova
 - 11:45 Endoscopic/Robotic skin- and nipple-sparing mastectomy
P. Gouveia
 - 12:00 Q&A
- 12:15 – 14:00 Tips and Tricks in oncoplastic and axillary surgery
- 12:15 Complications and their management across the full spectrum of BCS
A. Koppiker
 - 12:30 Important tips before doing oncoplastic surgery
P. Gouveia
 - 12:45 Chest wall perforator flaps, complications and management
Z. Matrai
 - 13:00 Lymphedema prevention strategies - immediate lymphatic reconstruction
A. Kothari
 - 13.15 Fluorescence-guided decision-making in oncoplastic breast-conserving surgery
A. Koppiker
- 13.30 End of the course