



ESSO-ABDSA Course on Breast Surgery

19-20 June 2026, Baku, Azerbaijan

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Azerbaijan's speakers (to be confirmed)

Programme

Friday 19th June

09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and introduction
09:15 – 10:30	Updates in breast surgical oncology in the last year/s <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 09:15 St. Gallen• 09:30 ASCO• 09:45 San Antonio• 10:00 ESSO• 10:15 Q&A
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	Management of Breast and Axilla after preoperative systemic therapy (PST) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:00 Axillary surgery after PST in cN+: SLNB, TAD, ALND• 11:15 Breast surgery after PST- multiple ipsilateral breast cancer• 11:30 Breast surgery after PST: how about the additional DCIS• 11:45 Q&A
12:00 – 13:00	MDT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 The MDT and the role of the surgeon in the era of precision medicine <i>P. Gouveia</i> • 12:15 Clinical cases (non-palpable tumour surgery, DCIS with wise pattern, locally advanced breast cancer surgery) <i>MDT panel</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Practical session with synthetic models: Oncoplasty (interactive session)</p> <p>Indications for oncoplastic techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video Round block • Video Grissotti • Video V and lateral mammoplasties • Video Th mammoplasty • Video LTAP
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Controversies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15:30 Margins after BCS what is needed? • 15:45 Lobular cancer- indication for PST • 16:00 Breast and axillary localisation techniques • 16:15 ALND after positive nodes in upfront surgery • 16:15 Discussion
16:30 – 17:00	<p>The need for training and certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16:30 BRESO • 16:45 UEMS exam
Saturday 20th June	
09:00 – 11:00	<p>Mark up (superior/inferior pedicle) and hands on practice</p> <p>Ultrasound-Guided Surgery and Localization Technologies on Phantom Models</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:15	<p>Mastectomy SSM, NSM and Reconstructions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:15 Nipple -sparing mastectomy +/-skin reduction • 11:30 Prepectoral Implant reconstructions using dermal flap or ADMs • 11:45 Endoscopic/Robotic skin- and nipple-sparing mastectomy • 12:00 Q&A
12:15 – 13:15	<p>Tips and Tricks in oncoplastic and axillary surgery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:15 How to manage complications after BCS • 12:30 Important tips before doing oncoplastic surgery • 12:45 Chest wall perforator flaps, complications and management • 13:00 Lymphedema prevention strategies - immediate lymphatic reconstruction
13:15	End of the course