

## ESSO Advanced Course on Breast Cancer Surgery

Vienna (AT), 22-24 October 2026

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### Programme

#### Thursday 22 October

Time	Title of Talk	Speaker	Chair
13:00 – 13:10	Introduction	I.T. Rubio, L. Wyld	
<b>Symposium: Neoadjuvant Treatment in Breast Cancer</b>			
13:10 – 13:25	Neoadjuvant and post neoadjuvant systemic therapies: Indications, regimes and outcomes	N. Battisti	L. Wyld
13:25 – 13:40	Assessing response after neoadjuvant treatments	P. Clauser	
13:40 – 13:55	Pathological response assessment of residual disease in the neoadjuvant setting	A. Shaaban	
13:55 – 14:10	Breast surgery after neoadjuvant therapy	A. Kothari	
14:10 – 14:25	Axillary management in the neoadjuvant setting	I.T. Rubio	
14:25 – 15:40	Discussion		
15:40 – 16:00	Coffee Break		

Lecture: Adjuvant Systemic Therapies			
16:00 – 16:15	Adjuvant chemotherapy and new molecular targeted agents	N. Battisti	I.T.Rubio
16:15 – 16:30	Adjuvant endocrine therapies, including ovarian suppression and extended regimes	L. Wyld	
16:30 – 16:45	Breast Cancer in Pregnancy	N. Battisti	
16:45 – 17:30	Clinical case and discussion	L. Wyld/all	

## Friday 23 October

Time	Title of Talk	Speaker	Chair
<b>Practical Session: Split Into 2 Groups (Group 1: Practical, Group 2: MDT. Rotate After Lunch)</b>			
08:30 – 10:30	<b>Group 1</b> (Sponsored session) Axillary surgery and lesion localisation and oncoplastic (practical session with prosthetics) using magnetic localisation technique.	G. Catanuto, A. Kothari, M. See, A. Karakatsanis, T. Kovacs., L. Wyld	I.T. Rubio, L. Wyld, P. Clouser, A. Shaaban, M. Machiels, N. Battisti
	<b>Group 2</b> Mock MDT with case presentations		
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		
<b>Symposium: The Axilla</b>			
11:00 – 11:15	Axillary management in the adjuvant setting. Indications for SLN, TAD, 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, INSEMA, BOOG trials	J. Volders	
11:45 – 12:00	Lymphoedema: surgical intervention for prevention or treatment	M. See	
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion	All panellists	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch		
<b>Hereditary Breast Cancer</b>			
13:30 – 13:45	Management of breast cancer patient and mutation carrier	L. Wyld	L. Wyld
13:45 – 14:00	Management of mutation carriers: risk reducing strategies	T. Kovacs	
14:00 – 14:15	Discussion	All panellists	
<b>Practical Session: Split Into 2 Groups (Group 2: Practical, Group 1: MDT)</b>			
14:15 – 16:15	<b>Group 1</b> Mock MDT with case presentations	Rubio I. L. Wyld, P. Clouser. A. Shaaban, M. Machiels, N. Battisti	G. Catanuto, A. Kothari, M. See, A. Karakatsanis, T. Kovacs. L. Wyld
	<b>Group 2</b> (Sponsored session) Axillary surgery and lesion localisation and oncoplastic (practical session with prosthetics) using magnetic localisation technique		

16:15 – 16:40	Coffee break		
<b>Symposium: DCIS Symposium</b>			
16:40 – 16:55	High risk lesions and atypia: diagnosis and cancer risk – B3 guidelines	A. Shaaban	C. Markopoulos
16:55 – 17:10	Role of imaging in DCIS	P. Clauser	
17:10 – 17:25	New data on management of DCIS (COMET, LORIS etc)	J.Volders	
17:25 – 17:45	Discussion	All panellists	

## Saturday 24 October

Time	Title of Talk	Speaker	Chair
<b>Symposium: Nipple and Skin Sparing Mastectomy and Post Mastectomy Breast Reconstruction</b>			
09: 00 – 09:15	MRM, SSM, SRM, NSM – Technical and oncological considerations	I.T. Rubio	G. Catanuto
09:15 – 09:30	Tailoring breast reconstruction, implant-based techniques including ADM/prepec and sub pec	A. Kothari	
09:30 – 09:45	Tailoring breast reconstruction – Autologous reconstruction	M. See	
09:45 – 10:00	Breast reconstruction and radiotherapy	M. Machiels	
10:00 – 10:45	Clinical cases and discussion	G. Catanuto	
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 – 12:15	Sponsored session	L. Wyld, I.T. Rubio, T. Kovacs, A. Kothari, G. Catanuto, J. Volders	
<b>Oncoplastic Symposium</b>			
12:15 – 12:30	Oncoplastic techniques: LCAP, MCAP, DCAP	A. Kothari	I.T.Rubio
12:30 – 12:45	The role of the pathologist and how to help them: Cut up, nodes, margins, oncoplasty and mastectomy	A. Shaaban	
12:45 – 13:00	Robotic-assisted breast surgery	T. Kovacs	
13:00 – 13:15	Discussion	All panellists	
13:15 – 13:30	Wrap up		