

ESSO Advanced Course on Breast Cancer Surgery

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Programme

Thursday 22 October

Time	Title of Talk	Speaker	Chair
13:00 – 13:10	Introduction	I.T. Rubio, L. Wyld	
Symposium: Neoadjuvant Treatment in Breast Cancer			
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
Practical Session: Split Into 2 Groups (Group 1: Practical, Group 2: MDT. Rotate After Lunch)			
08:30 – 10:30	Group 1 (Industry session) – Practical session with prosthetics		
	Group 2 Mock MDT with case presentations	I.T. Rubio, L. Wyld, P. Clauser, A. Shaaban, M. Machiels, N. Battisti	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		
Symposium: The Axilla			
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	
11:45 – 12:00	Lymphoedema: surgical intervention for prevention or treatment	M. See	
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion	All panellists	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch		
Hereditary Breast Cancer			
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	
Practical Session: Split Into 2 Groups (Group 2: Practical, Group 1: MDT)			
14:15 – 16:15	Group 1 Mock MDT with case presentations	Rubio I. L. Wyld, P. Clauser. A. Shaaban, N. Battisti	
	Group 2 (Industry session) – Practical session with prosthetics		
16:15 – 16:30	Omission of axillary surgery and the impact of SOUND, INSEMA. BOOG trials	J. Volders	

16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break		
Symposium: DCIS Symposium			
17:00 – 17:15	High risk lesions and atypia: diagnosis and cancer risk – B3 guidelines	A. Shaaban	C. Markopoulos
17:15 – 17:30	Role of imaging in DCIS	P. Clauser	
17:30 – 17:45	New data on management of DCIS (COMET, LORIS etc)	J.Volders	
17:45 – 18:00	Discussion	All panellists	

Saturday 24 October

Time	Title of Talk	Speaker	Chair
Symposium: Nipple and Skin Sparing Mastectomy and Post Mastectomy Breast Reconstruction			
09: 00 – 09:25	MRM, SSM, SRM, NSM – Technical and oncological considerations	I.T. Rubio	G. Catanuto
09:25 – 09:40	Tailoring breast reconstruction, implant-based techniques including ADM/prepec and sub pec	A. Kothari	
09:40 – 09:55	Tailoring breast reconstruction – Autologous reconstruction	M. See	
09.55 – 10:15	Clinical cases and discussion	G. Catanuto	
Oncoplastic Symposium			
10:15 – 10:30	Oncoplastic techniques: LCAP, MCAP, DCAP	A. Kothari	I.T.Rubio
10:30– 10:45	The role of the pathologist and how to help them: Cut up, nodes, margins, oncoplasty and mastectomy	A. Shaaban	
10:45– 11:00	Robotic-assisted breast surgery	T. Kovacs	
11:00 – 11:15	Discussion	All panellists	
11:15– 11:30	Wrap up		