

ESSO Advanced Course on Pancreatic Cancer Surgery

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Programme

Thursday 22 October

Part I	Perioperative assessment
08:30 – 08:45	Introduction
08:45 – 09:05	Warm-up cases: BR and LAPC <i>S. Mieog, S. Partelli, M. Besselink, all</i>
09:05 – 09:25	Radiologic (imaging) evaluation of resectability – before and after neoadjuvant therapy <i>N. Kartalis</i>
09:25 – 09:45	Neoadjuvant and adjuvant therapy for BR/LAPC <i>T. Seufferlein</i>
09:45 – 10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Surgical principles for resection of BR/LAPC <i>E. Rangelova</i>
10:30 – 10:50	Pathological assessment of treatment response and margins after neoadjuvant treatment – what the surgeon needs to know <i>V. Adsay</i>

10:50 – 11:05 **Treatment of local recurrence. Options for local control if unresectable.**
F. Nickel

11:05 – 12:00 **MDT case session: BR/LAPC:**
A. Sauvanet, T. Hackert, E. Rangelova

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch*

Part II Technical training session

13:00 – 13:10 **Surgical simulation and model training**
F. Nickel

13:10 – 13:30 **Venous resections** (types, principles, anticoagulation).
Segmental resection (step-by-step)
E. Rangelova

13:30 – 13:40 **Venous patch** (step-by-step)
A. Sauvanet

13:40 – 15:15 **3D model training: Vein reconstruction Workshop**

15:15 – 15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 – 15:50 **Arterial resections** (outcome, types, tips for grafts)
T. Hackert

15:50 – 17:30 **3D model training: Vein reconstruction Workshop**
(free choice: try a different pancreatic anastomotic technique and vascular reconstruction)

Friday 23 October

Part III Complications: the difficult decisions

08:30 – 09:00 **Warm-up case session: complications**
F. Nickel, M. Besselink, E. Rangelova, all

09:00 – 09:20 **How to deal with the very high-risk pancreatic anastomosis**
S. Partelli

09:20 – 09:50 **Case based: Treatment of B/C POPF/PPH**
S. Mieog, A. Sauvanet

09:50 – 10:15 **Vascular complications after BR/LAPC surgery. Salvage options**
T. Hackert, all

10:15 – 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45 – 11:10 **Case session: Other disasters after pancreatic surgery**
A. Sauvanet, all

11:10 – 11:35 **Treatment of long-term consequences of pancreatic surgery**
E. Rangelova

11:35 – 11:50 **Non-surgical skills:**

- **Registries, guidelines: Whom and why to follow?**
- **How to become academic surgeon?**

M. Besselink

11:50 – 12:00 **Discussion**

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch*

Part IV **Decision-making in IPMN and PNETs**

13:00 – 14:00 **IPMN**

13:00 – 13:15 **Which guideline, whom to un-follow and whom and when to operate**
M. Besselink

13:15 – 13:55 **Case session of IPMN: how to operate?**

14:00 – 15:00 **PNETs**

14:00 – 14:15 **The complex PNET cases: multimodality management**
S. Partelli, A. Sauvanet

14:15 – 14:55 **Case session of PNET: when and how to operate and when not?**

14:55 – 15:00 **Final reflections**
All faculty

15:00 *Adjourn*