

ESSO Hands-on Course on Thyroid Cancer Surgery

Halle an der Saale, Germany

10 - 11 December 2026

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Programme

Thursday, 10 December (Universitätsklinikum Halle)

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| 09:00 – 09:05 | Welcome and introduction |
| 09:05 – 09:25 | Molecular landscape of thyroid carcinoma <i>M. Eszlinger</i> |
| 09:30 – 11:00 | Transmission of live surgery, interactive session (back-up videos by faculty) |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Coffee break |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | Preoperative surgical evaluation <i>M. Elwerr</i> |
| 11:45 – 12:05 | Management of low-risk thyroid carcinoma <i>M. Raffaelli</i> |

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| 12:10 – 12:30 | Management of advanced thyroid carcinoma <i>J. Gómez-Ramírez</i> |
| 12:35 – 12:55 | Management of persistent and recurrent thyroid carcinoma <i>M. Vriens</i> |
| 13:00 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 13:50 | Neoadjuvant and adjuvant therapy in thyroid carcinoma <i>tbc</i> |
| 13:55 – 14:15 | RAIT and diagnostics in FU of thyroid carcinoma <i>F. Eilsberger</i> |
| 14:20 – 14:40 | Intraoperative neuromonitoring in thyroid surgery: techniques and outcome <i>K. Brauckhoff</i> |
| 14:45 – 14:55 | Parathyroid fluorescence and angiography in thyroid surgery <i>F. Benmiloud</i> |
| 15:00 – 15:20 | Options, techniques and outcome of nerve repair in thyroid carcinoma <i>N. Santrac</i> |
| 15:25 – 15:45 | Coffee break |
| 15:45 – 16:05 | Management of MTC <i>K. Lorenz</i> |
| 16:10 – 16:30 | Management of complications in thyroid carcinoma <i>M. Raffaelli</i> |
| 16:35 – 17:00 | Interactive clinical case presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would you do? Interesting participant's cases • What would you do? Interesting faculty's cases |

Friday, 11 December (Institut für Anatomie und Zellbiologie)

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| 08:30 – 09:30 | Surgical of the anatomy of the head and neck and visit of the Meckel collection <i>H. Kielstein, I. Bazwinsky-Wutschke</i> |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Coffee break |
| 09:45 – 14:00 | Hands on session cadaver lab |

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| 14:00 – 14:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Interactive clinical case presentations |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Course evaluation and adjourn |