MULTIDISCIPLINARY MANAGEMENT OF HEAD AND NECK ONCOLOGY
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TARGET GROUP
This multidisciplinary course organised as a collaboration between ESTRO and EHNS (European Head and neck Society) is meant for specialists and trainees with interest and expertise in head and neck surgery (head and neck surgeons, oto-rhino-laryngologists, maxillo-facial surgeons, reconstructive surgeons, etc.), radiation oncologists, medical oncologists and other medical specialties involved in the treatment of patients with head and neck cancer.

BACKGROUND
Over the last decade tremendous progress has been made in the biological understanding and management of patients with head and neck cancer. Significant progress has been made in tumour profiling and in the identification of relevant clinical characteristics, which rapidly led to the elaboration of tailored treatments. Functional imaging has emerged as a complementary modality to anatomic imaging methods for better staging, treatment response evaluation and optimal treatment targeting. Surgery has significantly improved, in particular with better reconstruction techniques reducing the limits of operability. Randomised studies have demonstrated the increasing role of combined modality approaches with chemotherapy and biological targeted therapies. New radiation techniques, expected to impact on survival and quality of life of head and neck patients, have taken off and are being validated.

COURSE AIM
The course aims to be interactive through integration of multidisciplinary lectures and more focused workshops. The faculty includes renowned European experts involved in the multidisciplinary treatment of head and neck cancer.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
By the end of this course participants should be able to:

- Understand the evolving concepts of head and neck epidemiology and tumour biology, with special focus on squamous cell histotype. Rare histotypes will be also included.
- Interpret complex head and neck imaging for the purpose of treatment decision making and therapy
- Make judgements regarding multidisciplinary reasoning and management of tumours in the light of alternative and sometime competing treatment options including surgery and the role of systemic and targeted therapies
- Make judgments about the availability of evidences for treatment recommendations
- Understand the challenges of supportive care
- Understand the principles and practice of modern radiotherapy.

COURSE CONTENT
- Anatomy (clinical and radiologic aspects) incidence, pathology, risk factors (including HPV) of head and neck tumours
- Clinical work-up for oral cavity and pharyngo-laryngeal tumours, staging and follow up
- “Organ preservation” approach
- Rationale for unconventional radiotherapy fractionation, hypoxic sensitisers, concomitant chemo, EGFR inhibitors and new targeted agents
- Management of oral cavity tumours: medical oncology, surgery and radiotherapy (including brachytherapy)
- Management of nasopharyngeal carcinoma
- Management of oropharyngeal tumours: medical oncology, surgery and radiotherapy (including brachytherapy)
- Management of hypopharyngeal and laryngeal tumours: surgery, radiotherapy and medical oncology chemotherapy approach
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- Management of nasal cavity and para-nasal sinus tumours: surgery, radiotherapy and medical oncology chemotherapy approach
- Management of the neck nodes
- Concepts behind selection and delineation of target volumes in radiotherapy
- Morbidity (acute and late) of treatment
- Supportive care during and after treatment
- Metastatic disease
- Management of recurrent tumours
- Second primary tumours.

PREREQUISITES
Before commencing this course, participants should have a medical degree with strong interest in head and neck tumour management from the radiation oncology, medical oncology or head and neck surgery point of view.
TEACHING METHODS
• 20 lecture hours
• 5 case discussion hours
• Delineation exercises.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT
• MCQ
• Delineation exercise/s
• Evaluation form.

KEY WORDS
Multidisciplinary head and neck oncology, evidence based medicine.

WORKING SCHEDULE
The course starts on Sunday 26 June at 09:00 and ends on Wednesday 29 June at 13:00.

LANGUAGE
The course is conducted in English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

PRACTICAL ORGANISATION
Course organisation
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Accommodation
To book your room, please download the accommodation form from the ESTRO website: www.estro.org/school

These pages offer the guarantee of secured online payments. The system will seamlessly redirect you to the secured website of OGONE (see www.ogone.be for more details) to settle your registration fee.

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*Radiation Therapist (RTT) members are eligible for the in-training fee

The fee includes the course material, coffees, lunches, and the social event.

Reduced fees are available for ESTRO members working in economically less competitive countries. Check the eligible countries and the selection criteria on the website of the ESTRO School.

ESTRO goes green: Please note that the course material will be available online. No course book will be provided during the courses.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED. ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.
Since the number of participants is limited, late registrants are advised to contact the ESTRO office before payment, to inquire about availability of places. Access to homework and/or course material will become available upon receipt of full payment.

INSURANCE AND CANCELLATION
The organiser does not accept liability for individual medical, travel or personal insurance. Participants are strongly advised to take out their own personal insurance policies.

In case an unforeseen event would force ESTRO to cancel the meeting, the Society will reimburse the full registration fees to the participants, ESTRO ESTRO will not be responsible for the refund of travel and accommodation costs.

In case of cancellation, full refund of the registration fee minus 15% for administrative costs may be obtained up to three months before the course and 50% of the fee up to one month before the course. No refund will be made if the cancellation request is postmarked less than one month before the start of the course.