

Joint ESSO/ESO advanced intensive course on “Improving Clinical Skills in Early Breast Cancer”, 23 – 25 May 2008, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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DAY 1: EPIDEMIOLOGY, BREAST CANCER RISK, IMAGING AND DIAGNOSTIC WORK-UP

Morning

Epidemiology of and risk factors for breast cancer

Assessing the risk and management of high risk women

- genetic counselling
- surveillance
- chemoprevention
- prophylactic surgery

Early detection and screening, breast imaging, image guided biopsies

Afternoon

Breast pathology

- Benign and borderline lesions; ADH; LCIS
- Malignant lesions; DCIS and invasive carcinoma

Pathology beyond current classifications

DAY 2 : LOCOREGIONAL TREATMENT

Morning

6. Benign and non-invasive lesions

- Management of benign and borderline lesions
- Management of DCIS and Morbus Paget

7. Breast surgery

- Breast conserving surgery
- Mastectomy
- Localisation of non-palpable lesions
- Oncoplastic surgery

8. Management of regional lymph nodes

- SNB
- axillary clearance
- radiotherapy

Afternoon

9. Breast reconstruction and oncoplastic surgery

- immediate and late reconstruction
- implants
- LD flap
- TRAM and DIEP flaps
- other flaps

10: Radiotherapy of the breast and regional lymph nodes

DAY 3: ADJUVANT TREATMENT, MANAGEMENT OF ADVANCED BREAST CANCER AND FOLLOW-UP CARE

Morning

Principles of systemic adjuvant treatment

- Adjuvant chemotherapy
- Adjuvant endocrine therapy
- New therapeutic approaches (targeted therapy)
- Neoadjuvant therapy
 - o locally advanced breast cancer
 - o operable breast cancer

Metastatic breast cancer

- treatment algorithms
- palliative care

Afternoon

Special clinical situation

- Management of young or pregnant patients
- Management of elderly patients
- Male breast cancer

Follow-up algorithms

Caring for women with breast cancer

Europa Donna and its role in Europe

Multidisciplinary management and breast units

General discussion and closing remarks