



Since 1993 nine successful NKI-AVL multidisciplinary symposia were held on the diagnosis and treatment of malignancies in the head and neck. The forthcoming tenth symposium is focused on head and neck skin cancers. Skin cancers are the most common malignancies occurring in the Caucasian population. Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) represents 75%, squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) 20% and melanoma 5% of all skin cancers. Over the last decade a significant increase of skin cancer incidence has been noted and it is predicted that skin cancer rates will continue to rise for the forthcoming decades.

Despite the fact that the highest incidence of skin cancer is found in the head and neck, timely recognition of the malignant state of the disease and appropriate diagnosis making is often delayed and contributes to a considerable amount of late referrals to cancer clinics. The adequate diagnosis and treatment of head and neck skin cancer is strongly dependent on a multidisciplinary approach with active participation of various medical specialists. This symposium brings pitfalls in the diagnostic process of primary skin cancer, neck node metastases, surgical (reconstructive) techniques and multimodality treatment to the attention of the participants. Case report discussions are included as well as how to implement the acquired knowledge.

The symposium is of importance for both residents and specialists working in the field of otolaryngology, maxillo-facial surgery, plastic surgery, dermatology and fellows in training for head and neck oncology and surgery. Lectures and presentations aim at an adequate information on current advances and state of the art of diagnosis and treatment of head and neck skin cancer.

Looking forward to your participation, also on behalf of the Multidisciplinary Head and Neck Unit Amsterdam (NKI-AVL).

Course directors:
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Thursday, April 14, 2011

Registration Introduction	08.00 – 08.50 08.50 – 09.00	AJM Balm	JE Medina
Basic Aspects of Skin Cancer; Moderator MWM van den Brekel			
The biology of sunlight generating skin cancer	09.00 – 09.30	WJ Mooi	WJ Mooi
Epidemiology of head and neck skin cancer	09.30 – 10.00	JE Medina	
Histological differential diagnosis of skin cancers	10.00 – 10.30	MLF van Velthuisen	
Coffee break	10.30 – 11.00		
Complications and Pitfalls; Moderator PJFM Lohuis			
Pitfalls in the diagnosis and treatment of head and neck skin cancer	11.00 – 11.30	PJFM Lohuis	R Willemze
Head and neck skin cancer: 'A wolf in sheep's clothing'	11.30 – 12.00	AJM Balm	
Lunch	12.00 – 13.30		
Management of the Neck; Moderator LE Smeele			
Assessment of the neck and parotid gland in skin cancer	13.30 – 14.00	MWM van den Brekel	
Radiotherapy of skin cancers and neck metastases	14.00 – 14.30	CRN Rasch	
The role of parotidectomy and neck dissection in cutaneous cancer of the head and neck	14.30 – 15.15	JE Medina	
Coffee break	15.15 – 15.45		
Treatment Alternatives; Moderator IB Tan			
Dermatography after surgery	15.45 – 16.05	BHIM Drost	
Non-surgical treatment modalities in non-melanoma skin cancer	16.05 – 16.30	B Zuppan-Kajcovski	
Indications Mohs' surgery versus conventional surgery	16.30 – 17.00	NW Smeets	
Case report discussions	17.00 – 18.00	Faculty*	

Friday, April 15, 2011

Rare Skin Cancer; Moderator AJM Balm			
Diagnosis and treatment of lymphoma	09.00 – 09.30	R Willemze	
Diagnosis and treatment of sarcoma	09.30 – 10.00	F van Coevorden	
Diagnosis and treatment of Merkel cell carcinoma	10.00 – 10.30	B Reichgelt	
Coffee break	10.30 – 11.00		
Melanoma; Moderator WMC Klop			
"The melanoma unit: need or luxury?"	11.00 – 11.20	JWP van der Veen	
Margins in melanoma surgery and sentinel node procedure	11.20 – 11.50	OE Nieweg	
Non-invasive diagnostics in pigmented lesions	11.50 – 12.15	GN Relveld	
Lunch	12.15 – 13.15		
Melanoma Continued; Moderator JWP van der Veen			
Management of mucosal melanoma	13.15 – 13.45	JE Medina	
The future of curative immunotherapy for melanoma	13.45 – 14.15	JBAG Haanen	
Reconstruction; Moderator CL Zuur			
Ladder of reconstruction for head and neck skin cancer	14.15 – 14.45	PJFM Lohuis	
Prosthesis for head and neck cancer defects	14.45 – 15.05	G Lieben	
Case report discussions	15.05 – 16.30	Faculty*	

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*During this session several complex cases will be presented with emphasis on diagnostic procedures and various treatment options. The participants are invited to participate actively in the discussion, using an anonymous computerized voting system. Results of voting will be graphically presented.