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Posters:

Online submission of poster abstracts is requested and instructions for submission can be found on www.hoofdhals.nki.nl. The number of posters is limited to fifty. The course directors try to increase the interaction between audience and poster presenters by organizing a poster tour at the end of the first conference day. Posters are exhibited during the two conference days in the reception hall.

Language:

The official language of the symposium will be English.

Location:

Piet Borst Auditorium
The Netherlands Cancer Institute

Further information:

www.hoofdhals.nki.nl

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Registration deadline:

The deadline for registration is November 1, 2007.

Accreditation:

CME points have been applied for.

Fees:

Clinicians: € 350,00;

Trainees (with a letter from their Director):

€ 250,00.

The fee includes material, lunch, coffee and tea during breaks.

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For registration fees to be refunded, written notice of cancellation must be received by October 25, 2007. The amount of registration fees remitted, minus a 15% handling fee, will be refunded after the symposium. Substitutions are accepted with written notification. After October 25, 2007, no refunds will be made.

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Controversies in multidisciplinary management



Since 1993 seven successful symposia have been organized around the theme of 'Diagnosis and Treatment' of head and neck malignancies. These symposia aimed at diagnosis and treatment of malignancies in the head and neck and tried to define evidence based advices for daily clinical practice. The symposia offered an excellent podium for discussion between presenters and auditorium.

In the last decade significant improvements have been made in the field of organ and function sparing surgery and multimodality treatment of advanced head and neck cancer. Chemo-irradiation, implementation of new molecular targeted therapies and basic science have significantly intensified multidisciplinary collaboration with many disciplines in head and neck oncology and changed the role of the head and neck surgeon. These developments have demonstrated that well organized multidisciplinary (para-)medical tumour boards are of utmost importance for the achievement of optimal functional and survival results.

The multidisciplinary Head and Neck Oncology Team of the Netherlands Cancer Institute - Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital has a longstanding tradition in commitment to head and neck cancer and is nowadays one of the largest head and neck groups in the Netherlands, treating more than 500 new patients per year.

Undersigned members of the oncology team cordially invite you to participate in the forthcoming *symposium on controversies in multidisciplinary management* aiming at the following objectives: give insight in the complexity of organizing multidisciplinary treatment and rehabilitation, create awareness of the difficulties in optimal treatment selection as the treatment options diversify, define the role of paramedical disciplines in decision making, patient care and rehabilitation. This symposium is meant for medical specialists and those in training interested in head and neck oncology and surgery as well as paramedics working in this field.

The symposium is open for poster presentations dealing with controversies and multidisciplinary management. At the end of the first day 'Poster tours' are organized and all participants are stimulated to visit posters. Faculty members take responsibility for monitoring the discussion with attendees at the poster.

On behalf of the Head and Neck Oncology Team Amsterdam (NKI-AVL/AMC)

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Thursday, November 15, 2007

08.00 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 09.10 Introduction

AJM Balm

The Cancer Center

Moderator: AJM Balm

09.10 – 09.30 Can we afford to treat head and neck cancer?

G Cox

09.30 – 10.00 Higher volume, better outcome.

DJ Gouma

10.00 – 10.30 Cancer survival: the influence of treatment variables and variation among centers.

SF Hall

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break with poster visit

Chemo-irradiation (1)

Moderator: JP de Boer

11.00 – 11.45 Multi-institutional, multidisciplinary organ preservation trials: organisation, difficulties, new role for neo-adjuvant therapy?

MS Kies

11.45 – 12.15 The impact of predictive factors on chemo-irradiation trial design.

CRN Rasch

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch with the expert (AR Shaha, case discussions) or poster visit

Chemo-irradiation (2)

Moderator: CRN Rasch

13.15 – 13.50 The role of surgery (planned or salvage) in chemo-irradiation?

JL Lefebvre

13.50 – 14.20 Nursing of chemo-irradiated patients: the advantage of concentrating all care on a specialized head and neck unit.

JA Oldewarris

Multidisciplinary decision making: weighing therapeutic options

Moderator: LE Smeele

14.20 – 14.50 Patient factors influencing treatment choices.

JA Kievit

14.50 – 15.15 The role of prognostic models in decision making.

RJ Baatenburg de Jong

15.15 – 15.45 Future role of head and neck surgeons in the oncology team?

AJM Balm

15.45 – 16.15 Tea break with poster visit

Debates on treatment modalities

Moderator: MP Copper

16.15 – 16.55 PDT versus local excision in early oral cancer.

IB Tan & AR Shaha

16.55 – 17.35 N+: neck dissection or primary chemo-radiotherapy?

MWM van den Brekel & CRN Rasch

17.35 – 18.15 T2 laryngeal cancer: surgery or radiotherapy?

J Overgaard & JL Lefebvre

18.15 – 20.00 Reception and poster tour.

Friday, November 16, 2007

Thyroid cancer

Moderator: MWM van den Brekel

08.30 – 09.15 Controversies in thyroid cancer treatment: do all cancers need to be treated and by whom?

JA Kievit

09.15 – 09.45 Controversies in medical treatment and follow-up.

TP Links

09.45 – 10.30 Controversies in the management of advanced thyroid cancer.

AR Shaha

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

Evidence-based rehabilitation in head and neck cancer (1)

Moderator: PJFM Lohuis

11.00 – 11.30 Functional outcome after reconstructive surgery.

G Cox

11.30 – 12.15 Organ preservation is not (always) synonymous with function preservation: implications for therapy and rehabilitation?

EC Ward & FJM Hilgers

12.15 – 12.45 Quality of life assessment and its implementation in clinical practice.

AH Ackerstaff

12.45 – 13.30 Lunch poster visit

Evidence-based rehabilitation in head and neck cancer (2)

Moderator: FJM Hilgers

13.30 – 14.00 Voice and speech rehabilitation.

MA van Rossum

14.00 – 15.00 Swallowing rehabilitation.

EC Ward

15.00 – 15.15 Neck rehabilitation: shoulder and neck morbidity and rehabilitation.

MM Stuiver

Case presentations and discussion

Moderator: AR Shaha

15.15 – 16.00 During this session several cases will be presented with emphasis on 'Multidisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment' issues. The participants are invited to participate actively in the discussion using an anonymous computerized voting system. Results of voting will be graphically presented.

16.00 Closing remarks.

MWM van den Brekel

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