

Mohs Surgery

Combined Course (Residents + Specialists) | 2-3 March 2026 | Lisbon, Portugal

Course Description

The Mohs Micrographic Surgery course is designed for dermatologists and dermatologic surgeons seeking to enhance their knowledge and skills in the field of Mohs surgery. This intensive 48-hour program combines theoretical lectures, interactive discussions, and hands-on practical sessions to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the principles, techniques, and applications of Mohs micrographic surgery in modern dermatology. Overall, the course aims to provide a comprehensive and practical understanding of Mohs micrographic surgery, equipping participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to excel in this specialized field of dermatology.

Learning Objectives

Following this course, the attendee should be able to:

- ✓ Describe the principles and history of Mohs micrographic surgery.
- ✓ Understand the indications, contraindications, and appropriate patient selection for Mohs surgery.
- ✓ Recognize different types of skin cancers and their characteristics amenable to Mohs surgery.
- ✓ Perform accurate tumour mapping and margin evaluation using Mohs surgery techniques.
- ✓ Master the technical skills required for tissue processing, frozen section preparation, and histopathological interpretation.
- ✓ Apply appropriate surgical and reconstructive techniques for defect closure following Mohs surgery.
- ✓ Identify potential complications and manage postoperative care in Mohs surgery patients.
- ✓ Discuss the role of Mohs surgery in the treatment of challenging cases, including high-risk tumours and recurrent cancers.
- ✓ Stay updated with the latest advancements and emerging trends in Mohs micrographic surgery (ex: neoadjuvant therapy for basal cell carcinoma with imiquimod before Mohs surgery).
- ✓ The theoretical presentation on Monday afternoon will provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental principles and concepts of Mohs micrographic surgery.

Faculty

Chair: Goreti Catorze

Speakers: Cristina Cotruta, Läuchli Severin, Juan Ocaña, Olivier Cogrel, Ricardo Vieira

Tutors: Alexandre Catarino

Assistants: Cristina Castro, Maria Mouro, and Mohs technicians

Programme

Monday, 2 March 2026

- 08:50-09:00 Welcome and course presentation
Goreti Catorze
Introduction to Mohs micrographic Surgery: principles and historical perspective
- 09:00-09:45 Olivier Cogrel
1. Principles and historical development of the technique
2. Indications and contraindications
3. Criteria for appropriate patient selection
Skin cancer epidemiology and classification
Cristina Cotruta
1. Global Incidence and Trends
2. Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer (NMSC): BCC and SCC
3. Risk Factors for Skin Cancer
- 09:45-10:30 4. Histological and Clinical Subtypes
5. Risk Stratification Systems (e.g., NCCN, AAD)
6. TNM Classification (AJCC 8th Edition)
7. Relevance to Mohs Surgery
8. Beyond NMSC: Other Indications for Mohs Micrographic Surgery
- 10:30-10:45 **Coffee Break**
Technical Skills in Mohs: From Frozen Section to Reconstruction
- 10:45-11:15 Severin Läuchli
1. Tissue processing and frozen section preparation
2. Histopathological interpretation
Complications, Complex Cases and Future Perspectives
Ricardo Vieira
1. Postoperative care and management of complications
2. Mohs in high-risk and recurrent tumours
3. New trends: neoadjuvant therapies, topical options, innovation in Mohs
- 11:15-12:00 Discussion and Q&A
- 12:00-12:15 **Lunch break**
- 12:15-13:45 Surgical and reconstructive techniques: defect closure options.
Interactive case-based discussion
- 13:45-15:00 Olivier Cogrel
1. Multidisciplinary approaches: collaboration with plastic surgeons, ophthalmologists, dermatopathologists, etc.
2. Cosmetic considerations in Mohs Surgery
- 15:00-15:15 Discussion and Q&A
- 19:00-21:00 **Networking dinner with speakers and participants**

Tuesday, 3 March 2026

- 08:00-15:30 1. Surgical technique and tumour mapping: basic concepts and practice
2. Tissue processing and frozen section preparation:

techniques and quality assurance

3. Hands-on Session: tumour mapping and frozen section interpretation
4. Histopathological interpretation of frozen sections: differentiating tumour from normal tissue
5. Margin evaluation and staging: criteria and protocols
6. Surgical and reconstructive techniques: defect closure options

12:45-13:45

Lunch break

13:45-15:30

Surgical and reconstructive techniques: defect closure options
Juan Ocaña

The programme might be subject to changes.

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