

INTRODUCTION

Dear Participant, Dear Colleague,

We are happy to announce our 25th Advanced International Course on Novel Laser Techniques in ENT Micro and Ambulatory Surgery.

This course has gained the reputation of being very rich in information, but also very demanding. The aim is not relaxation, but to give you the opportunity to share our experience of very promising laser techniques during this comprehensive and intensive course! It is highly recommended for new laser users and also for experienced practitioners eager to learn about the new developments and techniques in this field.

Topics:

In the last few years, advances in computer and electronic technology have allowed the laser to become a more compact and accurate surgical tool. Optical devices, such as the AcuSpot and the digital AcuBlade, ensure greater accuracy and focusing for precise targeting of tissue. After the Acupulse last year, we will present this year the new Acupulse Co2 laser hollow fiber. This new wave-guide allows office-based procedures performed transorally or transnasally. It also allows easier access to treatment sites difficult to reach with the conventional Co2 laser delivery system.

Many previously time-consuming interventions are now much easier to perform as a laser procedure. This is true in all areas of ENT: the buccal cavity, the pharynx and the larynx, the soft palate, tonsils, cancers of the neck, phono-surgery and paediatric laryngeal surgery. Laser procedures for the treatment of nasal and otological pathologies are becoming more specific: tympanotomy, middle ear surgery and turbinectomy. Lasers are now used regularly in out-patient departments and also in smaller, office-based private clinics.

The laser is now an indispensable tool in the ENT armoury. Of the various wavelengths, the CO laser is certainly the most useful. The CO laser can be applied to 90% of ENT laser surgery indications.

We would like to present these topics to you through lectures, live surgery, discussions and hands-on training. Since the first course, we have had a very successful cooperation with, Prof. Garin from the Anatomy Department of the University Faculties Notre Dame de la Paix. Thanks to this partnership, we are able to offer participants a high standard of hands-on training on human cadavers.

We look forward to seeing you in Yvoir (Mont-Godinne) for a few days of hard work and friendship.

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