

**V Hands-on International
Course Parapharyngeal
Space Surgery**
From lateral approaches to
Transoral Robotic Surgery

2-3 December 2025

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Introduction

Parapharyngeal space is a complex anatomic space of the head and neck where a heterogeneous group of tumors arise. Clinical management of these lesions has always been challenging, but in the last years it has evolved as a result of technological advances points on radiology, pathology, and surgery which should be considered before proposing an optimal approach.

This course is aimed to discuss the state of art for the parapharyngeal tumors management through a two days' work, a theoretical one and a hands-on surgery second one.

Those surgeons who dominate the parapharyngeal space surgery can deal with most of head and neck surgeries due to the intricate anatomic area. We think this course will improve the surgical knowledge and skills of head and neck surgery specialists.



PROGRAMME. TUESDAY DEC 02

- 08.30-08.40 **Opening Remarks.** David Virós
- 08.45-09.15 **Conference: Parapharyngeal space anatomy.**
Chair: Carlos Pollán **Speaker.** *Rosa Mirapeix*
- 09.15-10.30 **Session I: Approaches to parapharyngeal Space: Surgical technique.**
Chair: Constanza Viña
09.15 Transcervical-Transparotid-Transmandibular approach. *Jacinto Garcia*
09.30 Transoral robotic approach. *David Virós*
09.45 Combined approach TORS plus Transcervical. *Carlos Pollán*
10:00 Infratemporal approach. *Miquel Quer*
- 10.30-11.00 **Conference. Transoral Robotic approach to parapharyngeal space: Systematic review.**
Chairman: David Virós **Speaker.** *Armando De Virgilio*
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30-13.30 **Cadaver workshop**
Lateral approaches:
 - Theoretical lectures
 - Hands On sagittal formaline fixed cadaveric dissection**Lateral dissection**
Transoral Robotic approach:
 - Theoretical lectures
 - DaVinci simulator training
 - Hands-On fresh cadaveric dissection with DaVinci Xi
- 13.30-15.00 Light lunch
- 15.00-18.00 **Cadaver workshop**
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PROGRAMME. WEDNESDAY DEC 3

- 08.30-09.30 **Session II: Parapharyngeal space surgery**
Round Table. Moderator: David Virós Porcuna.
Panelists: *Miquel Quer, Jacinto García, Armando De Virgilio, Carlos Pollán.*
- 09.30-10.30 **Session III:**
09.30 Dysphagia management approach to parapharyngeal space surgery patients. *Constanza Viña.*
09.45 Facial nerve management. *Emilio Amilibia.*
10.00 Retrospective analysis of surgery in prestyloid parapharyngeal tumors: lateral approaches vs transoral robotic surgery. *Mar Palau.*
10.15: Three-dimensional planning in parapharyngeal space surgery. *Juan Fernando Fuentes.*
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REGISTRATION FEE:

2000 €

Registration includes:

Theoretical lectures

Meals

Dissection Guide

Second day Advanced Hands-On:

- Cadaveric formaline fixed sagittal cut head dissection
- Transoral robotic fresh cadaveric head with DaVinci Xi device.

Gala dinner: Tuesday 02 December

All registrations must be made through the website: <https://www.vallhebron.com/docencia/aula-vall-hebron/agenda-cientifica> (Scientific Agenda/next courses section)

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