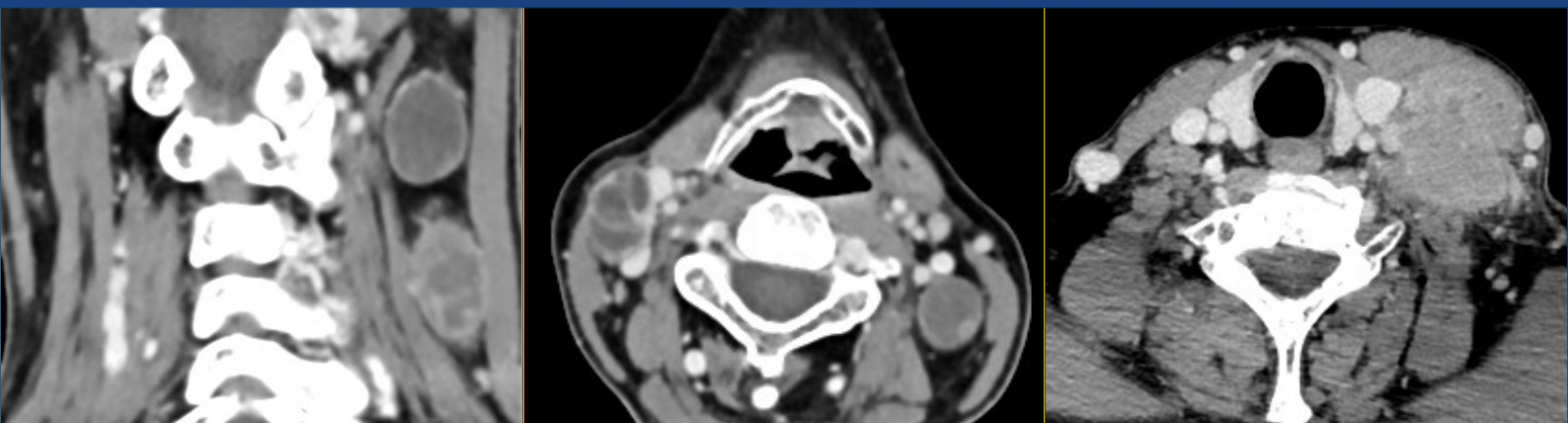


Online Course

Imaging-derived Extranodal Extension (iENE) in Head and Neck Oncology

January 16th, 2027



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COURSE RATIONALE

Extranodal extension (ENE) is widely recognized as one of the most relevant prognostic factors in head and neck oncology, with a direct impact on staging, treatment selection, and oncologic outcomes. In recent years, the growing role of imaging-derived extranodal extension (iENE) has progressively transformed pre-treatment evaluation, making radiological assessment a potentially decisive element in the choice between surgical and non-surgical treatment strategies.

Despite its increasing clinical importance, iENE remains characterized by substantial variability in terminology, grading systems, interpretation criteria, and multidisciplinary application. Differences in radiological interpretation and clinical integration continue to influence therapeutic decision-making across institutions and specialties. For these reasons, the European Head and Neck Society (EHNS), the Head and Neck Cancer International Group (HNCIG), the European Society of Head and Neck Radiology (ESHNR), and the Associazione Italiana di Oncologia Cervico-Cefalica – Italian Head and Neck Society (AIOCC-IHNS) have joined forces to develop this international educational initiative within the framework of the EHNS Academy.

The course has been conceived as a highly multidisciplinary educational event involving surgeons, radiologists, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, pathologists, and trainees, with the aim of promoting a shared international culture of iENE interpretation and clinical application. Particular attention will be dedicated to the implementation of common decision-making processes within multidisciplinary tumor boards, where iENE increasingly represents a critical determinant of treatment planning. Through lectures, case-based discussions, interactive polling sessions, and multidisciplinary debate, the course will provide participants with a practical and updated overview of current evidence, diagnostic challenges, prognostic implications, and future perspectives, including artificial intelligence, biomarker integration, possible role of IO in advanced disease treatment.

Beyond the scientific content itself, the initiative also represents a pilot model of structured international collaboration among leading scientific societies in head and neck oncology and radiology, with the ambition of reaching a broad worldwide audience and fostering multidisciplinary cultural growth across the global head and neck cancer community.

Giovanni Succo
President EHNS

Hisham Mehanna
Chair HNCIG

Soraya Robinson
President ESHNR

Giuseppe Sanguineti
President AIOCC-IHNS

PROGRAMME

08:30 – 08.50	Joint Institutional Welcome and Opening Remarks • Opening remarks from the President of the European Head and Neck Society • Address from the Chair of the Head and Neck Cancer International Group • Address from the President of the European Society of Head and Neck Radiology • Institutional remarks from the President of AIOCC-IHNS
08:50 – 09.00	3 case quiz
09:00 – 11:00	Session 1 – Foundations of ENE • Introduction and course objectives • History of ENE • ENE in the TNM staging system - unanswered questions • Clinical ENE: definition and terminology • Pathological ENE: definition and terminology
11:00 – 13:00	Session 2 – Imaging ENE: Concepts and Evidence • iENE: definition, terminology and grading • Imaging modalities (CT, MRI, US, PET-CT) • Proper imaging techniques • Evidence from literature • Prognostic impact in HPV+ and HPV- disease
13:00 – 13:10	Case quiz statistics
13:10 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 17:00	Session 3 – Case-based Discussion • Negative and equivocal iENE • Grade 1–3 iENE • Equivocal grade 1-3 iENE • Multiple patterns and pitfalls • Standardization challenges Session 4 – Challenging cases • Challenging Case 1 • Challenging Case 2 • Challenging Case 3
17:00 – 18:00	Session 5 – Future Perspectives • Artificial Intelligence • Biomarkers • Precision oncology integration
18:00 – 18:30	Session 6 – Conclusions • Key messages • Case quiz immediate statistics • Closing remarks

SCIENTIFIC AND ORGANISING SECRETARIAT

SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIAT

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DIGITAL PLATFORM

The course will be delivered through a dedicated Zoom® webinar platform, ensuring high-quality live streaming, interactive participation, and real-time discussion.

Audience engagement, polling, and self-assessment activities will be conducted through a dedicated electronic voting system, allowing structured interaction during case-based sessions and final evaluation.

TARGET AUDIENCE AND CME ACCREDITATION

The course is addressed to: Radiologists, Head & Neck Surgeons, Maxillo-facial Surgeons, Radiation Oncologists, Medical Oncologists, Pathologists, Residents and Fellows.

The course will be CME accredited according to current Italian and European CME regulations.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration form available on www.aiocc.it

Single participation: €100

Multiple participations from the same MTB: €50 per participant