Head and Neck Cancer – Surgery and Oncology
EHNS Academy Course for Residents
November 27th-28th 2025, Turku, Finland

Organizer:	Dept. of Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Turku University hospital / FSHNO / EHNS Academy
Aim:	This course is down-to-earth course for the residents in Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. The purpose is to go through the basic principles of diagnostics, treatment modalities, follow-up and rehabilitation of H&N cancer patients.
Cost:	370 € must be payed at the time of registration. The course account for the payment is: Sondi ry FI37 5710 0420 9476 81, BIC: OKOYFIHH VAT FI35193017 This price includes lunches, coffee breaks and a dinner on Thursday.
Location:	Medisiina D, Group-working rooms Blokki 1 and 2. Kiinamyllynkatu 10, Turku, Finland
Pre course material:	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34858861/ https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36807087/ If you have any problems downloading either one of these articles, please don't hesitate to contact heikki.irjala@varha.fi
Registration:	Size of the course is 50 students – first come first serve. Registration latest on 1st of October 2025 by sending an e-mail to Janna Virkki (janna.virkki@varha.fi) and by paying the course fee to the account above. Registration is only valid after the fee is payed.
Credits:	12 hours of theoretical training credits is granted by the University of Turku
Accommodation:	No hotel bookings are done. End of November is off-season so there are many opportunities for hotels less than 100€ / night. Medical faculty building is on the east side of the city center, 20min walk from the market square.
How to travel:	There are direct flights to Turku airport from Stockholm (SAS) and Riga (airBaltic). From Helsinki international airport it takes 2½ hours by train or bus to Turku city center. Train: https://www.vr.fi/en?from=LEN&to=TKU Bus: https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en

Program:

Thursday November 27th 2025

Chair Prof. Heikki Irjala

10.00 Course opening, Prof. Heikki Irjala, Turku

10.10 Epidemiology and prognoses of HNSCC, Dr. Leif Bäck, Helsinki

10.30 TNM classification, Dr. Matti Pukkila, Kuopio

10.50 Patient related considerations before treatment decision, Dr Jarno Velhonoja, Turku

11.10 Treatment guidelines in HNSCC, Dr. Petri Koivunen, Oulu

11.40 Imaging before and after the treatment, Prof. Jussi.Hirvonen, Turku

12.10 Lunch

13.10 Pathology report – pearls and pitfalls, Dr. Paula Vainio, Turku

13.40 Surgical treatment of the neck, Prof. Heikki Irjala, Turku

14.10 Workshop – patient cases, Dr. Eero Kytö and Dr. Sebastian Abrahamsson, Turku

14.50 Coffee

15.20 Workshop continues

17.10 End of day one

19.30 Course dinner

Friday November 28th 2025

Chair Prof. Ilpo Kinnunen

9.00 Reconstruction options in H&N surgery, Prof. S.Hosal, Ankara

9:30 Carcinoma of unknown primary, Prof. Mario Fernandez, Madrid

10.00 Coffee

10:15 Workshop – patient cases, Dr. Eero Kytö and Dr. Sebastian Abrahamsson, Turku

12.00 At the ward after surgery, Dr. Eeva Haapio, Turku

12.20 Lunch

13.30 Mouth and teeth treatment pre- and post-operatively, DDS. Aaro Turunen, Turku

14.00 Indications and principles of oncological treatments, Dr. Miia Mokka, Turku

14.30 Coffee

15.00 Follow-up, rehabilitation and long term side effects, Prof. Ilpo Kinnunen, Turku

15.30 Discussion and feedback