



## 46.9 ESSO Announcements

### 1. ESSO 202 VIRTUAL: reshaping surgical oncology after COVID-19

**Friday 23 October 2020, 16:00–20:00 CET**

**Saturday 24 October 2020, 09:00–13:00 CET**

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://www.esso2020.org/>

This year, we will deliver to our members and surgical oncologists around the world a platform for knowledge exchange in the form of a virtual experience. In the current context, the impact of COVID-19 and how we are reshaping surgical oncology after the pandemic will be the guiding thread throughout the meeting.

Organised over two consecutive days to respect time zones differences, “ESSO 2020 Virtual” will offer high quality sessions featuring leading international experts in their field and focusing on latest advances and practice-changing insights in surgical oncology. The programme will include plenary lectures and live debates on both interdisciplinary topics and specific tumour sites as well as surgical techniques videos, oral and e-poster presentations. Thanks to a safe and reliable platform, interaction will be possible through live Q&A, polls, open forum during and after the meeting.

Registered participants will also receive on-demand access after the meeting in the event they cannot attend the entire live meeting.

We invite you to **share your research and submit an abstract for presentation** during the virtual meeting. All **selected abstracts will be published in EJSO**—the Journal of Cancer Surgery. More information: <https://www.esso2020.org/call-for-abstracts/>

### 2. European breast surgical oncology certification programme - launches its website!

Following the publication of the BRESO curriculum, the funding members are delighted to announce the launch of the BRESO website!

BRESO website provides relevant information for surgeons wishing to be certified in breast cancer surgery by completing a certification programme approved by leading European Societies and already supported by several national breast surgery societies.

#### What is BRESO?

BRESO was initiated and developed by members from leading societies and organisations involved in breast surgery specialisation and accreditation with the aim to raise the quality and standards of breast surgical oncology across Europe.

BRESO gathers representatives from leading educational, training, research, and accreditation organisations. It has a widely inclusive approach and thrives to work in a collaborative manner, keeping in mind the best interests of our patients across Europe.

#### Why was BRESO initiated?

Breast surgery training across Europe is very heterogeneous. Often surgical training certification is achieved after 4–6 years of residency training, involving mixed content. Consequently, at the time of certification, many surgeons will have spent very little time doing breast surgery but will be able to undertake breast surgery, despite a lack of training in this discipline.

No matter where they live within Europe, patients diagnosed with breast cancer have the right to be treated by qualified surgeons who are trained and certified in breast surgical oncology.

#### Objectives and Aims

- BRESO wishes to enhance breast surgery training across Europe, harmonise training and improve standards.
- BRESO aims to encourage accredited specialist breast surgical care for breast cancer patients and women at high risk of breast cancer by offering a dedicated certification programme in breast cancer surgery.
- BRESO is keen to collaborate and communicate with patient organisations and policymakers, establish strategic directions for the group and advocate for European recognition of breast cancer surgery as a surgical oncology subspecialty.

#### BRESO gives access to the following:

- ✓theoretical knowledge and practical skills curriculum for breast cancer specialists;
- ✓BRESO certification programme;
- ✓fellowship opportunities;
- ✓courses, webinars and congresses focusing on breast cancer surgery;
- ✓examination in breast surgery organised by the Division of Breast Surgery of the European Union of Medical Specialists;
- ✓publications and e-learning resources;

Thanks to the partnership of Europa Donna, the BRESO website also provides information and resources for breast cancer patients and their family about their disease.

*“The theoretical and practical Curriculum for European Breast Surgeons was the first step towards the harmonisation of training and improvement of standards in breast cancer surgery. The launch of the BRESO website is the next step in this ambitious venture driven by leading societies and organisations with an interest in breast surgery specialisation and accreditation with the aim to offer a dedicated certification programme in breast cancer surgery. I invite you to visit <https://breastsurgeoncertification.com/> to discover more about the*

*BRESO Certification Programme.” Tibor Kovacs, Chair of BRESO.*

More information here: <https://breastsurgeoncercertification.com/>

### **3. Nutrition as a part of the surgical therapy of cancer**

Thanks to an unrestricted grant from Nutricia, ESSO is pleased to propose two patient case studies addressing the complexity of decision-making with regards to optimal nutritional support for cancer patients undergoing surgery.

Each case is presented by Professor Sergio Sandrucci, Professor of Surgery at the University of Turin and ESSO Education & Training

Committee Chair. Each case study includes questions and answers with the aim to provide a valuable learning experience as well as recommendations.

Access Patient Case 1:

<https://www.essoweb.org/nutrition-surgical-therapy-cancer-patient-case-1/>

Access Patient Case 2:

<https://www.essoweb.org/nutrition-surgical-therapy-cancer-patient-case-2/>