

Diploma course of the Swiss Society of **Senology** (SSS)

Registration and Information

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Aim

This Diploma course of the Swiss society of Senology is an educational training in Senology for residents and/or specialists in radiology, pathology, gynecology, surgery, plastic surgery, medical oncology, radio oncology, and genetics. The Diploma will not entitle anybody to be able to be paid for diagnostic or therapeutic procedures other than are regular components of their own specialist formation, but should optimize and complement the existing courses and congresses. It should mainly serve as a motivator for young specialists with special interest in senology

Language: presentations are held in English or mother language of the speaker, slides are configured in English, discussion in mother language or in English

Module 1 *costs according to registration form*

Theoretical basic – 5 days

3 days course in **Lausanne – each second year in March**

2 days course in **Bern – each second year at the end of November**

Module 2

Theoretical advanced

The aim of module 2 is to improve the candidates' knowledge of their subspecialty as well as the acquisition of interdisciplinary knowledge in the field of senology. The candidates are encouraged to attend scientific meetings and courses on the topic of senology of at least 70 hours (10 days). Acknowledged courses are Kollegium Brustkrebs, IBUS course, Annual Meeting of the SSS, Senologie Update, Ultrasound course Basel, MIBB workshop, Breast course in St. Moritz, San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, ASCO meeting, Congrès de la Société Française de Sénologie et de Pathologie Mammaire, Milan

Breast Cancer Conference, Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Senologie, Jahrestagung der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Senologie, EUSOBI Annual Scientific Meeting, etc. Each candidate has to document the **acquisition of 70 CME points during the last 4 years** before applying for the SGS/SSS diploma. **CME points earned in module 1a and module 1b will not be accepted for module 2.**

Module 3 costs CHF 1'000.00 to be paid directly to the breast center

Practical course

2 weeks in a certified breast center. The goal of this practical course is to train future senologists to apply a multidisciplinary approach in the treatment of patients with benign and malignant breast disease. During this 2-week internship at a breast center with a nationally or internationally recognized quality assurance certificate, trainees should enhance their understanding of the particular needs of these patients. Hands-on experience during the internship is desirable; pure observing, however, is accepted if requested by the certified breast center. The practical course will be divided into one 5-day week of elective specialty rotation followed by one 5-day week of non-specialty rotation or vice versa. For experienced senologists, the 5-day week of elective specialty rotation can be omitted and the non-specialty rotation doubled to 10 days accordingly. For trainees and experienced senologists working at a certified breast center, passing module 3 in their own center is possible, provided that the requirements described below can be met. In this case, only non-specialty rotations are valid (10 days). The signed confirmation of a week of elective specialty rotation at the "home discipline" of the trainee or experienced senologist at their own breast center will not be accepted as part of modul III.

Responsible

Module 1a (3 days course in Lausanne): Dre Than Lam, Geneva

Module 1b (2 days course in Bern): Dr. Francesco Meani, Lugano

Module 2 (70 credits CME): PD Dr. Konstantin Dedes, Zurich

Module 3 (2 weeks at a certified breast center): Prof. Dr. Walter Weber, Basel

General

- Places limited to 60 participants
- Module 1a & 1b must be attended in the same year
- The entire course has to be completed within four year

Description of module 1 of the diploma course – teaching aims and contents

Imaging

At the end of the first part of the module 1, the participants will know the indications to the different imaging modalities (mammography, ultrasound and MRI) for the diagnosis and assessment of breast diseases. They will recognize the common imaging patterns of the normal and pathologic breast and understand the use of the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System (BIRADS). They will become familiar with the indications to the different biopsy systems.

The objectives of the part 2 are to review the process of initial staging of breast cancer, understand the significance of breast density, describe the breast tomosynthesis technology and discuss the controversies about breast cancer screening.

Pathology

Organized along the lines of disease entities from benign to outright malignant lesions and eventually systemic disease, the various lectures aim at communicating basic concepts of breast pathology as they pertain to the management of patients. In addition, the lectures provide a guideline for the in depth understanding of all individual details of standardized pathology reports

Systemic Therapy

Systemic therapy of early or metastatic breast cancer may include chemotherapy, endocrine therapy and targeted therapies, such as antibody-based approaches. The adjuvant systemic treatment is designed to treat micrometastatic disease. The use of adjuvant systemic therapy has improved the outcomes of patients with early stage breast cancer over the past four decades. This incremental improvements in outcomes have been obtained through systematic treatment escalation of treatment standards such as sequential chemotherapy treatments and the addition, in certain situations, of immunotherapy and targeted therapies. We will review in this session the different systemic treatments that we have available in our therapeutic arsenal according to the different subtypes of breast cancer and their stage.

Plastic Surgery

The plastic surgery lecture series and attendance of theatre session shall give a thorough insight of how to evaluate patients for reconstruction, an overview of the most common techniques and the news development in implant and autologous options. Furthermore lectures will cover indications and contraindication of immediate reconstruction in light of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. The lectures will also cover all aspects of symmetrization procedure as well congenital breast surgery.

Breast Surgery

1. Breast Conserving surgery, from simple segmentectomy to oncoplastic surgery
2. Imaging and Surgery
3. Mastectomy, in whom and which technique?
4. Surgery treatment of the axilla: state of the art

Radiooncology

In module 1a participants will learn about indications of postoperative radiotherapy (RT) in common clinical situations (breast conservation; mastectomy). Aspects of partial breast irradiation only including IORT or the omission of RT are topics of the course as well as RT in triple negative disease. The role of RT in DCIS and locally recurrent disease is also part the course programme.

In module 1b some special issues of modern breast radiotherapy (eg. imaging, dose modulation, protons, supine positioning, gating) will be addressed. The discussion about the role of RT in node-positive patients will finalize the RT curriculum of this module.

Genetics

Module 1a: Indications, criteria and pretest prediction tools for BRCA1/2 genetic testing; Potential benefits and harms of genetic testing; Biological and (histo) pathologic characteristics of BRCA1/2-associated cancers incl. treatment modalities; Risk lesions and contralateral breast cancer in BRCA1/2 mutation carriers; Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer: genetic and clinical heterogeneity, penetrance, guidelines, chemoprevention

Module 1b: Genetic heterogeneity in hereditary breast cancer: of genes and syndromes; Genotype-phenotype correlations; Legal aspects of predictive genetic testing and formal genetic counselling; Reimbursement issues of genetic testing; Next Generation Genetics

Psychology / patients organisations

Every serious disease affects the body, the psyche, one's relations with the environment and the rest of the world. It raises questions about the meaning of life and one's future. Nowadays, psycho-oncological consultation is an integral part of the concept of holistic treatment of breast cancer patients. The objectives of psycho-oncological care are emotional support of the patient and her relatives, optimizing the disease coping strategies, strengthening the patients' autonomy as well as therapy for the psychological and social sequelae of treatment.

The female identity of a woman with breast cancer and her entire life situation are affected by this disease. Regrettably, information and advice about the influence of breast cancer and its treatment on sexuality and partnership are too often neglected. Special attention should also be given to the management of the patient's physical self-image which is altered by surgical intervention.

Increasing attention must also be given to the psychological concerns of female and male patients, who are confronted with genetic consultation and information. The issue of decision-making with regard to testing and then coping with the results are new topics, which have to be examined and discussed in psycho-oncology.

Breast care nurses

Module 1a: Breast Care Nurses are established in many western countries as mandatory member of the multidisciplinary team in breast centres. In Switzerland the role of breast care nurses is in its early development. In 2014 a concept for breast care nurses (level 1) has been finalised. The concept will be presented to the participants, including the definition of the role of a breast care nurse and her functions in patient care, education, management and research. Furthermore process and structure criteria for the evaluation of this new role will be discussed.

Module 1b: The implementation of breast care nurses in breast centres raises many organisational and financial questions. Different models of the integration of breast care nurses in clinical pathways and their reimbursement in the ambulatory sector will be presented to the participants.

For more information visit www.senologie.ch

Registration form

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Registration fees

Assistenten / Assistants, Oberärzte / chefs de clinique

CHF 1500.00

Übrige / Autres / Others

CHF 2500.00

Included in the registration fees the 2 basic courses.

Accommodation is not included.

Module 1a – theoretical basic course of 3 days

In Lausanne, March 3-5, 2027

Hôtel Aquatis, route de Berne 150, 1010 Lausanne

Module 1b – theoretical basic course of 2 days

In Bern, November 25-26, 2027

Kongresszentrum Kreuz, Zeughausgasse 41, 3011 Bern

Module 3 – 2 weeks in a certified breast center – to be organised by yourself

The costs of **CHF 1'000.00** have to be paid directly to the breast center.