

SYMPOSIUM thoraxheelkunde
Current role of invasive mediastinal staging and surgery
for locally advanced NSCLC
16 October 2027

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Saturday 16 October 2027. Promotiezaal, Universiteitshallen Naamsestraat Leuven

Registration and Coffee : 8.00 – 8.30u

- Introduction : **Prof. Dr. L. Depypere, chairman department of Thoracic Surgery**

Neoadjuvant therapy for locally advanced NSCLC (Chair)

Historical note. Prof. dr. Em. Johan Vansteenkiste, UZ Leuven

Definition of resectability. Prof dr. Clemens Aigner, Vienna General Hospital, University of Vienna

Staging of the mediastinum (Chair)

Historical note : Prof. dr. Paul De Leyn, UZ Leuven

Evolving and continued importance of mediastinoscopy in the staging and management of locally advanced NSCLC. Prof dr. Stephen Cassivi, Mayo Clinic Rochester

Current role of endoscopic staging. Prof. dr. Cristophe Doods, UZ Leuven

Discussion

10.30 – 11.00u Coffee Break

Surgery after neoadjuvant chemoimmunotherapy (Chair)

Intra-operative challenges and complications. Prof Dr. Isabelle Opitz, Univeristätsspital Zürich

What is the benefit of Robotics? Mr. Sasha Stamenkovic, Barts Health NHS Trust London

Do we need to select patients for surgery after neoadjuvant chemoimmunotherapy? Prof. dr. Jonathan Spicer, Montreal General Hospital McGill University

Is radiotherapy an alternative for surgery? Prof Dr. Dirk Deruysscher, Maastricht UMC

What does the future bring? Prof Dr. Els Wauters, UZ Leuven

Discussion

Lunch : 13:00

Practical information

Location: Promotiezaal Universiteitshal KULeuven, Naamsestraat 22, 3000 Leuven

Accreditation will be requested

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