Locally Advanced Thyroid Cancer
Differentiated Thyroid Cancer (DCT) is the most common endocrine cancer and occurs in 5% of thyroid nodules.

For reasons not fully explained its incidence is increasing although its prognosis is excellent, with a long-term disease-free survival of about 90% at 20 years.

Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma (PTC) is the most frequent cancer affecting the thyroid gland, it spreads through the lymphatic system and it can be detected in regional lymph nodes in up to 80-90%.

Neck Ultrasound study has been shown to be a useful tool to preoperatively stage Thyroid Cancer, as well as to diagnose and monitor recurrences.

Total Thyroidectomy is the best approach to Thyroid Cancer; CND and MRND should be done in all cases in which lymph node involvement is evident or highly suspicious. Although controversial, prophylactic neck dissection is also suggested.

The systematic use of ultrasound and new technologies (Harmonic scalpel, intraoperative PTH assay, RLN intraoperative monitoring, etc.) allow us to perform Thyroidectomy and Neck dissection in a safe way with a low morbidity rate.

Organizers:
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Introduction: It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in a new edition of “Workshop on Locally Advanced Thyroid Cancer”.

Objectives:
1. To review the surgical anatomy of the neck with special emphasis on the “hot points” of neck dissection.

Dissection:
2. Upgrade our criteria in:
   • Use and predictive value of ioPTH.
   • Preoperative stage in DTC.
   • Indications, technical aspects and types of Neck Dissection.
   • Follow-up of DTC patients.
   • Therapeutic options in recurrent DTC.
   • Surgical approach to the inferior laryngeal nerve (RLN).

Aimed at: Staff with activity in Endocrine Surgery Units or interest in it.

Attendance at “live” surgical sessions where at least 2 cases of locally advanced PTC are operated on. Standard surgical approach consists on Total Thyroidectomy (TT), central neck dissection (CND) and Modified radical neck dissection (MRND). The number of attendees is limited to 4 in order to guarantee a higher quality of teaching.

A new edition of the course will be held every 3 or 4 months. Cases may vary depending on preoperative stage and intraoperative findings for every specific case.

Description:
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