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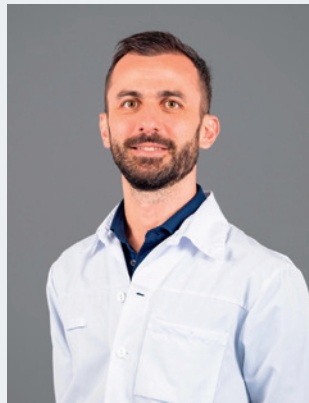
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# Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the second edition of the Basic Brain course organized by the Besta NeuroSim center and the SWISS Foundation for Innovation and Training in Surgery (SFITS).

The basics of neurosurgery will be taught by combining face to face lectures with experiential learning. We prepared interactive training modules based on case-studies, demos, techniques presentations, group discussions, simulation exercises, haptic-feedback computerized neurosurgical operations, role-plays, debriefs and self-report evaluation.

During the theoretical courses basic surgical techniques will be taught. You will have the opportunity to exercise these techniques on simulators as well as on anatomical specimens. Your non-technical skills will improve as well, especially when performing the modules on ethics, communication, resilience, empathy, and stress management. These soft skills are crucial for all neurosurgeons.

At the end of the course, every candidate will receive a personal evaluation from the faculty members.

On behalf of our team and our partners, we hope to welcome you to this fruitful hands-on course.

We look forward to seeing you in Milano and Geneva and working with you.

Francesco DiMeco

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## Registration

- Price of the course is 1'950 EUR for 5 days.  
**IT INCLUDES:**

Tuition fees
Train between Milano and Geneva on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> of January 2020
Lunches and coffee breaks
Course dinner

To register, please send an email to **inscription@sfits.ch** with the following information:

Title of the course: Basic Brain Course: From Simulation to Cadlab	
Full name; Title	City
Address	Phone
Hospital	Year of Residency

Your participation will be confirmed by the 31<sup>st</sup> of November 2019. The course fee should be transferred by the 7<sup>th</sup> of December to the below SFITS account:

Beneficiary	SWISS Foundation for Innovation and Training in Surgery
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Mention:	Basic Brain Course



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The five-day program consists of lectures, simulation exercises, case studies, hands-on experiences and group discussions.

The number of participants is limited to 12 in order to provide each resident the opportunity for meaningful interaction with the faculty and a tailored access to simulators and cadavers during the hands on sessions.

**You will receive by email the 16 Personality Factor Questionnaire which should be completed before the training.**

The other tests, such as The Raven's Advanced Progressive Matrices (APM), The Spatial Ability Test (SPA) and The Purdue Pegboard Test (PBT) will be carried out during the first two days of the course.

## Accreditation

- The course is done under the auspices of EANS, SYNS, Swiss Society of Neurosurgery and Società Italiana di Neurochirurgia (SINch).

## Date

**Milano 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2020**

**Geneva 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2020**

## Objectives

- Get a clear practical overview of basic cranial surgical techniques;
- Understanding pitfalls of basic cranial surgical techniques;
- Discuss and debate patient selection and contraindications;
- Gain a thorough understanding of pre-operative imaging;
- Discuss case studies with expert faculty.

By the end of the program, participants will have a deep knowledge on:

- Surgical indications for some key neurosurgical cranial conditions;
- How to perform emergency procedures in brain surgery;
- The basic approach for elective cranial surgery and related "tips and tricks";
- The multidisciplinary approach required for complex cases.

## Audience

The course is open for junior neurosurgeons (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> years of residency).

## Venue

### SFITS

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## Travel plan

You will need one hour and half from the Malpensa Airport and one hour from Linate Airport to the Besta NeuroSim Center. If you come by train, you will need 30 min from the Milano railway station.

The course will finish on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of January at 4PM in Geneva. You will need 45 min to the Geneva airport and 30 min to the Geneva railway station.



# Milano

## Day 1

### Story #1 “All is well what ends well: a strange ‘meningitis’, a complicated clinical evolution, plenty of neurosurgery with a happy ending”

Activity description: interactive group discussion with patients/actors, neurosurgery simulation activities and operations performed with ImmersiveTouch, NeuroTouch, VP reveal, Surgical Theater, and simulation mannequins (lumbar puncture, dura opening, closure, tumor models removal)

08:00	Registration and welcome coffee
08:30 - 09:00	Presentation of Besta NeuroSim Center and the faculty
09:00 - 13:00	<b>Story #1 - part 1</b> , Sim/discussion activities
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14.00 - 18:00	<b>Story #1 - part 2</b> , Sim/discussion activities
18:00	End of day

## Day 2

### Story #2 “Learning how to break bad news: a supposedly straightforward diagnosis turns out to be much worse”

Activity description: interactive group discussion with patients/actors, neurosurgery procedures simulated with ImmersiveTouch, NeuroTouch, VP reveal, Surgical Theater, and simulation mannequins (dura opening, closure, tumor models removal)

### Story #3 “The importance of being Ernest: learning how to give a thorough informed consent”

Activity description: interactive group discussion with patients/actors, neurosurgery simulation activities and operations performed with ImmersiveTouch, NeuroTouch, VP reveal, Surgical Theater. 3D immersive platforms will also be used to do patient consultation.

08:00 - 08:30	Welcome coffee
08:30 - 09:00	Debrief of Day 1
09:00 - 13:00	<b>Story #2</b> , Sim/discussion activities
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 18:00	<b>Story #3</b> , Sim/discussion activities
18:00	End of day



# Geneva

## Day 3

08:15	Meeting in Milano Centrale
08:23	Departure to Geneva by Train
12:21	Arrival to Geneva
12:45 - 13:30	Lunch at the SFITS and presentation of the training center
13:30 - 15:30	<b>Cad Lab Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>External cranio-cerebral landmarks<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>by K. Schaller</li></ul></li><li>Cortical landmarks in CT and MRI imaging<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>by K. Schaller</li></ul></li><li>Practicing on positioning of the patient and head on the table and in an headholder</li><li>Instruments “needed to know” to perform craniotomies</li><li>Set up of surgical table and OR</li></ul>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 17:30	<b>Cad Lab Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Drilling session</li></ul>
17:30	End of the day

## Day 4

08:00 - 08:30	Welcome coffee
08:30 - 11:00	<b>Cad Lab Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EVD placement and Burr holes for cSDH treatment<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>by A. Perin</li></ul></li><li>Performing EVDs and burr holes on models and cadavers</li></ul>
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 14:00	<b>Cad Lab Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supratentorial decompressive craniectomy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>by T. Meling</li></ul></li><li>Performing supratentorial decompressive craniectomy on cadavers</li></ul>
14:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 17:30	<b>Cad Lab Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Infratentorial decompressive craniectomy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>by A. Bartoli</li></ul></li><li>Practicing on infratentorial decompressive craniectomy on cadavers</li></ul>
19:00	Course dinner

## Day 5

08:00 - 08:30	Welcome coffee
08:30 - 09:30	Case discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>by A. Moiraghi</li></ul>
09:30 - 12:00	<b>Cad Lab Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Planning convexity craniotomies with or without navigation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>by F. DiMeco</li></ul></li><li>Principles of crossing sinus craniotomies<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>by P. Dammann</li></ul></li><li>Performing convexity parietal craniotomies and crossing SSS sinus on cadavers</li></ul>
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 15:00	<b>Cad Lab Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pterional craniotomy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>by T. Meling</li></ul></li><li>Performing pterional craniotomy on cadavers</li></ul>
15:00 - 15:30	Self-evaluation and discussion with faculty members
15:30	End of the course
Course evaluation will be provided as an online survey	

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