

European training program:

Detection & Treatment of Early Barrett's Neoplasia

Endoscopic treatment of early neoplasia in Barrett's esophagus has been proven very effective and safe, and new technologies have enhanced quality of endoscopic imaging and facilitated endoscopic treatment.

This European training course offers multidisciplinary training, to improve the quality of endoscopic detection, endoscopic therapy, and histological assessment of early neoplasia in Barrett's esophagus.

Aim of this training program

The aim of this training program is to train a multidisciplinary team, consisting of an endoscopist, endoscopy nurse, and pathologist in endoscopic detection and endoscopic treatment of early neoplastic lesions in Barrett's esophagus. Different endoscopic treatment modalities will be trained, such as endoscopic resection using the ER-cap technique and multiband mucosectomy technique, and endoscopic ablation using the HALO system. In addition, a uniform treatment protocol for patients with early neoplastic lesions in Barrett's esophagus will be introduced.

The training program committee

The training program committee consists of three endoscopists (Dr. J. Bergman, Prof. P. Fockens, Dr. B. Weusten), two pathologists (Prof. F. ten Kate, Dr. M. Vieth), two endoscopy nurses (T. Pordon, A. Hanrath) and a research nurse (Drs. W. Rosmolen), all with extensive experience in endoscopic detection and treatment of early Barrett's neoplasia.

Two 2-day workshops at the AMC in Amsterdam

- Hands-on training on pig-models and live pigs
- State-of-the-art presentations
- Interactive lectures
- Case discussions

Facilities next to the 2-day workshops

- Individual one-on-one hands-on training days for endoscopists and endoscopy nurses at the AMC in Amsterdam, or at the local center
- Video documentation and feedback on all procedures at the participating centres
- Revision and feedback of all ER histopathology slides
- Onsite assistance at the participating centres
- Online patient-registration system
- Annual post-graduate course

Hand-out material to bring the acquired skills into practice

- Registration forms for imaging, endoscopic resection, ablation and histological evaluation
- Course syllabus and DVD containing teaching material
- Disposables for multi-band mucosectomy procedures
- Disposables for ER-cap procedures
- Patient information folders

This training course is open for centres with a tertiary referral function for early Barrett's neoplasia that would like to build a unit for endoscopic detection and treatment of early Barrett's neoplasia. For more information or registration, please contact:

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