



EXCELLENCE IN CAPILLAROSCOPY

AN INTERACTIVE COURSE

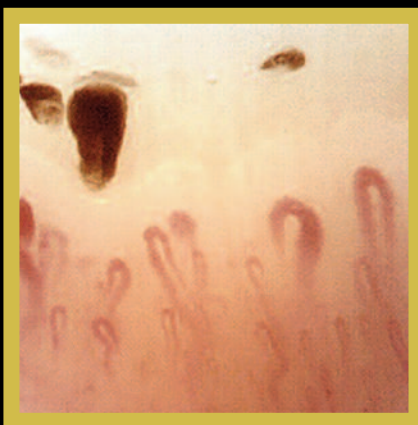
Genova, September 8th - 10th, 2011

Dear Doctor,

As Organizing Secretariat we have the pleasure to announce you the new first high level course "EXCELLENCE IN CAPILLAROSCOPY - AN INTERACTIVE COURSE" that will be held in Genova from September 8th till 10th 2011.

The aim of this intensive and interactive full immersion course is to provide all participants with an update on the power of the safe-non invasive nailfold videocapillaroscopy (NV) either in the early diagnosis, predictive and prognostic value as well as therapeutic follow up of the scleroderma pattern diseases.

Participants must be already expert in videocapillaroscopy and rheumatic diseases and will be fully involved in interactive theoretical and practical capillaroscopic sessions invol-



ving a large number of rheumatic patients. Updated clinical sessions concerning the diagnostic/prognostic value of NV in diseases such as systemic sclerosis and the effects of the target therapies on microcirculation and immune-inflammatory reaction will represent a stimulating gym based on clinical cases presentation and discussion.

In particular, reading and scoring of the videocapillaroscopic images of living patients will be discussed and their predictive value to identify possible clinical complications (i.e.

digital ulcers in systemic sclerosis) will be analyzed and reported. Practical analysis of the peripheral blood flow by laser doppler will be available to be combined with the severity of the videocapillaroscopic living images.

At the end of this excellence course supported by the tutorial teaching of some of the world's best experts on capillaroscopy and microcirculation, the participants will be able to use the videocapillaroscopy for their day-to-day staging and follow-up of patients with scleroderma pattern diseases (i.e. systemic sclerosis).

The number of participants is limited and the admission will be obtained following the first applications until the closed number limit achievement. Participants to the previous EULAR courses on capillaroscopy will be admitted with preference.

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Speakers

The speakers will mainly include the major experts on the matter, including some specialists already involved during the previous Capillaroscopy Courses.

Course opening / Course closing

Thursday, September 08th, 2011
Saturday, September 10th, 2011

CME credits

Application will be forwarded for both national and European credits.

PROGRAMME

Thursday, September 08th

13.15 - 14.00	Introduction Micro versus macrocirculation: from the anatomy to the pathology
14.00 - 14.30	Risk factors and pathophysiology of the endothelium damage in systemic sclerosis
14.30 - 15.30	Televoter before The taxonomy of the videocapillaroscopic microvascular morphology in normal and pathological conditions Televoter after
15.30 - 16.15	Televoter before The qualitative analysis of the microcirculatory alterations gives a diagnostic and predictive value to the capillaroscopy in systemic sclerosis Televoter after
16.15 - 16.45	Coffee Break
16.45 - 17.30	Televoter before The diagnostic value of blood flow analysis by laser doppler and other techniques in presence of Raynaud's phenomenon Televoter after
17.30 - 18.15	Televoter before Capillaroscopy in the scleroderma spectrum diseases including overlap syndromes Televoter after
18.15 - 19.00	Practical session with discussion of clinical cases with living patients
20.30	Dinner

Friday, September 09th

8.30 - 9.15	Televoter before The range of microvascular changes as observed by capillaroscopy in non scleroderma spectrum diseases <i>Clinical cases</i> Televoter after
9.15 - 10.00	Televoter before Immunosuppressive treatments in systemic sclerosis: how capillaroscopy might help in evaluating the results Televoter after
10.00 - 10.45	Televoter before Symptomatic treatment of the microcirculation impairment as evaluated by blood flow analysis and capillaroscopy. Televoter after
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 - 12.00	Televoter before Antifibrotic therapies in scleroderma spectrum diseases: results and morphological and functional analysis including skin ultrasounds <i>Clinical cases</i> Televoter after
12.00 - 12.45	Televoter before Microcirculatory change evaluation and its predictivity for the skin ulcer detection in systemic sclerosis today. <i>Clinical cases</i> Televoter after
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.45	Televoter before Capillaroscopy in psoriasis versus psoriatic arthritis and rheumatoid arthritis <i>Clinical cases</i> Televoter after
14.45 - 15.00	Televoter before Antibodies and Capillaroscopy: their combination for the diagnosis of the scleroderma spectrum diseases <i>Clinical cases</i> Televoter after
15.00 - 15.45	Televoter before Biomarkers and capillaroscopy: endothelin serum levels and clinical complications in systemic sclerosis Televoter after
15.45 - 16.30	Capillaroscopy in clinical case resolution
16.30 - 17.00	Coffee Break
17.00 - 19.30	Practical session with discussion of clinical cases with living patients <i>Tutors</i>

Saturday, September 10th

8.30 - 9.15	Televoter before Capillaroscopy and lung involvement in systemic sclerosis Televoter after
9.15 - 10.00	PRACTICAL SESSION of laser doppler analysis versus capillaroscopy in living cases of systemic sclerosis (by groups)
10.00 - 10.30	Coffee Break
10.30 - 11.15	Guide lines for the early diagnosis and drug monitoring by capillaroscopy during the management of systemic sclerosis
11.15 - 12.15	The best way to store and report the capillaroscopic findings to the GP
12.15 - 12.30	General discussion and final Televoter
12.30 - 12.45	Conclusion