

Immersion Course on Comprehensive Lung Cancer Treatment and Surgical Innovation

Thursday, August 14th – Saturday, August 16th, 2025

HMS Martin Center Vs.

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Wednesday August 13, 2025			
Symposium Workshops 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM			
Topic	Faculty		
Esophageal	Benny Weksler, M.D.	Jon O. Wee, M.D.	Humberto Oliveira, M.D.
Robot Ion & SP	Ricardo Terra, M.D.	Bernard Park, M.D.	Matthew Pommerening, M.D.
Segmentectomy	Paula Ugalde Figueroa, M.D.	Rian Hasson, M.D.	Bruno Hochegger, M.D.
Transplant & ECMO	Antonio Coppolino, III, M.D.	Raghu Seethala, M.D.	Diego Pardo, M.D.
Complex Cases	Narjust Florez, M.D.	Isabelle Opitz, M.D.	Francisco Suarez, M.D.
Course Welcome Event Sunset Harbor Cruise			
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM			

Thursday August 14, 2025		
7:15 AM	Breakfast	
7:45 AM	Welcome	Paula Ugalde Figueroa, M.D. Raphael Bueno, M.D.
Diagnosis and Staging Updates in Very Early-Stage Lung Cancer		
Moderator: Scott J. Swanson, M.D.		
8:00 AM	AI in Lung Cancer: Why is adoption taking so long?	Katherine Andriole, M.D.
8:20 AM	CT Lung Nodule Imaging: Definitions and Recommendations on Reporting	Mark Hammer, M.D.
8:40 AM	Debate: Strategies to Obtain Tissue Diagnosis	
	Pro Transthoracic Needle Biopsy	Mark Hammer, M.D.
	Pro Robotic Bronchoscopy	Matthew Pommerening, M.D.
	Conclusion: Voting	<i>Discussant: Scott J. Swanson, M.D.</i>
9:10 AM	EBUS accuracy for IMS in cN0 -1	Ricardo Oliveira, M.D.
9:20 AM	Debate: Strategies to Stage Mediastinum	
	Imaging alone	Bruno Hochegger, M.D.
	EBUS	Ricardo Oliveira, M.D.
	Upfront surgery	Bernard Park, M.D.

	Conclusion: Voting	<i>Discussant: Scott J. Swanson, M.D.</i>
9:55 AM	Challenging the Presenters: Clinical Cases	Bruno Hochegger, M.D.
10:30 AM	BREAK	
Decision-Making in Very Early-Stage NSCLC Moderator: Thomas D'Amico, M.D.		
11:00 AM	Update on SBRT for Early-Stage NSCLC	Kelly Fitzgerald, M.D.
11:15 AM	Lobectomy vs. Neoadjuvant Therapy in cT2N0 NSCLC	Bernard Park, M.D.
11:30 AM	Clinic Cases: Challenging the audience	Paula Ugalde Figueroa, M.D.
12:15 PM	Panel Discussions/Q&A	ALL + Julia Rotow, M.D.
12:30 PM	Lunch	
Pathology and New Insights in Lung Cancer Moderator: Paula Ugalde Figueroa, M.D.		
1:30 PM	What's New in Thoracic Pathology	Igor Odinstov, M.D.
1:50 PM	Circulating Tumor DNA: Are We Ready for Prime Time?	Lynette Sholl, M.D.
2:10 PM	The Pathology Report Shows STAS: Now What?	Hassan Khalil, M.D.
2:30 PM	Pathology Case Discussion: When Patient has a Molecular Driver Mutation	Lynette Sholl, M.D.
3:30 PM	Panel Discussion/Q&A	ALL
4:00 pm	Conclusion of Day 1	

Friday August 15, 2025		
7:00 AM	Breakfast	
7:30 AM	Welcome	Paula Ugalde Figueroa, M.D.
Integrating Immunotherapy in Resectable NSCLC Moderator: Isabelle Opitz, M.D.		
7:45 AM	Lung Cancer Multidisciplinary Care Pathways	Narjust Florez, M.D.
8:00 AM	Molecular Analysis: When and Which Tests to use?	David Barbie, M.D.
8:15 AM	Limits to Surgical Resection in Stage III	Isabelle Opitz, M.D.
8:30 AM	Debate: Complete Genomic Profile (based on 2 cases)	
	Yes, it's a must!	Julia Rotow, M.D.
	No, it is a waste of time!	Benny Weksler, M.D.
	Conclusion: Voting	Isabelle Opitz, M.D.
8:55 AM	Managing Cases with Progression	Justin Gainor M.D.
9:05 AM	Tumor Board: Real-World Challenging Cases	Bruno Hochegger, M.D. Paula Ugalde Figueroa, M.D.
9:45 AM	Panel Discussion/Q&A	
10:00 AM	BREAK	

10:20 AM	Upcoming Targeted Therapies	David Barbie, M.D.
10:40 AM	Debate: How I Approach Oligometastatic Disease	
	Pro Surgery	Isabelle Opitz, M.D.
	Pro Radiation	Benjamin Kann, M.D.
	Conclusion: Voting	<i>Discussant: Isabelle Opitz, M.D.</i>
11:05 AM	Debate: Multi station N2 Disease without Driver Mutation	
	Pro surgery	Thomas D'Amico, M.D.
	Con	Narjust Florez, M.D.
	Conclusion: Voting	<i>Discussant: Isabelle Opitz, M.D.</i>
11:30 AM	Panel Discussion/Q&A	
12:00 PM	Photo on HMS Steps	
12:15 PM	Lunch	
Concurrent Sessions: Live Surgery Afternoon The Why Behind the Choice Auditorium Moderator: Ricardo Terra, M.D. OR Moderator: Benny Weksler, M.D.		
1:30 PM	Live Afternoon Surgeries	
	OR Procedure Room: Tsukada EBUS/Cryo Cases	
	Room 14: Jon O. Wee Robotic Lung Resection (Segment)	
	Room 16: Matthew Pommerening & Paula Ugalde Figueroa ION and Lung Resection (Segmentectomy)	
1:30 PM	Parallel Session The Why Behind the Choice (with Clinical Cases)	
	How do I localize Lung Nodules	Santiago Figueroa, M.D.
	How to define parenchymal margin	Thomas D'Amico, M.D.
	Wedge or Segment for <2 cm Tumor?	Bernard Park, M.D.
	N1 Disease During the Segmentectomy: Next Step?	Scott J. Swanson, M.D.
	Update on 3D Reconstruction	Ricardo Terra, M.D.
5:00 PM	Q&A/Day 2 Wrap-Up	
5:30 PM	Tentative: Event on Harvard Medical School Quad	

Saturday, August 16, 2025		
7:45 AM	Breakfast	
8:15 AM	Welcome	Paula Ugalde Figueroa, M.D.
Concurrent Sessions: Live Surgery Morning Surgical Techniques: How I Do It Auditorium Moderator: Ricardo Oliveira, M.D. OR Moderator: Benny Weksler, M.D.		
8:30 AM	Live Surgery Morning	



	Room 14: Matthew Rochefort Robotic Lung Resection	
	Room 16: Paula Ugalde Lung Resection	
8:30 AM	Parallel Session: Surgical Techniques: Conquering Complex and Technical Challenges	
	How I do EBUS for Clinical Stage II and III	Ricardo Oliveira, M.D.
	How I Manage Lymphadenopathy Post Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy & Immunotherapy	Ricardo Terra, M.D.
	Limits to Robotic Surgery in Chemotherapy and Immunotherapy Patient	Isabelle Opitz, M.D.
	Type of Resections Post Chemotherapy & Immunotherapy	Benny Weksler, M.D.
	How I Manage Vascular Infiltrations?	Thomas D'Amico, M.D.
11:00 AM	Surgical complications/Clinical Cases	LATAM Invited Surgeons
12:30 PM	Q&A Course Wrap-Up	
1:00 PM	Lunch	
	Tentative Close Out Social Event	