

# ENDOSCOPIC SKULLBASE SURGERY IN CHILDREN

*How I do it*



***19-21 November 2026***

***International  
speakers***

**PRE-CONGRESS  
HANDS-ON  
COURSE**

# ENDOSCOPIC SKULLBASE SURGERY IN CHILDREN

Early bird  
until  
15/09/2026

CALL FOR  
ABSTRACTS

## INTRODUCTION

The endoscopic endonasal approach for removal of skullbase tumors has already been widely accepted as the treatment of choice in adults and in the last decade, in children as well.

The rapid evolution of the technology has undoubtedly led to a progressive change of the surgical techniques. The aim of this congress is to bring together the greatest experts of the field to confront and find a consensus on the best treating strategies in children.

## CONTENTS

- Skullbase malformations
- Craniovertebral junction
- Orbital pathology
- Skullbase tumors
- Reconstruction techniques
- Trauma, skullbase fractures and repairing
- Evolution of the endoscopic approach
- CSF leak

*Lectures & discussions will be in English*

**Number of participants**  
100

### Scientific committee

Lorenzo Genitori  
Mirko Scagnet  
Federico Mussa  
Filippo Giovannetti  
Rina Agushi  
Luca Spirito

### Info & registration

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### Location

Meyer Health Campus

Via Cosimo il Vecchio, 26 –  
Firenze

**Edition 2026**  
19-21 November

## INTENDED FOR:

The congress is intended for all professional figures involved in the diagnostic, managing and treating path in children with skullbase lesions. As such, it mainly concerns neurosurgeons, ENT surgeons, maxillofacial surgeons, pediatricians, residents.

For junior specialists we offer the possibility to “**Meet the experts**” in the dedicated sessions – **Submit your abstract!**  
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## REGISTRATION FEES

Early bird members\* € 150

Early bird not members\* €180

Residents/Students/Pediatricians € 130

Full fee congress members\* €250

Full fee congress not members\* €280

\*members of the following scientific societies:  
ESPN, SIB, SIMMED, SINCH, SIO, SNO

Pre-congress Course € 180 – only the first 8 participants will be accepted.

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### CONGRESS VENUE

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## ITALIAN FACULTY

- Francesco Acerbi – Neurosurgeon (Pisa)
- Rina Agushi – Neurosurgeon (Florence)
- Paolo Battaglia – ENT surgeon (Como)
- Maurizio Bignami – ENT surgeon (Varese)
- Andrea Boschi – Neurosurgeon (Florence)
- Anna Maria Buccoliero – Neuropathologist (Florence)
- Frank Rikki Canevari – ENT surgeon (Genova)
- Monica Carfagni – Engineer (Florence)
- Paolo Castelnuovo – ENT surgeon (Varese)
- Claudio Cereda – Neurosurgeon (Brescia)
- Salvatore Chibbaro – Neurosurgeon (Siena)
- Iacopo Dallan – ENT surgeon (Pisa)
- Marco Di Nicola – Neuro-oncologist (Florence)
- Francesco Doglietto – Neurosurgeon (Rome)
- Luisa Galli – Infectious Diseases Specialist (Florence)
- Lorenzo Genitori – Neurosurgeon (Florence)
- Filippo Giovannetti – Maxillofacial surgeon (Aquila)
- Tommaso Gualtieri – ENT surgeon (Prato)
- Giorgio Iannetti – Maxillofacial surgeon (Rome)
- Apostolos Karligkiotis – ENT surgeon (Milan)
- Giandomenico Maggiore – ENT surgeon (Florence)
- Gianluca Mattei – Biologist (Florence)
- Diego Mazzatenta – Neurosurgeon (Bologna)
- Regina Mura – Neurosurgeon (Florence)
- Federico Mussa – Neurosurgeon (Florence)
- Ernesto Pasquini – ENT surgeon (Bologna)
- Gianluca Piatelli – Neurosurgeon (Genova)
- Dimitri Rabbiosi – Maxillofacial surgeon (Varese)
- Franco Ricci – Endocrinologist (Florence)
- Mario Rigante – ENT surgeon (Rome)
- Orazio Santonocito – Neurosurgeon (Livorno)
- Antonio Sarno – ENT surgeon (Prato)
- Mirko Scagnet – Neurosurgeon (Florence)
- Domenico Solari – Neurosurgeon (Naples)
- Giuseppe Spinelli – Maxillofacial surgeon (Florence)

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- Luca Spirito – ENT surgeon (Florence)
- Stefano Stagi – Endocrinologist (Florence)
- Gianpiero Tamburrini – Neurosurgeon (Rome)
- Franco Trabalzini – ENT surgeon (Florence)
- Valentino Valentini – Maxillofacial surgeon (Rome)
- Alessandro Villa – Neurosurgeon (Palermo)
- Massimiliano Visocchi – Neurosurgeon (Rome)
- Dario Zaccari – ENT surgeon (Prato)
- Francesco Zenga – Neurosurgeon (Turin)
- Mino Zucchelli – Neurosurgeon (Bologna)

## INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

- Eleam Adil – ENT surgeon (Boston, Massachusetts, USA)
- Samer K. Elbabaa – Neurosurgeon (Orlando, USA)
- Kévin Beccaria – Neurosurgeon (Paris, France)
- Sébastien Froelich – Neurosurgeon (Paris, France)
- Amin Kassam – Neurosurgeon (Illinois, USA)
- Mahmoud Messerer – Neurosurgeon (Lausanne, Switzerland)
- Mentor Petrela – Neurosurgeon (Tirana, Albania)
- Jennifer L. Quon – Neurosurgeon (Toronto, Canada)
- Theodore H. Schwartz – Neurosurgeon (New York, USA)
- Masahiro Toda – Neurosurgeon (Tokyo, Japan)

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## Simulation of the endoscopic endonasal approach on 3D printed models

### CONTENTS AND INFORMATION

The course is intended mainly for residents of the following specialties: neurosurgery, ENT, maxillofacial surgery. The participants will be split in couples (ENT/maxillofacial surgeon - neurosurgeon) and will be guided in a step by step demonstration to simulate a complete surgical procedure on 3D printed models. The models are based on real-life pediatric patients with sellar region tumors, and the surgical procedure consists in the endoscopic endonasal approach for removal of the lesion. The focus concerns the opening, removal of the tumor and closing techniques. Each couple of participants will be followed by one of the tutors.

**November 19 th 2026**  
**9.00 - 13.00**

**LUNCH BREAK**  
**13.00 -14.00**



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 19th 2026

TIME	CONTENTS	SPEAKER/MODERATOR
14.00-14.15	Participants' registration	
14.15-14.30	INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME	
	<b>SECTION I NASAL PATHO-PHYSIOLOGY</b>	G. Maggiore A. Sarno F. Mussa
14.30-14.45	Benign lesions of the nasal fossa: nasal glioma	F. R. Canevari
14.45-15.00	Frontal sinus surgery: osteoid osteoma	A. Karligkiotis
15.00-15.15	Surgical treatment of nasal obstruction in children: nasal fossa tumors	M. Rigante
15.15-15.30	Meningoceles: the best approach is from above or underneath?	E. Pasquini
15.30-15.45	Management of the complications of sinusitis: a practical algorithm	F. Giovannetti
15.45-16.05	Malformative conditions causing nasal obstruction in children	E. Adil
16.05-16.20	State of the art in the management of olfactory disorders	T. Gualtieri
16.20-16.35	Management of juvenile angiofibroma	M. Bignami
16.35-17.00	<b>ROUND TABLE</b> <i>How I do it</i>	
17.00	<i>End of first day's talks</i>	

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<b>SECTION I SKULLBASE TUMORS</b>		F. Acerbi M. Scagnet O. Santonocito
9.00-9.30	Craniopharyngioma in children: what is the best treatment?	A. Kassam
9.30-9.45	Adenoma in children: is it a a single pathology or different subtypes require different surgical managements?	D. Mazzatenta
9.45-10.00	What is the role of the endoscopic endonasal approach in the treatment of optic-hypothalamic tumours in children?	R. Agushi
10.00-10.15	Lesions of the cavernous sinus in children: is the endoscopic approach an option or the gold standard?	F. Zenga
10.15-10.45	Complex central skull base tumors in children	S. Froelich
10.45-11.00	Endoscopic endonasal approach: what's the hint behind every age group?	G. Tamburrini
11.00-11.30	<b>ROUND TABLE</b> <i>How I do it?</i>	
11.30-12.00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>SECTION II TUMORS, GENES AND TECHNOLOGY</b>		C. Cereda M. Zucchelli R. Mura
12.00-12.20	Endoscope-assisted microsurgical management of pediatric skull base pathologies	S. Elbabaa
12.20-12.40	Rathke's cleft cysts: to operate or not to operate?	J. L. Quon
12.40-12.50	Cushing's treatment in children	S. Stagi
12.50-13.00	Acromegaly's treatment in children	F. Ricci
13.00-14.00	<b>LIGHT LUNCH</b>	



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14.00-14.15	Technology: where have we arrived so far?	M. Messerer
14.15-14.25	T3Ddy lab: how to train future and present neurosurgeons	M. Carfagni
14.25-14.35	Beyond the microscope: decoding tumors with nanopore sequencing	A.M. Buccoliero G. Mattei
14.35-14.45	Surgery versus biological drugs in tumor treatment: either or both?	M. Di Nicola
14.45-15.15	<b>ROUND TABLE</b> <i>How I do it?</i>	
	<b>SECTION III ENDOSCOPIC APPROACHES TO THE ORBIT</b>	D. Rabbiosi S. Chibbaro F. Giovannetti
15.15-15.30	Orbital lesions and endoscopy: from where to where	I. Dallan
15.30-15.45	In orbital tumors, does the location change the endoscopic technique? Intraconal vs extraconal	D. Solari
15.45-16.15	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
16.15-16.45	Transorbital endoscopic approach to reach skull base lesions: How and what?	T. H. Schwartz
16.45-17.00	International consensus on endoscopic orbital surgery in children	F. Doglietto
17.00-17.15	Periorbital cellulitis: the best management	L. Galli
17.15-17.45	<b>ROUND TABLE</b> <i>How I do it?</i>	
	<i>Final remarks of the day</i>	



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<b>SECTION I CRANIOVERTEBRAL JUNCTION - ENDOSCOPIC APPROACHES</b>		<b>Boschi S. Froelich M. Petrela</b>
9.00-9.30	Cordoma in children: from surgery to complementary treatments	K. Beccaria
9.30-9.45	Odontoidectomy and cervical fixation in children: what, when and how?	M. Visocchi
9.45-10.00	Craniovertebral junction pathologies with increased risk in children	G. Piatelli
10.00-10.20	Recurrent chordoma: what are the options?	M. Toda
10.20-10.35	Grafts and peculiarities: what to use and when?	A. Villa
10.35-11.10	<b>ROUND TABLE</b> <i>How I do it?</i>	
11.10-11.30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
11.30-12.30	<b>Meet the experts</b> <i>Learning from "mistakes"</i>	<b>Kassam T. Schwartz</b>
12.30-13.30	<b>LIGHT LUNCH</b>	
<b>SECTION II TRAUMA, CSF LEAK AND REPAIRING</b>		<b>G. Iannetti D. Zaccari F. Trabalzini</b>
13.30-13.45	CSF leak concerning the ear	F. Trabalzini
13.45-14.00	Spontaneous and post traumatic CSF fistula in children	P. Battaglia



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14.00-14.15	Craniofacial trauma: when more than one specialist needs to intervene	G. Spinelli
14.15-14.35	Technical peculiarities in closing anterior, middle and posterior skull base. Is it the region or the CSF dynamic?	P. Castelnuovo
14.35-14.55	Reconstructive flaps: how many variants are possible?	V. Valentini
14.55-15.10	Multiple defects and recurrent CSF leak: when closing becomes a challenge	L. Spirito
15.10-15.40	<b>ROUND TABLE</b> <i>How I do it?</i>	

*The end... to be continued!*

*November 2028!*

