

CADAVER LAB

Skull Base Masterclass

Middle Cranial Fossa, Cavernous Sinus and Petroclival Region Approaches

19-22 May 2026

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Focus on

This dissection course is aimed to present advantages and limitations of surgical approaches to challenging intracranial targets having the opportunity to share knowledge, tips and tricks with an internationally renowned faculty.

The course will be held in English.

Course Director:



Prof. A. Fioravanti - Cremona, Italy
Cremona Neurosurgical Academy Director



Dr. C. A. Donofrio - Cremona, Italy



Prof. F. Pessina - Milano, Humanitas, Italy



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Participation fee for 4 days of course (from 19 to 22 May 2026):
€ 1300.00 VAT included

Participation fee for 4 days of course with overnight stay (nights of May 19, 20 and 21, 2026) € 1600.00 VAT included

International participants may contact the organizing secretariat for support with logistics and transfers.

International Faculty:



Prof. O. Al-Mefty - Little Rock, USA
Special Guest



Prof. K. Arnautovic - Memphis, USA



Prof. L. A. B. Borba - Curitiba, Brazil



Prof. R. S. Tubbs - New Orleans, USA
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The Fronto-Temporo-Orbito-Zygomatic Approach - 19th May 2026

- 08:30 Registration
- 08:45-09:00 Welcome
Prof. A. Fioravanti - Cremona
Prof. D. d'Avella - Padua
- 09:00-09:30 Cavernous sinus anatomy
Prof. R. S. Tubbs - New Orleans, USA
- 09:30-10:00 Fronto-temporo-orbito-zygomatic approach and peeling of the lateral wall of the cavernous sinus: how I do it
Prof. K. Arnautovic - Memphis, USA
- 10:00-10:15 Extradural anterior clinoidectomy
Prof. V. Esposito - Pozzilli
- 10:15-10:45 Lectio magistralis: "Cavernous Sinus Meningiomas: To Operate or Not to Operate - That is the Question"
Prof. O. Al-Mefty - Little Rock, USA
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-13:00 Wet Lab: Fronto-temporo-orbito-zygomatic approach and peeling of the lateral wall of the cavernous sinus (Part I)
Prof. K. Arnautovic - Memphis, USA
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-17:30 Wet Lab: Extradural anterior clinoidectomy and optic canal unroofing (Part II)
Prof. K. Arnautovic - Memphis, USA
- 17:30-18:00 Lectio magistralis: "Challenges in the surgical management of sphenocavernous Meningiomas"
Prof. F. Tomasello - Catania



The Anterior Petrosal Approach - 20th May 2026

- 09:00-09:20 Lectio magistralis: "How to improve neurosurgical education worldwide"
Prof. F. Servadei – Milan, Besta
- 09:20-10:00 Anatomy of the middle cranial fossa and anatomical landmarks for the anterior petrosal approach
Prof. R.S. Tubbs – New Orleans
- 10:00-10:30 The anterior petrosal approach: how I do it
Prof. O. Al-Mefty – Little Rock, USA
- 10:30-11:00 Lectio magistralis: "Surgical treatment of petroclival tumors"
Prof. O. Al-Mefty – Little Rock, USA
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-13:00 Wet Lab: The anterior petrosal approach – Middle cranial fossa approach (part I)
Prof. L.A.B. Borba – Curitiba, Brazil
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-14:30 Lectio magistralis: "Petrosal approaches for treatment of complex skull base pathologies"
Prof. L.A.B. Borba – Curitiba, Brazil
- 14:30-17:30 Wet Lab: The anterior petrosal approach – Anterior petrosectomy (part II)
Prof. L.A.B. Borba – Curitiba, Brazil



The Posterior Petrosal Approach – 21st May 2026

- 09:00-09:45 Anatomy of the temporal bone and anatomical landmarks for the posterior petrosal approach
Prof. R.S. Tubbs – New Orleans
- 09:45-10:15 The posterior petrosal approach: how I do it
Prof. O. Al-Mefty – Little Rock, USA
- 10:15-10:45 Lectio magistralis: "The posterior petrosal approach: indications and limitations"
Prof. K. Arnautovic – Memphis, USA
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-13:00 Wet Lab: The posterior petrosal approach (Part I)
Prof. O. Al-Mefty – Little Rock, USA
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-14:30 Challenges in the surgical management of lesions involving the petroclival region and jugular foramen
Prof. L.A.B. Borba – Curitiba, Brazil
- 14:30-17:30 Wet Lab: The posterior petrosal approach (Part II)
Prof. O. Al-Mefty – Little Rock, USA



The Retrosigmoid and Far Lateral Approach – 22nd May 2026

- 09:00-09:45 Anatomy of the postero-lateral skull base and anatomical landmarks for the retrosigmoid and far lateral approaches
Prof. R.S. Tubbs – New Orleans
- 09:45-10:00 The retrosigmoid approach and its variants: how I do it
Prof. A. Fioravanti – Cremona
- 10:00-10:20 Retrosigmoid approach for vestibular schwannomas
Prof. F. Pessina – Milan, Humanitas
- 10:20-10:40 Far lateral approach: how I do it
Prof. R. J. Galzio
- 10:40-11:00 Lectio magistralis: "The far lateral approach and its variants: indications and limitations"
Prof. K. Arnautovic – Memphis, USA
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-13:00 Wet Lab: The retrosigmoid approach
Prof. A. Fioravanti – Cremona
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-17:00 Wet Lab: The far lateral approach
Prof. R. J. Galzio

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