GRUPPO OTOLOGICO MIDDLE EAR SURGERY COURSE

164° Edition

November 23, 2026

ORARIO	LECTURES	SPEAKER / MAIN TUTOR
08:30	Welcome	
08:30 - 09:00	Surgical Anatomy	Dr. G. Bertoli
09:00– 09:30	Radiological Anatomy	Dr. E. Maddalone
09:30 - 13:30	Live Surgery	
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 14:30	Radiological Diagnosis of Middle Ear Pathologies	Dr. E. Piccirillo
14:30 - 18:30	Dissection Laboratory	

November 24, 2026

	LECTURES	SPEAKER / MAIN TUTOR
08:30 - 09:00	Otosclerosis: Treatment	Dr. G. Piras
09:00 – 09:30	Myringoplasty	Dr. V. Di Rubbo
09:30 – 13:30	Live Surgery	
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 14:30	Canalplasty	Dr. A. Russo
14:30 - 18:30	Dissection Laboratory	

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November 25, 2026

ORARIO	LECTURES	SPEAKER / MAIN TUTOR
08:30 - 09:00	Tympanoplasty Canal Wall Up	Dr. M. Falcioni
09:00 - 09:30	Tympanoplasty Canal Wall Down	Dr. A. Talibah
09:30 - 13:30	Live Surgery	
10:00 10:30	Coffee break	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 - 14:30	Modified Bondy Technique	Dr. A. L. Giannuzzi
14:30 - 15:00	Vesalius the bipolar generator for the best coagulation	
15:00 - 18:00	Dissection Laboratory	
20:30	Dinner Restaurant “La Bellaria”	

November 26, 2026

ORARIO	LECTURES	SPEAKER / MAIN TUTOR
08:30 - 9:00	Subtotal Petrosectomy	Dr. L. Lauda
09:00 - 09:30	Tympanic and Tympanomastoid Parangalomas	Dr. G. Fancello
09:30 - 13:30	Live Surgery	
10:00 10:30	Coffee break	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 - 14:30	Management of Complications in Middle Ear Surgery	Dr. M. Falcioni
14:30 - 18:30	Dissection Laboratory	

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November 27, 2026

ORARIO	LECTURES	SPEAKER / MAIN TUTOR
08:30 - 09:00	Cochlear Implant with or without Subtotal Petrosectomy	Dr. A. Caruso
09:00 - 09:45	Vestibular Schwannoma Management	Dr. A. Taibah
09:45	Prize for best dissection	
10:00 - 13:00	Live Surgery - Lessons	
10:00 10:30	Coffee break	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch and concluding remarks	

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Piacenza, Italy

Dissection schedule at the William House Dissection Laboratory

Day 1: MONDAY

1. Identify the tympanic bone (removing cartilage and skin)
2. Perform a canalplasty without exposing the temporomandibular joint, facial nerve or the jugular bulb
3. Elevate the tympanomeatal flap, identify the chorda tympani and the ossicles
4. Perform an atticotomy to identify the incudostapedial joint
5. Identify the stapes, stapedius tendon and the footplate.
6. Cut the stapedius tendon and dislocate the IS joint
7. Drill out the anterior and posterior crura and remove the suprastructure
8. Perform a stapedotomy
9. Start drilling the mastoid cortex after identifying the triangle of attack
10. Identify the middle fossa dural plate and the Sigmoid sinus
11. Identify and thin out the posterior canal wall
12. Identify the mastoid antrum, lateral semi-circular canal and the short process the incus
13. Continue the epitympanotomy anteriorly to identify the Incudo-Malleolar joint
14. Identify the digastric ridge and the mastoid portion of the facial nerve thereafter
15. Identify the Chorda Tympani and the Chordo-facial angle
16. Perform a posterior tympanotomy maintaining the Incus buttress
17. Identify the Round Window niche, Incudo-stapedial joint the stapedius and malleus tendon
18. Identify the subiculum and ponticulus
19. Continue the posterior typanotomy to a hypotympanotomy and practise a combined approach tympanoplasty
20. Expose the round window membrane drilling the borders of the niche
21. Insert a cochlear implant through the round window

Day 2: TUESDAY

1. Drilling of the postero-superio wall of the EAC.
2. Simulate a Modified Bondy Technique, maintaining the tympano-ossicular apparatus intact
3. Dislocate the incus and identify the Cochlearifor Process
4. Ossiculoplasty: prepare the incus to reposition it between the malleus and footplate of stapes
5. Cut the malleus head and the tensor tympani tendon
6. Identify the facial nerve in between the Cog and the Cochlearifor Process
7. Identify the Eustachian Tube and the supra tubaric cells
8. Decompress the mastoid segment of the facial nerve
9. Identify the Jugular Bulb and the carotid artery
10. Perform a retrofacial tympanotomy preserving the posterior (and other) semicircular canals and the jugular bulb (whenever possible)
11. Performa a labirintectomy showing all 3 semicircular canals and the vestibule
12. Open the 3 cochlear turns

Day 3: WEDNESDAY (STARTING A NEW BONE)

1. Identify the tympanic bone (removing cartilage and skin)
2. Perform a canalplasty without exposing the temporomandibular joint, facial nerve or the jugular bulb
3. Elevate the tympanomeatal flap, identify the chorda tympani and the ossicles
4. Perform an atticotomy to identify the incudostapedial joint
5. Identify the stapes, stapedius tendon and the footplate.
6. Remove the incus and perform an incus interposition
7. Start drilling the mastoid cortex after identifying the triangle of attack
8. Identify the middle fossa dural plate and the Sigmoid sinus
9. Identify and thin out the posterior canal wall
10. Identify the mastoid antrum, lateral semi-circular canal and the short process the incus
11. Continue the epitympanotomy anteriorly to identify the Incudo-Malleolar joint
12. Identify the digastric ridge and the mastoid portion of the facial nerve thereafter
13. Identify the Chorda Tympani and the Chordo-facial angle
14. Perform a posterior tympanotomy maintaining the Incus buttress
15. Identify the Round Window niche, Incudo-stapedial joint the stapedius and malleus tendon
16. Identify the subiculum and ponticulus
17. Continue the posterior typanotomy to a hypotympanotomy and practise a combined approach tympanoplasty
18. Expose the round window membrane drilling the borders of the niche
19. Insert a cochlear implant through the round window

Day 4: WEDNESDAY

1. Identify the jugular bulb
2. extend anteriorly the hypotympanotomy and the superior atticotomy
3. Cut the tensor tympani tendon
4. Perform a Lateral temporal bone resection
5. Identify the facial nerve in between the Cog and the Cochlearifor Process
6. Identify the Eustachian Tube and the supra tubaric cells
7. Decompress the mastoid segment of the facial nerve
8. Identify the carotid artery
9. Performa a labirintectomy showing all 3 semicircular canals and the vestibule
10. Open the 3 cochlear turns
11. Decompress the middle cranial fossa dura, the sigmoid sinus and the pre- and post-sigmoid posterior fossa dura
12. Identify and scheletonize the internal auditory canal
13. Open the canal and identify the nerves
14. Expose the labyrinthine portion of the facial nerve

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Dear Colleague,

It is a great pleasure to personally welcome you to **Gruppo Otologico** for the **164° Middle Ear Surgery Course 23/27 November, 2026**

I would be delighted to have you as my **distinguished guest** for dinner at the **"LA BELLARIA"** restaurant, on the evening of **25th of Novembre at 8.30pm**

It will be a wonderful opportunity to share a convivial evening in such a unique setting.

Best regards

Gruppo Otologico Team

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