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THIRD BREAST CANCER SYMPOSIUM

Satellite Symposium Programme

of the Second Clinical Congress of Albanian Surgeons

*Current standards in multidisciplinary breast
cancer care: An update*

19 OCTOBER
2026

at



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INTRODUCTION

Third Breast Cancer Symposium

“Together towards a Breast Centre in Kosova: for modern and integrated care”

Prof. Dr. Alban Y. Neziri

Following the first two symposia, held in 2024 and 2025, this year we continue the tradition of scientific meetings dedicated to the modern diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. The Third Breast Cancer Symposium will take place on 19 October 2026 in Prishtina as a satellite symposium of the Second Clinical Congress of Albanian Surgeons, preceding the Congress proceedings in Tirana.

The symposium is organised by the Kosova College of Surgeons, under the umbrella of the Pan-Albanian College of Surgeons, and the Association of Albanian Physicians in Switzerland. An important new feature this year is the co-organisation with the Breast Association and the Association of Oncologists of Kosova, as well as the cooperation with the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Prishtina and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kosova. This professional, academic and institutional cooperation aims to strengthen continuing education, the multidisciplinary approach and the efforts to establish a Breast Centre in Kosova.

A special highlight of this meeting is the in-person participation in Prishtina of Prof. Dr. Hiroko Masuda, Head of the Department of Breast Surgery, who is also engaged in the Center for Clinical Research and Clinical Trials of the Tokyo Metropolitan Cancer and Infectious Diseases Center Komagome Hospital. Her presence will offer a valuable opportunity to exchange experience with colleagues from Japan in the field of breast surgery and clinical research.



The programme will also be enriched by a virtual lecture from Prof. Masakazu Toi, MD, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University, Visiting Professor at the university's CCII and Director of the Tokyo Metropolitan Cancer and Infectious Diseases Center Komagome Hospital. The contribution of these two distinguished figures will give the meeting a special international dimension and will foster scientific dialogue on current developments in breast cancer treatment.

In keeping with the aims of the previous symposia, the meeting will serve as a platform for sharing knowledge, experience and protocols in radiological and pathological diagnostics, breast surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology, nuclear medicine and reconstructive surgery. Cooperation between these disciplines is essential for coordinated care tailored to each patient.

As in the past two years, the symposium will also include the MIBB course on minimally invasive breast biopsy. The continuation of this course reflects our commitment to continuing professional education and to developing practical skills in the diagnosis of breast disease.

Establishing a Breast Centre in Kosova remains the goal that links these scientific meetings. Such a centre would aim to coordinate expertise and services to ensure comprehensive care, from diagnosis and treatment to rehabilitation and long-term follow-up. Cooperation between healthcare professionals, professional associations, academic institutions and health authorities is an important foundation for advancing this vision.

We look forward to welcoming you on 19 October 2026 in Prishtina, to continue together this scientific and professional commitment in the service of our patients and of breast health.

Prof. Dr. Dr. Alban Y. Neziri

Prishtina, 20 August 2026

SYMPOSIUM TOPICS

- Radiological and pathological diagnostics
- Breast surgery and reconstructive surgery
- Medical oncology and radiation oncology
- Nuclear medicine · Hands-on MIBB course



PROGRAMME

Current standards in multidisciplinary care

19 October 2026
Monday · Prishtina

08:00 – 08:30

Opening of the Symposium and Welcome Addresses

Prof. Dr. Alban Y. Neziri, Prof. Dr. Rifat Latifi, Dr. Osman Zhuri, Prof. Dr. Sefedin Muçaj

LIVE

09:00 – 16:00 Breast cancer surgery: Live broadcast – sequences from the operating room

08:30 – 10:00

Breast cancer surgery: regional and global updates

Panel: *Prof. Dr. Hiroko Masuda, Dr. Nazmi Kolgeci, Prof. Dr. Alban Y. Neziri*

08:30 – 08:45

Early breast cancer treatment: updates, issues and perspectives

Prof. Dr. Masakazu Toi **VIRTUAL**

08:45 – 09:00

Breast Cancer Care in Japan: Building the Next Generation and Delivering Multidisciplinary Care in High-Volume Centers

Prof. Dr. Hiroko Masuda

09:15 – 09:30

Contemporary surgical treatment of breast cancer: an update

Prof. Dr. Alban Y. Neziri

09:30 – 09:45

The Breast Centre: importance and evolution of breast surgery at IKO8 in Tirana

Prof. Dr. Helidon Nina

09:45 – 10:00

Tumour board and surgical decision-making: 5 months of practice in North Macedonia

Prof. Dr. Ilir Vela

10:00 – 10:15

Short break

10:15 – 10:45

PANEL DISCUSSION

Breast surgery experts – Mastectomy vs. tumorectomy, etc.

Dr. Nazmi Kolgeci, Dr. Shqiptar Demaçi, Dr. Bedri Osmani, Dr. Frederik Quperjani



PROGRAMME • CONTINUED

Expert panels

10:55 – 11:25

PANEL DISCUSSION

Breast surgery and plastic surgery experts — Primary vs. secondary reconstruction

Assist. Prof. Dr. Violeta Zatriqi, Dr. Ylber Zejnullahu, Dr. Agim Berisha, Dr. Nazmi Kolgeci

11:35 – 12:05

PANEL DISCUSSION

Breast surgery and oncology experts — Neoadjuvant vs. adjuvant chemotherapy

Dr. Ilir Kurtishi, Dr. Dafina Ademi Islami, Dr. Nazmi Kolgeci

12:05 – 13:00

Lunch break

13:00 – 13:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

Radiation oncology experts

Dr. Behar Raci, Dr. Arta Kameri Isufi, Dr. Brunilda Profka Haxhiu

13:40 – 14:10

PANEL DISCUSSION

Breast surgery, pathology, radiology and nuclear medicine experts — Axillary sentinel lymphadenectomy: lymph node marking, rapid analysis (frozen section), biopsy and marking

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fisnik Kurshumliu, Dr. Ardian Biqaku, Dr. Afërdita Bajqinca, Prof. Dr. Ramë Miftari, Dr. Nazmi Kolgeci

14:10 – 14:30

Experts' closing conclusions

14:30 – 14:45

Short break

14:45 – 15:15

PANEL DISCUSSION

Supporting breast cancer patients during and after treatment — Perspectives of experts and patient associations

Dr. Nazmi Kolgeci, Dr. Ilir Kurtishi, Prof. Dr. Violeta Zatriqi, Mrs. Nafije Latifi, Mrs. Violeta Pirana et al.

15:15 – 15:45

PANEL DISCUSSION

Prevention and early detection of breast cancer

Dr. Lavdim Imeri, Dr. Ardian Biqaku, Mrs. Nafije Latifi, Mrs. Violeta Pirana et al.

15:45 – 16:00

Closing conclusions of the symposium



PROGRAMME • CONTINUED

MIBB Course

MIBB COURSE DIRECTOR

Prof. Dr. Alban Y. Neziri

MIBB Course

16:30 – 17:45

Minimally Invasive Breast Biopsy

16:30 – 17:30

Hands-on exercises in minimally invasive biopsy under ultrasound guidance

Prof. Dr. Alban Y. Neziri, Dr. Flamur Mushica, Dr. Ardian Biqaku, Dr. Skender Dreshaj

17:30 – 17:45

Presentation of certificates to course participants

Prof. Dr. Rifat Latifi, Prof. Dr. Alban Y. Neziri



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- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramë Miftari** — Clinical Service of Nuclear Medicine
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PANEL AND SPEAKERS

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INVITED SPEAKERS

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IN COOPERATION WITH

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- Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kosova



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