



First Percutaneous Laser Ablation Network (PLAN) educational initiative on laser ablation for liver tumors

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Overview

During the last two decades, various local thermal ablative techniques have been developed. According to internationally endorsed guidelines, percutaneous thermal ablation is the mainstay of treatment in patients with small HCC who are not candidates for surgical resection or transplantation. Locoregional therapies are also gaining increasing interest in the treatment of inoperable liver metastases from various types of tumors. Laser ablation (LA) is one of the loco-ablative techniques in current use. A review of published data suggests that LA is equivalent to the most popular and widespread radiofrequency ablation (RFA) in both local tumor control and long-term outcome in the percutaneous treatment of early HCC. In addition, the LA technique using multiple thin laser fibres improves ablative effectiveness in HCCs greater than 3 cm. During this practice teaching course, the general principles, techniques, image guidance and clinical case selections will be detailed. Primary effectiveness, long-term outcome, and complications will be also described.

Target audience

Surgeons, gastroenterologists and interventional radiologists experienced in the management of hepatocellular carcinoma and liver metastases.

Chair

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Registration

The registration fee is 500€ and includes:

- Scientific sessions
- Coffee breaks and luncheons
- Course dinner on 27 January 2017
- Educational materials
- Certificate of attendance

For registration and accommodation please contact:

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