# 8TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE
## AN UPDATE ON FACIAL PARALYSIS

**February 10-12, 2027**
**Madrid, Spain**

# Preliminary Program

VENUE:

Hospital Universitario La Paz
Hospital Carlos III
Hospital Cantoblanco
SaludMadrid

**Auditorium "Prof. Ortiz Vázquez"**
**Pº de la Castellana, 261**
**Madrid, Spain**

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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Three days of multidisciplinary facial palsy management, combining international expertise, clinical decision-making, advanced surgical techniques, rehabilitation strategies, hands-on workshops and discussion of real and complex patient cases.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**10:00–13:00 Industry-Sponsored Symposium on Facial Palsy**

*Optional pre-course symposium*

**13:30–19:00 Understanding and Managing Facial Paralysis**

- Do We Need a Facial Paralysis Unit to Treat Patients with Facial Paralysis?
- Facial Reanimation in 2027: The “La Paz” Approach
- An Update on Medical Treatment of Facial Paralysis: Bell’s Palsy and Ramsay Hunt Syndrome
- Is There a Role for Surgery in Bell’s Palsy?
- How to Deal with Facial Nerve Tumors in 2027
- Facial Nerve Rehabilitation in Malignant Tumors
- The Role of Electrophysiological Testing in Facial Paralysis
- Facial Paralysis: The Contribution of Imaging
- Facial Paralysis as a Complication of Otologic Disease
- Evidence-Based Non-Surgical Treatment of Facial Paralysis
    - Facial neuromuscular retraining
    - Botulinum toxin
    - Electrostimulation
- Ultrasonography in Facial Paralysis: From Diagnosis to Treatment

**Coffee break and interactive discussion included**

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**08:30–13:30** **From Rehabilitation to Advanced Facial Reanimation**

- Early Rehabilitation in Facial Palsy: Does It Make Sense?
- Combining Surgery and Specific Physical Therapy in Facial Reanimation
    - · Hypoglossal–facial nerve transfer
    - · Masseteric–facial nerve transfer
    - · Double and triple innervation
    - · Lengthening Temporalis Myoplasty
    - · Specific rehabilitation and botulinum toxin strategies
- Gracilis Free Tissue Transfer for Facial Paralysis: State of the Art
- An Evidence-Based Approach to Lower Lip Asymmetry in Flaccid and Non-Flaccid Facial Paralysis
- The Facial Nerve in Skull Base Tumors: Preserve, Repair or Reanimate?
- Facial Grading Systems: Which, When and Why?. Interactive assessment using real patient videos
- Non-Flaccid Facial Palsy: From Botulinum Toxin to Selective Denervation

**Coffee break and interactive discussion included**

**13:30–14:30** **Lunch Break**

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**14:30–18:30** **Parallel Workshops**

***SURGICAL WORKSHOP***

**Surgical Video Workshop: Step-by-Step Techniques**

Focused, edited surgical videos providing a step-by-step demonstration of key facial reanimation procedures, highlighting surgical anatomy, technical pearls and pitfalls and critical steps.

- Harvesting donor nerves for facial reanimation
  - Greater auricular nerve
  - Sural nerve
- Nerve transfers
  - Masseteric-to-facial transfer
  - Hypoglossal-to-facial transfer
- Gracilis free muscle transfer
- Myectomies
  - Depressor anguli oris
  - Buccinator
- Oculoplastic surgery

**REHABILITATION WORKSHOP**

***Step-by-Step Management in Real Patients***

Live demonstrations in real patients, covering facial assessment, definition of therapeutic goals, neuromuscular retraining and botulinum toxin treatment, with a practical focus on clinical decision-making and treatment strategies.

- Facial assessment and definition of therapeutic goals
- Facial neuromuscular retraining
- Botulinum toxin treatment
- Patient assessment before and after treatment
- Practical injection training using anatomical models
- Emerging rehabilitation tools and techniques

**Coffee break and interactive discussion included**

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**09:00-14:00 Special Situations and Real-World Decision Making**

- Eye Care in Facial Paralysis
- Facial Paralysis in Children: What Is Different?
- Non-Surgical Treatment of Facial Paralysis in Children
- Facial Neuromuscular Retraining: Management of Synkinesis
- Botulinum Toxin in Facial Paralysis: What Does the Evidence Tell Us?

**Multidisciplinary Approach to Real and Complex Clinical Cases**

Complex real-life cases will be presented and discussed by the international faculty and course participants.

Participants will have the opportunity to submit their own challenging facial paralysis cases for discussion during the course.

**Case submissions:** lapazparalisisfacial@salud.madrid.org

**Conclusions and Farewell**

**Course ends at approximately 14:00**

*Preliminary program. Schedule, sessions and contents may be subject to modification.*

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