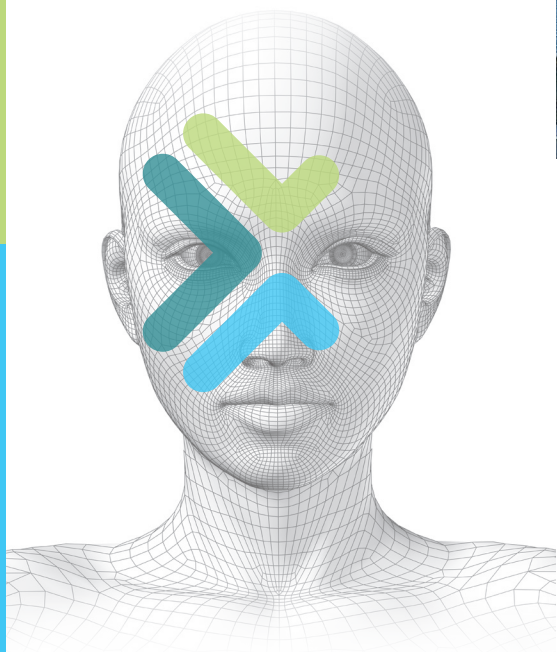




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# 4th RHINOEDU MASTER DISSECTION COURSE **PLUS**: **PARANASAL SINUSES, ORBIT AND SKULL BASE**

**19 - 21 OCTOBER 2026**  
COMO, ITALY

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**Welcome to the fourth edition of RHINOEDU MASTER DISSECTION COURSE.**

RhinoEdu is a scientific group founded in 2023 in Como, Italy, dedicated to the promotion of basic sciences, anatomical research, and the dissemination of surgical skills in endoscopic paranasal sinus and skull base surgery. This initiative is supported by a strong network of international opinion leaders in the field. The group is also supported by national scientific societies dedicated to the treatment of paranasal sinus and skull base diseases: the Italian Academy of Rhinology and the Italian Skull Base Society.

Endoscopic approaches to the skull base have progressively evolved through continuous refinement of surgical technique and the introduction of increasingly sophisticated anatomical pathways and reconstruction strategies. This evolution has been driven by growing anatomical knowledge, surgical experience, and the integration of new technologies that have enhanced precision, safety, and outcomes in sinonasal, orbital, and skull base procedures.

This course is designed to provide participants with high-level theoretical and practical training in endoscopic sinonasal, orbital, and skull base surgery, encouraging critical discussion on the indications, advantages, and limitations of each approach.

Over the course of three intensive days, participants will be guided through progressively complex anatomical regions, beginning with advanced frontal sinus techniques, including Draf procedures and orbital approaches. This is followed by endoscopic transnasal craniectomies and modular maxillectomies focused on anterior skull base pathology. The final day addresses transorbital endoscopic surgery, emphasizing decompression techniques and orbital access.

Hands-on dissection, direct interaction with faculty, and a strong international network make this course a unique opportunity for surgical refinement and knowledge exchange.

Last but not least, the scenario of Lake Como will provide an amazing setting for this intriguing educational experience.



**Looking forward to meeting you in Como!**

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Paolo Battaglia'.

**Paolo Battaglia**

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# PROGRAM

## 1st DAY: ADVANCED APPROACHES TO THE FRONTAL SINUS

- 08:00 Registration of participants: ASST Lariana "Auditorium" Ospedale Sant'Anna, via Ravona 20, San Fermo Della Battaglia (Como)
- 08:20 Introduction and course presentation
- 08:30 Lecture: **Modular approaches to the frontal sinus, from Draf procedures to cranialization and flaps**
- 09:00 Lecture: **Orbital transposition and transorbital approach to frontal sinus lateral recess**
- 09:30 - 10:00 **Coffee break**
- 10:00 - 13:00 **Video-guided step-by-step dissection**
- Uncinectomy, middle meatal antrostomy, anterior ethmoidectomy
  - Draf type 1, 2A
  - Draf type 2B, exposure and ligation of the nasal branch of the anterior ethmoidal artery
  - Draf type 3 and flaps harvesting for exposed frontal bone
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00 Lecture: **Pre-caruncular approach to the medial orbital wall and ethmoidal arteries**
- 14:30 - 18:00 **Video-guided step-by-step dissection**
- Pre-caruncular approach
  - Orbital transposition
  - Superior eyelid approach to the frontal sinus

## 2nd DAY: ENDOSCOPIC TRANSNASAL CRANIECTOMY AND MAXILLECTOMIES

- 08:00 Lecture: **Multidisciplinary management of anterior skull base tumors**
- 08:30 Lecture: **Endoscopic endonasal craniectomy and reconstruction techniques**
- 09:00 - 09:30 **Coffee break**
- 09:30 - 13:00 **Video-guided step-by-step dissection**
- Rescue flap harvesting and paraseptal sphenoidotomy
  - Nasoseptal flap harvesting and resection of the nasal septum
  - Ethmoidal box centripetation and transnasal craniectomy
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00 Lecture: **Modular endoscopic maxillectomies**
- 14:30 - 18:00 **Video-guided step-by-step dissection**
- Pre-lacrimal approach with/without lacrimal transposition
  - Endoscopic modular maxillectomy
  - Exposure of the pterygopalatine fossa, infratemporal fossa and trans-ptyergoidal approach
- 20:00 **Course dinner and certificates of attendance assignment**

## 3rd DAY: ENDOSCOPIC APPROACHES TO & THROUGH THE ORBIT

- 08:00 Lecture: **Endoscopic transorbital approach to anterior and middle cranial fossa**
- 08:30 - 09:00 **Coffee break**
- 09:00 - 13:00 **Video-guided step-by-step dissection**
- Lateral canthotomy and cantholysis
  - Lateral orbitotomy and endoscopic transorbital craniectomies
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00 Lecture: **Orbital and optic nerve decompression: indications and outcomes**
- 14:30 - 17:00 **Video-guided step-by-step dissection**
- Medial and lateral orbital and optic nerve decompression
  - Endoscopic medial approach to the orbital content





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### Registration:

Enrollement is limited to 16 participants and 4 observers.  
For registration, send an email with your full name, date and place of birth, work address, and phone number to:

**info@rhinoedu.org**

Applications must be submitted at least 30 days before the start of the course and will be accepted in chronological order and, in any case, after receipt of the bank transfer.

### Fee:

Hands-on dissection: € 1,500

Observer: € 400

Includes: attendance certificate, coffee breaks, lunches, social dinner, and educational material.

### Payment Method:

Bank transfer (bank details will be provided by the secretariat upon registration confirmation)

### Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations received by September 20, 2026: 75% refund

Cancellations received after September 20, 2026: no refund

Name changes of participants are allowed up to two weeks before the course

### Language:

English

### Course Venue:

Anatomical Dissection Lab, Department of Pathological Anatomy

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