

PRESS RELEASE

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6th BARCELONA MEETING ON PLASTIC SURGERY **23 world renowned experts meet at Sant Pau** **March 1- 4 to present the latest advances in plastic surgery**

Today at 11.30h P. Neligan, president of the American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery, I. Koshima, professor at the University of Tokyo and father of Microsurgery, and J. Masià, president of the Spanish Society of Plastic, Aesthetic and Reparative Surgery (SECPRE) and director of the joint Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau and Hospital del Mar Plastic Surgery Service **present the 6th edition of this international course at Hospital de Sant Pau (C/ Sant Quintí, 89). The course will focus on:**

- **Face transplant techniques:**

Five years on after the first face transplant, participants will discuss the organization of the FACE transplant process, attempt to develop the bases for protocols, determine the indications for this technique and discuss the mid-term and long-term limitations.

- **Surgical correction of facial paralysis:**

In recent years methodology has progressed from the use of static suspension techniques - that is, lifting drooping facial structures - to reinnervation of paralyzed facial muscles. The most recently developed techniques designed to enable functional and aesthetic recovery will be discussed.

- **Oral cavity cancer treatment:**

The present trend is to implement a selective surgical approach with immediate functional reconstruction of affected tissues. The new techniques presented at the congress allow swallowing and speech, guaranteeing capacity for integration.

- **Advances in aesthetic facial surgery:**

Recent trends related to minimally invasive surgery (lifting) will be discussed. The number of incisions required for facial interventions is decreasing, and optimization of complementary techniques, such as botox and fat and stem cell grafting, provide more satisfactory results and faster recovery.

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