Laryngeal Nerve Symposium

CURRENT CONCEPTS IN THE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF UNILATERAL AND BILATERAL LARYNGEAL NERVE INJURY

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Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the Laryngeal Nerve Symposium: Current concepts in the prevention and management of unilateral and bilateral laryngeal nerve injury.

The Symposium will bring together clinicians and researchers from all over the world who are dedicated to the many aspects of laryngeal nerve injuries. The program will include presentations of leaders in the field, panel discussions, workshops and ample opportunity will be provided for interactive discussions.

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Federal Institute of Occupational Diseases, Brussels.  
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**Learning objectives:**

Participants will specifically benefit from:

- Current concepts of how to manage to avoid the possible injury of the laryngeal nerve during thyroid surgery
- A practical understanding of the difference in handling temporary and permanent vocal fold palsy
- An update on the management of both unilateral and bilateral vocal fold palsy
- Practical advice on dealing with common problems in paediatric vocal fold palsy
- An opportunity to openly share and exchange ideas with leading practitioners in the field

**Programme: Day 1**

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| 09.00 | **Professor Philippe H. DeJonckere**  
        Department of ORL, UMC Utrecht  
        Division of Experimental Otorhinolaryngology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
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        Welcome by the Chairman |
| 09.20 | **Professor Jan Betka**  
        Department of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, Charles University, Faculty Hospital Motol, Czech Republic  
        Thyroid surgery: surgical anatomy of the recurrent laryngeal nerve and nerve monitoring  
        A recent review of the medical, legal, and ethical aspects of recurrent laryngeal nerve monitoring |
| 10.00 | **Professor Ashok Shaha**  
        Chair in Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, USA  
        Complications of thyroid surgery: prevention and management  
        This review addresses the common complications that occur during thyroid surgery and the issues therein. |
| 10.40 | Coffee and networking |
| 11.10 | **Professor Lucian Sulica**  
         Associate Professor of Otorhinolaryngology  
         Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York, USA  
         Current concepts in unilateral vocal fold palsy  
         The goal of the presentation is to present physiologically-based and clinically practical concepts regarding unilateral vocal fold palsy in the context of available evidence. |
| 11.50 | **Professor Gerhard Friedrich**  
         Ear, Nose and Throat University Hospital, Chairman of Department of Phoniatrics, Speech and Swallowing, Medical University of Graz, Austria  
         Standard therapies and limits in bilateral vocal fold palsy  
         Presentation of today's therapeutical options in bilateral vocal fold palsy with their limits finding an optimal compromise between voice and airway. |
Complications of any surgical procedure are a sensitive measure of the quality. Recurrent laryngeal nerve (RLN) paralysis is a known complication of thyroid surgery. Even for experienced surgeons, a number of patients will have temporary laryngeal paralysis or paresis, which for some will become permanent. Complication rate after thyroid surgery varies widely from surgeon to surgeon and from center to center. There is approximately a 1% recurrent nerve injury rate from thyroidectomy, and a similar, though less easily recognized incidence of superior laryngeal nerve injury. Surgery on thyroid gland is one of the causes of recurrent laryngeal nerve paralysis, recurrent nerve dysfunction or injury can occur also with anterior spine surgery and with reoperative carotid endarterectomy. Strategies for avoiding injuries include careful surgical technique and intraoperative neurophysiologic monitoring.

Who should attend?

- General surgeons performing thyroid surgery
- Head and neck surgeons performing thyroid surgery
- ENT surgeons taking care of the laryngeal nerve palsies
- Endocrinologists who treat patient with thyroid diseases
- GPs who can have patients in their practice with this type of problem
Day 2

Workshop 1:
Nerve monitoring in thyroid surgery.
Professor Jan Betka

Workshop 2:
How to use the new thread guide instrument for endoscopic arytenoid lateropexy
Dr. László Rovó

Workshop 3:
Injection Augmentation of the Vocal Fold
Professor Lucian Sulica
The NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky is the largest conference hotel in The Netherlands and Belgium. The Hotel, situated in a famous building which dates back to 1865, is located in the center of Amsterdam is close to the house of Anne Frank, the Red Light District (de Wallen), the Van Gough Museum and the Heineken Beer Brewery.

The hotel has 468 cozy rooms, which include 1 suite, 6 junior suites and 35 renovated apartments. There is a fitness center, a massage service and also a parking attendant. The hotel also has private and secure parking, which is available at an additional charge, and excellent connections to the rest of the city, thanks to the bus and tram stops which can be found right outside the hotel. Also, the central train station is only 5 minutes away and the Schiphol Airport is only a 25 minute journey by taxi or car.

The NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky has a Summer Garden and a monumental Winter Garden where you can enjoy an extensive buffet breakfast in the morning. In the a-la-carte restaurant Reflet, you can taste the varied selection of French-style cuisine belle époque. However, if you prefer oriental cooking, the Shibli Bedouin restaurant is an excellent choice. The hotel is also home to the Wynand Fockink Distillery, dating back to 1679, where you can taste and buy the best gins and liqueurs. The Lounge offers an excellent selection of homemade tea, liqueurs and an exceptional view of the Dam. The Golden Palm Bar offers a large variety of the best cocktails.

Directions:

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From the main exit of Amsterdam Central Train Station, cross the square and the traffic lights continue towards the Dam Square, and you will see the hotel on the left. This takes approximately 10 minutes. You can also catch the number 4, 9, 16, 20, 24 or 25 trams at the station and alight at the square Dam stop. The hotel is situated on the left.

From the airport

From Schiphol Airport you can catch a train, rent a car, or take the hotel shuttle bus service, which takes you directly to the hotel from the airport, this runs from 6.43am until 20.43pm and runs every half an hour. (There is an additional charge for this service, consult the hotel for information and availability)

For more directions please visit: http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/the-netherlands/amsterdam/nh-grand-hotel-krasnapolsky.html?type=location
Gala Dinner Package

11 March 2011, 20.00

Enjoy the Gala Dinner in the famous Winter Garden of the Hotel Krasnapolsky!

Welcome

Champenoise
Dutch assortment drinks
Luxury nuts/salty biscuits/olives

Courses

4 course dinner
House wines & Mineral water
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