

My Beautiful Golden Hands

Italy's 1st Annual Microanastomosis Symposium for Neurosurgical Residents

Tuesday September 23rd, 2025

Registration opens at 14:00

University of Brescia – Laboratory of Histology

Viale Europa 11 - 25123 Brescia | Italy



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Objectives of the Microanastomosis Symposium

2025 Directors

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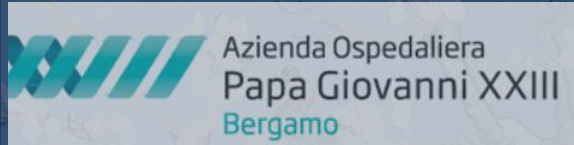
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Andrea L. Lanterna

Papa Giovanni XXIII | Bergamo, IT



The Symposium is dedicated to cultivating deliberate practice and refining manual dexterity — a capacity forged through disciplined commitment, enduring aspiration, and methodical repetition.

By convening leading experts, leveraging innovative methodologies, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement, it aspires to elevate and harmonize microsurgical and exoscopic training standards across Italy's neurosurgical residency programs.

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Time	Event	Description
14:00	Registration	—
15:00	Symposium I: Foundations of Dexterity	Dural Closure
15:30	Symposium II: Refinement of Technique	End-to-End anastomosis
16:30	Symposium III: Pinnacle of Mastery	End-to-Side anastomosis
18:00	Awards Ceremony	Awards

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2025 Committee



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Session N° I: Dural Closure

Start 15:00

15 minutes

- Participants admitted:
1st to 5th year residents regularly enrolled
in a Neurosurgery Residency Program
- Material
Synthetic Membrane
- Stitches
7 – 0 black monofilament
10 simple interrupted sutures
- No depth

Judges Committee of Session I°:

Di Bonaventura, Sturiale

& Cossandi

- Instrument handling: 0 – 2 points
- Suture spacing & uniformity: 0 – 2 points
- Tissue approximation: 0 – 2 points
- Knot quality: 0 – 2 points
- Cut-off to proceed to Session II°
4 points out of 8
- Timing is measured & collected



Session N° II: End-to-end

Start 15:30

30 minutes

- Participants admitted:
1st to 5th year residents who have passed Session I°
- Material
2 mm silicon tube (Biomet)
- Stitches
9 – 0 black monofilament
- No depth

Judges Committee of Session II°:

*Cenzato, Albanese
& Esposito*

- Instrument handling: 0 – 2 points
- Tube alignment & tension: 0 – 2 points
- Suture placement: 0 – 2 points
- Knot quality: 0 – 2 points
- Anastomosis patency: 0 – 2 points
- Cut-off to proceed to Session III°
6 points out of 10
- Timing is measured & collected



Session N° III: End-to-side

Start 16:30

45 minutes

- Participants admitted:
1st to 5th year residents who have passed Session II°
- Material
2 mm silicon tube (Biomet)
- Stitches
9 – 0 black monofilament
- No depth

Judges Committee of Session III°:

Lanterna, Bortolotti

& Fratianni

- Tube alignment & tension: 0 – 2 points
- Suture spacing: 0 – 2 points
- Bite size: 0 – 2 points
- Knot quality: 0 – 2 points
- Anastomosis patency: 0 – 2 points
- Cut-off to pass the Final Session
6 points out of 10
- Timing is measured & collected

Microanastomosis Closing Ceremony & Final Remarks

In recognition of excellence, discipline, & the pursuit of technical mastery

2025 Final Panel Chair: Joshua B. Bederson

System Chair of Neurosurgery at The Mount Sinai Health System, New York – USA

Award I: “Consistent Microanastomosis Practice”

Honoring the participant who demonstrates technique and precision at each session.

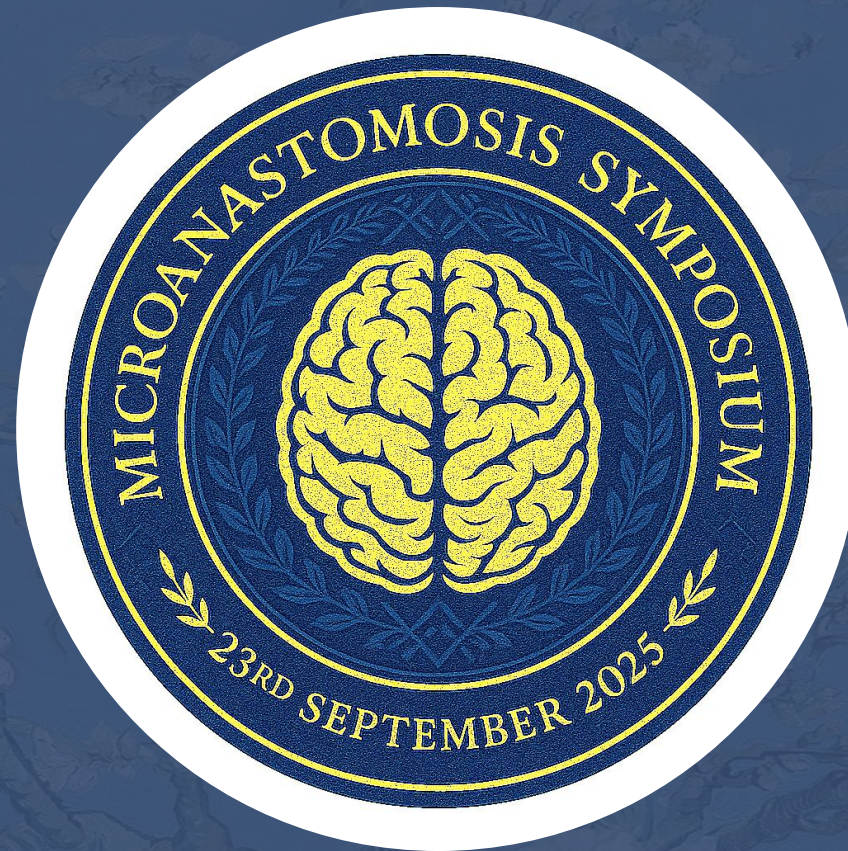
Award II: “Steady End-to-Side Anastomosis”

Recognizing the individual who combines speed and precise end-to-side anastomosis.

Award III: “Early Commitment Recognition”

Celebrating the youngest resident who successfully completes all sessions.

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Application Opening:
July 6th 2025

Application Fee:
100 Euro

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