

# **Copenhagen Skull Base Course 2026**

September 16th-18th

**\*Expanded with endoscopic session\***



**A hands-on course for all surgeons with an interest  
in skull base surgery**

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the Department of Medical Anatomy, the Panum Institute

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**Tenna Capion**, MD and **Trine Andreasen**, MD, Department of Neurosurgery, Rigshospitalet,

Participants:

The course is aimed at trainee and specialist surgeons with an interest in skull base surgerys

Objectives:

To develop the understanding of skull base surgical anatomy and to translate this into standard and  
advanced approaches to the skull base by means of lectures, demonstrations, and anatomical  
dissections.

Course set-up:

Lectures, 3D-demonstrations and hands-on sessions. Two participants per specimen. Each station is  
equipped with Olympus endoscope, sMidas Rex drill, Zeiss microscope, suction, and a set of  
surgical instruments supplied by Kebomed.



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| <p><b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>8.00-8.15</b><br/>Registration</p> <p><b>8.15-8.30</b><br/>Welcome</p> <p>8.30-9.15<br/>Lecture<br/><b>The endoscope in anterior skull base surgery</b><br/><i>Nasal anatomy and endoscopic dissection in the nose.</i><br/>Jens Lehmberg</p> <p><i>Transsphenoidal endoscopic approach to sella and suprasellar region</i><br/>Nicholas Thomas</p> <p><b>9.15-12.00</b><br/>Endoscopic hands on</p> <p><b>12.00-12.45</b><br/>Lunch</p> <p><b>12.45-13.30</b><br/>Lecture<br/><b>Anterior approaches</b><br/><i>Supraorbital approach - Pericranial flap – extended subfrontal access – en bloc cribrectomy – opening of sphenoid sinus.</i><br/>Jacob Springborg and Kåre Fugleholm</p> <p><b>13.30-13.50</b><br/><i>Orbito-Zygomatic approach</i><br/><i>Indications and variations</i><br/>Oliver Bozinov</p> | <p><b>13.30-17.00</b><br/>3D-demo/hands on</p> <p><b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>7.45-8.00</b><br/>Coffee</p> <p><b>8.00-8.45</b><br/><b>Orbito-zygomatic approach.</b><br/><i>Extradural clinoidectomy-dissection of the cavernous sinus.</i><br/>Tiit Mathiesen</p> <p><b>8.45-12.00</b><br/>3D-demo/hands on</p> <p><b>12.00-13.00</b><br/>Lunch</p> <p>Lectures<br/><b>13.00-13.45</b><br/>Lecture<br/><b>Presigmoid/translab. approach.</b><br/><i>Mastoidectomy – exposure of labyrinth – translabyrinthine exposure of meatus.</i><br/>Lars Poulsen</p> <p><b>13.45-17.00</b><br/>3D-demo/hands on</p> <p><b>19.00</b></p> | <p>Course Dinner</p> <p><b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>7.45-8.00</b><br/>Coffee</p> <p><b>8.00-8.45</b><br/>Lecture<br/><b>Subtemporal approach.</b><br/><i>Extradural apex petrosectomy – Meckels cave dissection – transtentorial access.</i><br/>Jens Lehmberg</p> <p><b>8.45-12.00</b><br/>3D-demo/hands on</p> <p><b>12.00-13.00</b><br/>Lunch</p> <p><b>13.00-13.45</b><br/>Lecture<br/><b>The transcondylar approach.</b><br/><i>Suboccipital neck dissection – vertebral artery transposition – condylectomy – lower clival access.</i><br/>Nicholas Thomas</p> <p><b>13.45-17.00</b><br/>3D-demo/hands on</p> |
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## Fee and Registration

We have facilities for 24 participants. Registration is on a “first come first served” basis. Registration is valid when the fee is received. Payment will only be drawn from the credit card if registration is still open, and you will receive e-mail confirmation when registration is complete.

**Course fee: DKK 13000** (approximately € 1750)

The fee includes 7 lectures, 6 hands on sessions, lunch September 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Course Dinner Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> requires separate registration and payment of **DKK 375** (€ 50)

**Accommodation is not included.**

**Cancellation policy:** The fee will be refunded less Dkr 100 in administration fee up till 30 days before the course. After this, refund will depend on replacement by another participant from the waiting list and cannot be guaranteed.

**Registration:** [www.skullbase.dk](http://www.skullbase.dk)

### **Suggested hotel:**

Hotel Cabinn Scandinavia DKK 700 + breakfast DKK 75, single room, also within 20 min. walking distance.

**Course location:** The Panum Institute, The Dissection Room  
Blegdamsvej 3, 2200 Copenhagen N

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