COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will provide practitioners who care for patients with malignant diseases of the head and neck region with a comprehensive overview of the current standard of care practices for management of disorders of this region as well as an introduction and review of the evolving and innovative treatment approaches. Distinguished faculty from within the Harvard Medical School system as well as from prominent programs nationally will present a series of didactic lectures and participate in open panels which cover the management of malignancies in the critical subsites within the head and neck: Oral cavity, Oropharynx, Larynx, Salivary gland, cutaneous cancers, endocrine malignancies and Skull base cancers. Pertinent reconstructive and rehabilitative issues will similarly be addressed during specific sessions. The opening session will focus on the critical aspects of multidisciplinary management of head and neck cancer as it is currently evolving with presentations by national leaders from the specialties of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology. This session will be highlighted by the Daniel Miller, M.D. Distinguished Lectureship in Head and Neck Cancer and the William Wayne Montgomery, MD Lectureship in Surgical Innovation. Open interaction between faculty and participants will be encouraged throughout the course with particular emphasis during the Scheduled Panel Discussions on: Challenges in Multidisciplinary Management, Oral Cavity/ Oropharynx: Case Controversies, and Challenges at the Skull Base.

The management of head and neck cancer involves a wide variety of diseases and anatomic subsites. With the evolution of multidisciplinary management and the rapid expansion of scientific investigation in the areas of disease process and treatment, physicians involved in the treatment of head and neck cancer are in need of continued educational efforts updating the current standards of care. Such efforts are a prime focus of the Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Foundation, the major refereed journals and the centers of excellence in head and neck cancer management. Discussions with leaders within the specialty at regional and national levels, local practitioners and members of our multidisciplinary head and neck cancer center at the MEEI/ MGH all identify a need for an initiative to provide an outstanding CME course focused on the management head and neck cancer.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- understand the critical aspects of multidisciplinary evaluation, treatment and follow-up in the management of patients with head and neck malignancies with specific emphasis on the advances on organ preservation protocols and the evolving role of the head and neck surgeon in this era.
- review the current standard of care diagnostic and treatment protocols for common head and neck cancer subsites of Oral cavity, Oropharynx, Larynx, Salivary gland and Cutaneous malignancies.
- appreciate the critical aspects of evidence based medicine; specialists, such as radiology, pathology, endocrinology, dermatology and speech and swallow rehabilitation services, in delivering the best care to patients with head and neck cancer.
- synthesize innovations in basic science research, head and neck reconstruction and minimally invasive approaches to skull base disease.

TARGET AUDIENCE: This course is designed for Otolaryngologists-Head and Neck Surgeons (Clinical, Teaching, Research, Trainees); Medical Oncologists (Clinical, Teaching, Research, Trainees); Radiation Oncology (Clinical, Teaching, Research, Trainees); Speech and Language Pathologists/Physicians; Assistants and Nurse Practitioners with interest; Residents and fellows in the above specialties will be encouraged to attend.

ACGME COMPETENCIES: This course is designed to meet one or more of the following Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education competencies:
- Patient Care • Medical Knowledge • Practice-Based Learning and Improvement • Systems Based Practice.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registration by credit card (VISA or MasterCard) can be made at: www.cme.hms.harvard.edu/courses/headneck. Registration is accepted on a space available basis. Please register early, as the detailed registration form is available online at www.cme.hms.harvard.edu/courses/headneck. Upon receipt of your paid registration an email confirmation from the HMS-DCE office will be sent to you. Be sure to include an email address that you check frequently. Your email address is used for critical information including: registration confirmation, evaluation and certificate.

INQUIRIES: By phone 617-384-8600, Monday–Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM (EST) or by email at: hms-cme@hms.harvard.edu.

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REFUND POLICY: A handling fee of $50 is deducted for cancellation. Refund requests must be received by postal mail, email or fax one week prior to the activity. No refunds will be made thereafter.

COURSE LOCATION: All sessions for this course will be held at the Meltzer Auditorium, MEEI 243 Charles Street, Boston, MA 02114.

ACCOMMODATIONS/TRAVEL: A limited number of rooms have been reserved at Holiday Inn Boston at Beacon Hill (Telephone: 617-742-0461) until April 19, 2011. Please specify that you are enrolled in this activity in order to receive a reduced room rate of $189 per night Single/Double at the Holiday Inn and $149 per night Single/Double at the Courtyard by Marriott. Hotel arrangements can also be made online at: ww.cme.hms.harvard.edu/ courses/headneck. Please do not purchase non-refundable airline ticket(s) until you have received an email from our office confirming your paid registration. For airline reservations contact the HMS Travel Desk toll free 1-877-4-HARVMD (1-877-442-7863) Monday - Friday 9 AM - 8 PM (EST). From outside the U.S., Canada and Virgin Islands, please call 617-559-3764.

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