

# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> NORDIC SYMPOSIUM ON ROBOTIC SURGERY IN HEAD AND NECK



**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Nordic Symposium on Robotic Surgery in Head and Neck provides expert insights into the latest advancements in robotic surgery, with applications in head and neck cancer surgery, sleep surgery and thoracic surgery.

#### Key Topics:

- Neoadjuvant chemotherapy and TORS in H&N cancer management
- Optical-guided tumor imaging
- CUP management with TORS
- The QoLATI RCT trial
- Comparison between Si/Xi and SP robotic systems
- The Best-of trial: EORTC 1420
- Robotic surgery experiences in the Nordic countries and Australia
- Robotic sleep surgery
- SP robotic system and thoracic surgery



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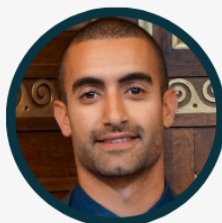
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8.30 - 9.00	REGISTRATION
9.00 - 9.15	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> CHRISTIAN VON BUCHWALD AND THOMAS KJÆRGAARD
9.15 - 9.45	<b>HPV, oropharyngeal cancer, CUP and TORS – our journey</b> CHRISTIAN VON BUCHWALD
9.45 - 10.30	<b>The role of NAC and TORS in the management of head and neck cancer</b> SE-HEON KIM
10.30 - 10.50	COFFEE AND POSTER WALK
10.50 - 11.10	<b>SP robot experiences in Stockholm, Sweden</b> BJÖRN PALMGREN
11.10 - 11.30	<b>Robotic experiences in Lund, Sweden and Adelaide, Australia</b> JOHAN NILSSON
11.30 - 12.00	<b>The QoLATI RCT trial – from planning phase to final inclusion</b> HANI CHANNIR AND NICLAS RUBEK
12.00 - 12.30	<b>Management of CUP in the era of TORS</b> THOMAS KJÆRGAARD
12.30 - 13.15	LUNCH
13.15 - 13.45	<b>SP and thoracic surgery with collaborations in South Korea</b> RENE HORSLEBEN
13.45 - 14.05	<b>Obstructive sleep apnea and robotic surgery</b> EVA KIRKEGAARD KJÆR
14.05 - 14.25	COFFEE, CAKE AND POSTER WALK
14.25 - 15.10	<b>Optical-guided tumor imaging and perspectives in head and neck cancer surgery</b> ANDERS CHRISTENSEN AND ANDREAS KJÆR
15.10 - 15.30	<b>The Best-of trial: EORTC 1420</b> CHRISTIAN SIMON
15.30 - 15.45	TECHNICAL BREAK
15.45 - 16.15	<b>Experiences and comparison of Si/Xi and SP robotic surgery (Online)</b> CHRIS HOLSINGER
16.15 - 16.25	<b>Closing remarks</b> CHRISTIAN VON BUCHWALD



**Date:**

April 2nd, 2025  
08.30 - 16.25 (UTC+1)

**Venue:**

University of Copenhagen  
Panum and Mærsk Tower  
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**Deadline for registration**

February 15th, 2025

There is no registration fee

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