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4th Nordic Facial Nerve meeting

Scientific Program

Venue: Hson Holmdahlsalen,
Akademiska sjukhuset
Entrance 100, 2nd floor

Thursday, December 11th, 2025

**(Onsite Participants Only) 10:00 – 11:00 Workshop on Botulinum Toxin in Facial Synkinesis:
Practical tips and tricks**

Uppsala Facial Palsy Team

A hands-on workshop on the combination of Botulinum toxin injections with physiotherapy will be conducted for onsite participants. The goal is to describe the most common injection sites and appropriate BT dosages, followed by a patient demonstration, including an ultrasound-guided injection of the DAO muscle. Participants will also have the opportunity to explore the use of high-resolution ultrasound in mimetic muscles and learn the main exercises in facial retraining, guided by our facial palsy team.

11:00 – 12:00 Registration and Lunch

12:00 - 12:15 Welcome to the Nordic Facial Nerve Meeting

Andres Rodriguez Lorenzo and Camilla Ekwall

12:15 – 13:30 Management of Facial Synkinesis: Surgery and Physical Therapy

12:15 – 12:35 Myomectomies for Periocular Synkinesis

Speaker (Online): Ayato Hashashi, Professor, Department of Plastic Surgery, Juntendo University, Tokyo, Japan



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12:35 – 12:55 Neurectomies and Myomectomies for Perioral Synkinesis:

What works and what doesn't?

Speaker (Online): Dr. Shai Rozen, Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, USA

12:55 – 13:15 State-of-the-Art-Management with Physical Therapy

Speaker (Online): Jackie Diels, Neuromuscular Retraining Clinic, University of Wisconsin, USA

13:15 – 13:30 Discussion and Q & A

13:30 – 14:20 Management of the Paretic Eye

13:30 – 13:50 Oculoplastic Considerations in the Management of the Paretic Eye

Speaker: Dr. Achmed Pircher, Consultant in Oculoplastic Surgery, Uppsala University Hospital, Sweden

13:50 – 14:10 Neurotized Platysma Muscle Graft for Eye Reanimation

Speaker (Online): Rachel Baptista, Plastic Surgeon, Private Practice, São Paulo, Brazil

14:10 – 14:20 Q & A

14:20 – 14:50 Coffee Break

14:50 – 16:25 Management of Pediatric Facial Palsy

14:50 – 15:10 Facial Rehabilitation in the Pediatric Population:

Considerations for Management

Speaker: Sarah Kilcoyne. Principal Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, Oxford Craniofacial Unit and Spires Cleft Centre, UK

15:10 – 15:30 Challenges in Facial Reanimation in Children

Speaker: Dr. Andres Rodriguez Lorenzo, Plastic Surgeon, Facial Palsy Team, Uppsala University Hospital, Sweden

15:30 – 15:50 PROM/PREM in Pediatric Facial Paralysis:

European Reference Network Working Group

Speaker: Mark Mureau, Plastic Surgeon, Facial Palsy Team, Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, Netherlands



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15:50 – 16:10 Psychological Considerations in the Management of Children with Facial Paralysis

Speaker (Online): Corah Lewis, Clinical Psychologist, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, University of Oxford, UK

16:10 – 16:25 Panel Discussion and Q & A

16:25 – 16:40 Short Break

16:40-17:00 Updates in the management of the Lower Lip Palsy

Speaker: Kalirroï Tzafetta, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, St. Andrew's Centre for Plastic Surgery and Burns, Chelmsford, UK

17:00 – 17:55 Imaging and New Technologies in Facial Paralysis

17:05 – 17:25 Ultrasound-Guided Applications in Facial Synkinesis:

Preclinical Studies and Clinical Applications

Speaker: Dr. Villiam Vejbrink Kildal, Södersjukhuset, Stockholm, Sweden (Online), Andres Rodriguez, Uppsala University Hospital, Uppsala, Sweden (On-site)

17:25 – 17:30 Q & A

17:30 – 17:50 Development of Bionics in Facial Palsy: A Proof of Concept

Speaker (Online): Eyal Gur, Plastic Surgeon, Tel Aviv, Israel

17:50 – 17:55 Q & A



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19:00 Conference Dinner

Venue: Villa Anna, Uppsala **Swedish**

Christmas buffet

Friday, December 12th, 2025

8:50 Welcome (Coffee and tea available from 8:30)

Lars Jonsson Lecture

**9:00 – 9:30 “Surgical Management of Facial Paralysis:
Experience from Erasmus Medical Center”**

Speaker: Mark Mureau, Plastic Surgeon, Facial Palsy Team, Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, Netherlands

9:30 – 9:35 Q & A

**9:35 – 9:50 “Searching for the Cause of Bell’s Palsy:
Clinical Academic Group FACE”**

Speaker: Anna Rostedt Punga, Department of Medical Sciences, Clinical Neurophysiology, Uppsala University and Uppsala University Hospital

9:50 – 9:55 Q&A

9:55 – 11:15 Surgical Innovations in Facial Palsy: International Showcase

9:55 – 10:15 Combination of Nerve Transfers in Facial Palsy: Is One or Two Stages Better?

Speaker: Kalirroï Tzafetta, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, St. Andrew’s Centre for Plastic Surgery and Burns, Chelmsford, UK

10:15 – 10:35 Dual Innervation Gracilis Muscle Transfers in Smile Reanimation

Speaker (Online): Alp Ercan, Department of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, Istanbul University-Cerrahpasa medical faculty, Turkey

10:35 – 10:55 Technical Refinements in Cross-Face Nerve Grafting and Future Implications

Speaker: Libor Streit, Department of Plastic Surgery, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic



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10:55 – 11:15 Management of Oral Synkinesis

Speaker (Online): Wei Wang, Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Shanghai Ninth People's Hospital, Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine, Shanghai, China

11:15–11:25 Tips and Tricks, Surgical Pearls and Pitfalls in Selective Neurectomy Surgery

Speaker (Online): Berke Ozucer, MD, Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon Private Practice (Doctor Be+ Clinic) - Istanbul / Turkey

11:25-11:40 Q&A

11:40 – 12:40 Lunch

12:40 – 13:30 Present and Future in Education and Training in Facial Paralysis Management: A Multidisciplinary Perspective

Speakers: Camilla Ekwall, Marc Mureau, Libor Streit, Kalirroi Tzafetta

13:30 - 14:30 National Centralization of Facial Paralysis: The Swedish Experience

Speakers: Camilla Ekwall, Madiha Softeland, Andres Rodriguez, Moustafa Elmasry

14:00 – 15:00 Difficult Clinical Cases from participants

Discussion with an expert multidisciplinary panel

15:00 – 15:15 Closing Remarks and information of the International Facial Nerve Symposium 2029 in Uppsala.