

# BRACHYTHERAPY CADAVERIC SERIES 2ND EDITION

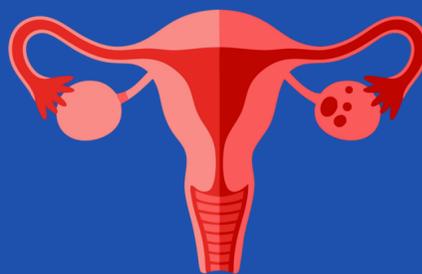
DAY 1 - 07 MARCH 2026: GYNECOLOGIC INTRACAVITARY &  
INTERSTITIAL BRACHYTHERAPY TECHNIQUES

DATE: 07-08 MARCH 2026

FORMAT: HANDS-ON TRAINING ON FRESH FROZEN CADAVER

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

VENUE: ISTINYE UNIVERSITY ANATOMY LABORATORY, MAIN CAMPUS, ISTANBUL - TURKEY



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Prof Merdan Fayda, MD  
Course Director

**Instructor: Prof. Merdan Fayda, MD**

**Medical Physics Lead: Dursun Eşitmez, Msc, PhD Candidate**

**Format: Hands-on Training with Fresh Frozen Cadavers**

**Venue: Istinye University Anatomy Laboratory, Main Campus, Istanbul-Turkey**

**Dates: 07.03.2026**

**Course Language: English**

**Course Capacity: 20 participants**

**Learning objectives:**

Brachytherapy remains the gold standard for the effective treatment of gynecological cancers. However, correctly understanding and integrating brachytherapy applications into daily clinical practice often requires many years of experience. Furthermore, transferring this experience to new trainees is equally important, but challenging, as one person can usually treat a case. This course aims to demonstrate which applicators to choose on a case-by-case basis, including the addition of interstitial methods to intracavitary applications, first on phantoms and then on fresh-frozen cadavers. Trainees will have the opportunity to experience and discuss the entire procedure on cadavers.

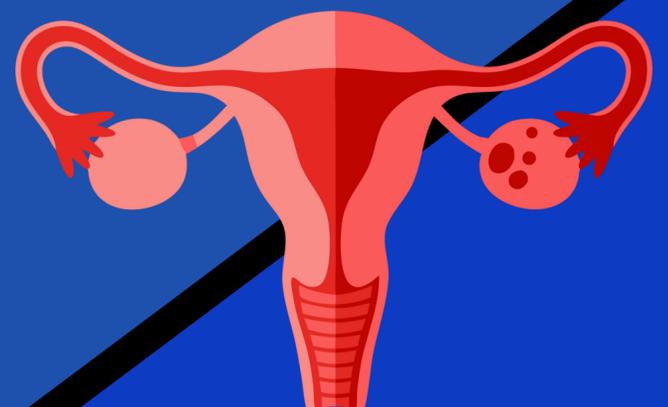
**Target Audience:**

Radiation oncology senior residents and radiation oncologists. Medical physicists can participate on their own or with their doctors.

**Learning tools:**

- Fresh Frozen Human Cadaver – Pelvis
- Gynecological training phantom
- Geneva®, Venezia®, Vaginal Multichannel® applicators and sharp needles manufactured and provided by Elekta will be used.
- Transabdominal USG probes also will be available for applicator insertion.

This course targets especially radiation oncology senior residents who have completed brachytherapy training at their own institutions but want to improve themselves in both applicator selection and hybrid applications, as well as radiation oncology specialists who want to establish a brachytherapy service or take their standard practices to the next level. Medical physicists can participate on their own or with their doctors without touching the cadaver but more detailed exercises on treatment planning.



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# DAY 1 - 07 March 2026

- 09:00 – 09:30** Choosing the Applicator for Gynecologic Brachytherapy.  
Prof. Merdan Fayda, MD
- 09:30 – 10:00** Hybrid Applicators (Intracavitary + Interstitial).  
Prof. Merdan Fayda, MD
- 10:00 – 10:30** Interstitial Applications. Prof. Merdan Fayda, MD
- 10:30 – 11:00** Dosimetric Criteria and Treatment Planning Essentials.  
Dursun Eşitmez, Msc, PhD Candidate
- 11:00 – 11:15** Coffee Break
- 11:15 – 12:00** Phantom Study and Simulation Exercises. Prof. Merdan Fayda, MD
- 12:00 – 12:45** Lunch Break
- 12:45 – 15:45** Hands-on Fresh Frozen Cadaver Workshop - Facilitated by  
Prof. Merdan Fayda, MD and Faculty
- \*Hands-on treatment planning study for the medical physicists. Facilitated by  
Dursun Eşitmez, Msc, PhD Candidate
- 15:45 – 16:00** Coffee Break
- 16:40 – 19:45** Hands-on Fresh Frozen Cadaver Workshop
- Insertion of Intracavitary Applicator
  - Interstitial Needle Placement with Hybrid Applicators
  - Interstitial Perineal Needle Insertion Techniques
- \*Hands-on treatment planning study for the medical physicists. Facilitated by  
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# BRACHYTHERAPY CADAVERIC SERIES

## 2ND EDITION

DAY 2 - 08 MARCH 2026: HEAD & NECK BRACHYTHERAPY AND  
REGENERATIVE MEDICINE CADAVERIC COURSE  
SKIN, ORAL CAVITY & FACIAL APPLICATIONS ON FRESH-FROZEN CADAVERS

### FACULTY

**Prof Ismet  
Aslan, MD**  
Otolaryngology,  
Cancer surgery



**Course Director**

**Prof Merdan  
Fayda, MD**  
Radiation oncologist



**Assoc. Prof Aslı  
Datlı, MD**  
Plastic,  
Reconstructive and  
Aesthetic Surgeon



**Dursun Eşitmez,  
PhD Candidate**  
Medical Physicist



**Prof Erdal  
Karaöz, MD**  
Regenerative  
Medicine



**Prof Seden  
Küçüçük, MD**  
Radiation oncologist



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## Learning Objectives

**Skin and Oral cavity (buccal mucosa, lip, tongue, columella) superficial and interstitial brachytherapy & Regenerative medicine applications (exosomes and stem cell) on face fresh frozen cadaver: Brachytherapy for skin and oral cavity tumors is being used curatively or postoperatively. Operation and brachytherapy are still the 2 major options. We conducted a course on skin cancer brachytherapy for either**

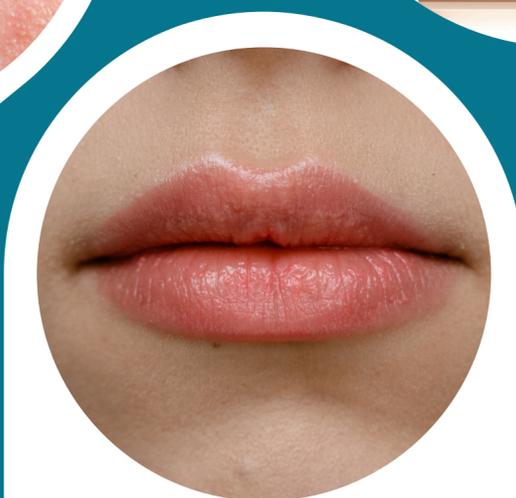
**Brachytherapy holds a special place in the curative and postoperative treatment of facial skin cancers. While superficial irradiation methods (applicators like Leipzig or mold-based methods) are generally used for skin cancers, interstitial applications are usually considered for oral cavity tumors. Collaboration between head and neck surgeons and radiation oncologists is particularly important for interstitial applications. In this course, oral cavity interstitial brachytherapy will be performed by a radiation oncologist and a head and neck surgeon. Trainees will be able to experience inserting needles into tissue.**

**Regenerative medicine applications in the facial area have been increasing recently. Exosome and stem cell applications are gaining popularity in the facial area to address wound healing problems that may occur after treatments. The preparation of these cells and examples of clinical applications will be shared, along with the methods of application by plastic surgeons in the facial area, with our trainees.**

### **Who could attend:**

**Radiation oncology senior residents and radiation oncologists, head and neck surgeons, plastic surgeons.**

**Our course is open especially to radiation oncology senior residents who have completed brachytherapy training at their own institutions but want to improve themselves in both applicator selection and hybrid applications, as well as radiation oncology specialists who want to establish a brachytherapy service or take their standard practices to the next level.**



## DAY 2- 08 March 2026

### Skin and Oral cavity (buccal mucosa, lip, tongue, columella) superficial and interstitial brachytherapy & Regenerative medicine applications (exosomes and stem cell) on face

- 09:00-9:30** Skin cancer superficial brachytherapy methods (mold and Leipzig).  
Prof Merdan Fayda, MD
- 09:30-10:00** Head and neck anatomy (lips, tongue, cheek) during minimal invasive brachytherapy procedures. - Prof Ismet Aslan, MD
- 10:00-10:45** Interstitial brachytherapy in the curative and adjuvant oral cavity tumors (lip, buccal mucosa, tongue, columella). - Prof Seden Küçüçük, MD
- 10:45-11:00** Coffee break
- 11:00-11:20** Brachytherapy planning for head and neck tumors and skin cancer.  
Dursun Eşitmez, PHD candidate
- 11:20-12:05** Regenerative medicine application on skin and face (exosomes & stem cell).  
Prof Erdal Karaöz, MD
- 12:05-13:00** Lunch break
- 13:00-15:30** Hands on sessions
- Hands on 1. Group1 Face exosome and stem cell application on fresh frozen cadaver.  
Assoc Prof Aslı Datlı, MD
  - Hands on 1. Group 1. Local anesthesia for head and neck brachytherapy on fresh frozen cadaver. Assoc Prof Aslı Datlı, MD
  - Hands on 1. Group 1. Superficial brachytherapy applications on fresh frozen cadaver.  
Prof Merdan Fayda, MD
- 13:00-15:30**
- Hands on 2. Group 2 Interstitial brachytherapy applications tongue, buccal mucosa, lip and columella on fresh frozen cadaver. Prof Seden Küçüçük, MD, Prof Ismet Aslan, MD
- 15:30-15:45** Coffee break
- 15:45-18:00** Hands on sessions
- Hands on 1 Group 2. Face exosome and stem cell application on fresh frozen cadaver. - Assoc Prof Aslı Datlı, MD
  - Hands on 1. Group 2. Local anesthesia for head and neck brachytherapy on fresh frozen cadaver. - Assoc Prof Aslı Datlı, MD
  - Hands on 1. Group 2. Superficial brachytherapy applications on fresh frozen cadaver. - Prof Merdan Fayda, MD
- 15:45-18:00**
- Hands on 2. Group 1 Interstitial brachytherapy applications tongue, buccal mucosa, lip and columella on fresh frozen cadaver. - Prof Seden Küçüçük, MD, - Prof Ismet Aslan, MD
- 15:45-18:00**
- Hands-on treatment planning study for the medical physicists Facilitated by Dursun Eşitmez, Msc, PhD Candidate



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