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Myofascial Ultrasound Imaging

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PROGRAM

Week of September 21–26, 2026

Monday, September 21, 2026

8:30–9:00 Participant Registration

9:00–10:00 Ultrasound Examination – Prof. Levent Özçakar (Lecture)

10:00–10:30 Break

10:30–11:30 Fascial Ultrasound Examination – Dr. Carmelo Pirri (Lecture)

11:30–13:00 Ultrasound Examination of Upper limb fasciae - Dr. Carmelo Pirri (Practical Session)

13:00–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–15:00 Fibrosis and Densification: An Ultrasound Perspective – Prof. Antonio Stecco (Lecture)

15:00–18:00 Ultrasound Examination of Upper limb fasciae - Dr. Carmelo Pirri (Practical Session)

18:00–19:00 Round Table Discussion – Prof. Levent Özçakar, Dr. Carmelo Pirri

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

8:30–9:00 Participant Registration

9:00–10:00 Fascial Anatomy of the Trunk – Prof. Carla Stecco (Lecture)

10:00–10:30 Break
10:30–11:30 Ultrasound Examination of the Back Fasciae – Dr. Carmelo Pirri (Practical Session)
11:30–12:30 Ultrasound Examination of Lower Limb Fasciae – Dr. Carmelo Pirri (Practical Session)
13:30–14:00 Lunch Break
14:00–15:00 Interventional Ultrasonography – Prof. Levent Özçakar (Lecture)
15:00–15:30 US-guided procedures and fasciae – Dr Carmelo Pirri (Lecture)
15:30–16:30 Ultrasound Examination of the Neck fasciae – Dr Carmelo Pirri, Prof. Levent Özçakar (Practical Session)
16:30–18:00 Ultrasound Examination of the head fasciae – Dr Carmelo Pirri, Prof. Levent Özçakar (Practical Session)
18:00–19:00 Round Table Discussion – Prof. Carla Stecco, Prof. Levent Özçakar, Dr. Carmelo Pirri

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

8:30–9:00 Participant Registration
9:00–10:00 Myofascial Blocks for chronic pain: Anatomical Principles, Ultrasound Guidance and Clinical Rationale – Dr. Astrid Ursula Behr (Lecture)
10:00–10:30 Break
10:30–11:30 Ultrasound-Guided Myofascial Blocks: A Systematic Anatomical and Clinical Overview of the Main Fascial Plane Techniques – Dr. Astrid Ursula Behr (Lecture)
11:30–13:00: Ultrasound Examination of the thorax and abdomen fasciae – Prof. Carla Stecco, Dr Astrid Ursula Behr, Dr. Carmelo Pirri (Practical Session)
13:30–14:00 Lunch Break
14:00–15:00 The Role of Fascia in Pain – Prof. Carla Stecco (Lecture)
15:00–18:00 Dissection, Correlation, and Infiltration Practice on Cadavers – Prof. Carla Stecco, Dr Astrid Ursula Behr, Dr. Carmelo Pirri (Practical Session)
18:00–19:00 Round Table Discussion – Prof. Carla Stecco, Dr. Carmelo Pirri

Thursday, September 24, 2026

8:30–9:00 Participant Registration
9:00–10:00 Enthesopathies and Ultrasound: Diagnosis and Injection Therapy – Dr. Alen Zabotti (Lecture)
10:00–10:30 Break
10:30–13:00 Infiltration Practice on Cadavers – Prof. Carla Stecco, Dr Alen Zabotti, Dr. Carmelo Pirri (Practical Session)
13:00–14:00 Lunch Break
14:00–14:45 Fascial Biopsy – Dr. Alen Zabotti (Lecture)
14:45–15:30 Metatarsalgia and Morton's Neuroma: New Diagnostic and Therapeutic Perspectives Between Radiofrequency Thermal Ablation and Ultrasound Guided Dorsal Fasciotomy – Dr Felice Galluccio

15:30–18:00 Dissection, Correlation and Infiltration Practice on Cadavers – Prof. Carla Stecco,
Dr Alen Zabotti, Dr. Carmelo Pirri (Practical Session)
18:00–19:00 Round Table Discussion – Prof. Carla Stecco, Dr. Carmelo Pirri

Friday, September 25, 2026

8:30–9:00 Participant Registration
9:00–10:00 Comparison of Fascial Ultrasound and Other Imaging Modalities – Prof. Veronica Macchi
(Lecture)
10:00–10:30 Break
10:30–11:00 The Clinical Value of Structured Reporting in Musculoskeletal and Fascial Ultrasound:
Points for Reflection -Prof. Andrea Porzionato
11:00 – 13:00 Practice test: Infiltration Practice on Cadavers – Prof. Carla Stecco, Dr. Carmelo Pirri
(Practical Session)
13:00–14:00 Lunch Break
14:00–17:30 Dissection, Correlation, and Infiltration Practice on Cadavers – Prof. Carla Stecco,
Dr. Carmelo Pirri (Practical Session)
17:00–18:00 Myofascial Ultrasound Imaging: An Integrated Overview and Future Perspectives –
Dr Carmelo Pirri (Lecture)
18:00 -18:30 Practical test and course conclusion

Scientific Rationale:

The course, designed to be highly interactive, focuses on exploring fascia as a central element of clinical and therapeutic practice. The training combines practical activities and theoretical sessions to deepen participants' knowledge and refine their technical and diagnostic skills.

The practical component includes sessions dedicated to ultrasound evaluation of fascia and its interactions with surrounding structures, as well as the execution of needle-guided procedures such as infiltrations and fascial blocks. Ultrasound-guided techniques are integrated with cadaver-based interventions, enabling participants to identify essential anatomical details for safe and effective practice.

From a theoretical perspective, the course offers an in-depth review of the clinical and functional anatomy of fascia, with a focus on its biomechanical and pathophysiological roles. Fascial alterations associated with both common and less frequent musculoskeletal conditions are analyzed, along with advanced imaging diagnostics, emphasizing the unique ability of ultrasound to visualize fascial dynamics and pathological changes.

Interactive discussion sessions allow participants to share experiences and address complex clinical cases, fostering the development of personalized therapeutic approaches. This interdisciplinary dialogue promotes collaboration among various specialists involved in managing fascial disorders, from ultrasound diagnosis to therapy and rehabilitation.

The course aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of fascial ultrasound and its clinical implications, enhancing their diagnostic and treatment capabilities through a multidisciplinary approach.

Targeted at specialist physicians such as physiatrists, radiologists, orthopedic surgeons, anesthesiologists, sports medicine practitioners, and other professionals interested in the advanced management of myofascial conditions, the course is designed to empower attendees with cutting-edge expertise in this critical area of practice.

Venue:

Lectures: Sterzi Hall and Terni Hall, Institute of Human Anatomy.

Practical sessions: Acquapendente Hall and Vesalius Hall, Institute of Human Anatomy, Via A. Gabelli 65, Padua.

Registration:

To enroll, email: veronica.gabriele@unipd.it.

Participation is free and limited to 25 attendees in the following professional categories: Medical Doctor (all specialties). The course fee is € 1.500,00.

CME Accreditation:

Credits will be granted upon:

Full attendance (100% of the training activities), verified through entry and exit signatures.

Submission of evaluation and feedback forms to the course secretary.

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