

# Thyroid Radiofrequency Ablation Training Course

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## Date and Location

Friday, May 30, 2025 - Saturday, May 31, 2025  
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## Audience

This course is designed for otolaryngologist – head and neck surgeons, endocrine surgeons, endocrinologists, radiologists and general surgeons.

## Course Overview

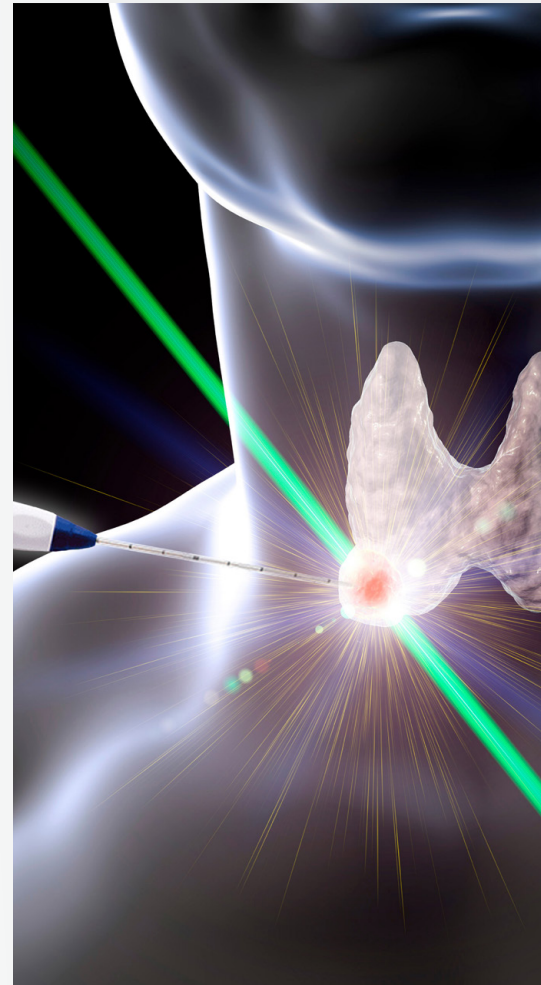
This hands-on training course will provide up-to-date information regarding the application of radiofrequency ablation (RFA) in the management of thyroid nodules, featuring expert lectures, hands-on training and cadaver sessions. Participants will receive a certificate of completion.

CME credit is not offered for this course.

## Objectives

- To familiarize participants with the basic techniques, indications and complications of minimally invasive image-guided thyroid nodule RFA
- To increase the understanding of clinicians of the expected and worrisome features on post-ablation surveillance imaging
- To increase the confidence of clinicians when discussing the pros and cons of RFA to patients under their care

*Participation in this course does not indicate or guarantee competence or proficiency in the skills, knowledge or performance of any care or procedure(s) which may be discussed or taught in this course.*





## World-Renowned Course Faculty

### Dr. David Goldenberg

Professor and Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at Penn State Health, Dr. Goldenberg’s clinical practice includes head and neck cancers, thyroid cancers and parathyroid disease, and RFA of thyroid nodules. His latest book, “Head & Neck Endocrine Surgery - A Comprehensive Textbook, Surgical, and Video Atlas” is the most comprehensive textbook to date on the subject of thyroid and parathyroid surgery.



### Dr. Leonardo Rangel

Chief Head and Neck Surgeon at Rio de Janeiro State University, Dr. Rangel is dedicated to thyroid and parathyroid minimally invasive procedures with a focus on thyroid ablation techniques and endoscopic/robotic thyroidectomy. He is the co-author of “Ablative Techniques International Guidelines” and coordinator of several educational initiatives on ablative techniques and endoscopic thyroidectomy.



### Dr. Erivelto Volpi

Head and Neck Surgeon specializing in thyroid and parathyroid diseases, Dr. Volpi trained at the University of São Paulo’s Hospital das Clínicas. In 2018, he trained in RFA in Seoul and became one of the first in Brazil to perform this technique. Currently, Dr. Volpi is a head and neck surgeon at Oswaldo Cruz German Hospital, which is among the top five hospitals in Brazil.



### Dr. Elizabeth Cottrill

Associate Professor of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Dr. Cottrill also serves as Residency Program Director and Surgical Director of the Jefferson Thyroid and Parathyroid Center. Clinically, she focuses on the treatment and management of patients with thyroid and parathyroid diseases, with a special interest in advanced thyroid cancer and non-surgical ablative techniques for benign thyroid nodules. Dr. Cottrill is an active member of several professional organizations and serves on various national committees.



## Registration

To afford attendees a personalized experience, limited spots are available. This course is expected to fill up quickly, and we will maintain a wait list once all spots are taken. Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/RFA25PSU](https://bit.ly/RFA25PSU) to complete the required registration form **prior to** sending course payment.



## Course Fee

The course fee per participant is \$1,000 USD. Payment will be accepted via mailed check and must be received by **Friday, May 2, 2025**, or your spot will be opened to the wait list. The registration fee includes expert lectures, hands-on training and cadaver sessions. Meals will be provided during course time.

Checks can be made out to "Penn State University" and on the memo line write "Otolaryngology – RFA Course". Please send checks to:

Penn State Health – Hershey Medical Center  
ATTN: Joy Burchill  
500 University Drive, MC H091  
Hershey, PA 17033

## Itinerary\*

Friday, May 30, 2025

AM Registration/Welcome  
Faculty Lectures  
PM RFA Demonstration  
Cadaver Lab  
Phantom Training  
Dinner at Hershey Gardens

Saturday, May 31, 2025

AM Case Presentations  
Cadaver Lab  
Phantom Training  
Course Conclusion  
Certificates

\*Exact programming subject to change



## Accommodations

Accommodations are the responsibility of the program participant. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn Hershey for a discounted group rate of \$189.00 plus 11% tax (1-2 adults; \$10 each additional adult age 18 or older) per room per night.

Group Name: RFA Course Conference  
Nights Available at Group Rate: May 29 & 30, 2025

Make reservations online via one of these methods:

- Booking Link: [group.hiltongardeninn.com/dmfbff](https://group.hiltongardeninn.com/dmfbff)
- Via Hilton.com or Hilton App, use group code RFA525 under special rates
- Or call 717-566-9292 for reservations under the group name listed above

Reservations must be made by the cut-off date of Friday, May 2, 2025. No group discounted rate will be honored after the cut-off date.

## About Hershey Area

Course participants are encouraged to bring their families to enjoy the beautiful Hershey area – The Sweetest Place On Earth®!

Experience Hersheypark and stop by Hershey's Chocolate World for baked goods and gifts. Hersheypark Stadium draws a crowd for outdoor summer concerts, and the Giant Center hosts AHL hockey champs, the Hershey Bears. In Harrisburg, catch a minor league baseball game and ride the iconic riverboat for a sunset dinner cruise.

Each year, our town draws thousands of visitors to discover all the fun and exciting attractions and events here. Nowhere else in the country can you be treated to the soft aroma of chocolate in the air on a spring day!







## Accommodations, Payment, and Cancellations

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## Course Overview and Programming

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