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#### Target Audience

- spine surgeons
- interventional radiologists
- musculoskeletal radiologists
- interventional oncologists
- pain physicians,

and other clinicians seeking to develop or strengthen their knowledge and practical skills in balloon kyphoplasty and thermal ablation. Participants should have relevant foundational clinical experience and an interest in multidisciplinary, image-guided patient care

#### Accreditation

An application for accreditation will be submitted with RIZIV in Belgium

#### Venue

IRCAD training center  
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## Interventional Week

**October 12-13-14, 2026**  
**Strasbourg, France**

### Learning Objectives

#### Balloon Kyphoplasty Module (BKP)

- Identify appropriate BKP indications and patient selection
- Understand key clinical evidence and treatment rationale
- Describe procedural steps and safety principles
- Apply case-based decision-making and imaging interpretation
- Demonstrate hands-on understanding of vertebral access and workflow
- Recognize multidisciplinary considerations in spine care

#### Thermal Ablation Module

- Understand bone metastases and role of ablation in care pathways
- Apply thermal ablation indications, patient selection, and workflow
- Implement thermal safety and risk mitigation principles
- Select appropriate technology based on clinical scenarios
- Strengthen clinical confidence through case-based discussions

## Monday, October 12, 2026

- 19:00**    **Balloon Kyphoplasty module**  
Registration and dinner
- 19:30**    **Introduction Faculty & Participants: Expectations and learning objectives**  
Prof. Benditz & Dr. Pansini
- 20:00**    **State of practice discussion: Vertebral augmentation (BKP) and thermal ablation techniques**  
Prof. Benditz & Dr. Pansini
- 20:30**    **Roundtable discussion: Treatment challenges, case complexity, multidisciplinary collaboration, and interventional oncology pathways**  
Prof. Benditz & Dr. Pansini
- 21:00**    **End of day 1**

## Tuesday, October 13, 2026

- 9:00**    **BKP theory session covering clinical indications, contraindications, patient selection criteria, review of key clinical evidence, procedural workflow, balloon deployment principles, cement delivery, and complication avoidance**  
Prof. Benditz & Dr. Pansini
- 10:30**    **Morning break**

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- 11:00** Interactive BKP case-based discussion with real-world scenarios focusing on imaging interpretation, fracture classification, treatment planning, and risk mitigation  
Prof. Benditz & Dr. Pansini
- 12:00** Lunch
- 13:00** BKP hands-on anatomical workshop with focus on access techniques, workflow, anatomical landmarks, fluoroscopic guidance, and safety considerations  
Prof. Benditz & Dr. Pansini
- 15:30** Course evaluation
- 16:00** BKP module closure  
Departure transfer for BKP-only participants
- Thermal Ablation module**
- 19:00** Registration and dinner  
Prof. Disch & Prof. Carrafiello
- 19:30** Thermal Ablation discussion on treatment gaps, integration of ablation in oncology pathways, and multidisciplinary collaboration  
Prof. Disch & Prof. Carrafiello
- 20:00** Comparison of ablation technologies, including mechanisms, advantages, and clinical decision criteria  
Prof. Disch & Prof. Carrafiello
- 20:30** Career journeys in musculoskeletal intervention and interventional oncology  
Prof. Disch & Prof. Carrafiello
- 21:00** End of day 2

## Wednesday, October 14, 2026

- 9:00** Overview of spinal bone metastases and the role of thermal ablation in local tumor control within multidisciplinary care  
Prof. Disch & Prof. Carrafiello
- 9:30** Thermal ablation theory session on patient selection, indications, and integration with systemic and radiation therapies  
Prof. Disch & Prof. Carrafiello
- 10:30** Morning break
- 11:00** Thermal ablation practical session including system setup, probe placement, generator management, and case/video review  
Prof. Disch & Prof. Carrafiello
- 12:00** Lunch
- 13:00** Breakout session for hands-on demonstrations, participant case discussions; optional microwave ablation breakout depending on participant registration  
Prof. Disch & Prof. Carrafiello
- 15:30** Thermal Ablation module closure  
Departure transfers