

European School of Pathology (EScoP) course for Neuropathology



Venue: Hotel Amarilis

Address: [18, Štěpánská 613, Nové Město, 110 00 Praha, Czechia](#)

Dates: 24-26 November 2025

Faculty:

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Dr Estelle Healy, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, UK



Attendance: This course is with on-site attendance only and will not be recorded

Course language: The course will be provided in English

Registration fees*:

ESP members (with active membership for 2025): **350 Euro**

Non-ESP members: **400 Euro**

There is no option for on-site registrations/payments.

The available slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Deadline to register: **14 November 2025**

*Registration for the course programme includes access to the course venue, coffee breaks and lunches, access to the online platform with the course material and a personalised certificate of attendance.

For any questions, contact the ESP HQ, at admin@esp-pathology.org having as email subject “EScoP Prague 2025”.

Learning Objectives:

This is a course for the general pathologist and those who now start delving in neuropathology.

The course will include lectures on classification systems, guidance on sample handling, autopsy material, common pitfalls/artefacts, and several case presentations.

Completing this course, participants will have a basic understanding of the field of Neuropathology.

Target Audience:

The course is open to both board certified pathologists, and those in training. Technologists, neurosurgeons, and neurooncologists are also welcome to register.

Bring your case Session:

Course participants are welcome to submit cases of Neuropathology to be discussed during the slide seminar sessions. All cases have to be submitted in advance of the course. The deadline to submit a case is **14 November 2025**. For more information about case submission, please contact Dr Christos Poullos c.poullos@esp-pathology.org after successful registration. NB: case presentation from participants does not include a separate certificate

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Preliminary Course Programme

All times are for local time in Prague, Czech Republic

Day 1 – Monday 24 November 2025			
Time	Duration (min)	Topic	Speaker
8.00-8.30		Welcome and registrations	
8.30-9.00	30	Introduction and course objectives	Poulios
Part 1: Muscle and Nerve Biopsies: Diagnostic Approach and Interpretation Format: Didactic sessions and interactive case discussions			
9.00-10.00	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Overview of biopsy indications, processing techniques, including epoxy resin section preparation for bright field and electron microscopy and teased fibre preparation, as well as staining protocols	
10.00-10.30	30	Coffee Break	
10.30-11.30	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Diagnostic approach to inflammatory myopathies, dystrophies, and mitochondrial disorders	
11.30-12.30	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Evaluation of peripheral nerve biopsies: vasculitis, hereditary neuropathies, and amyloidosis	
12.30-13.30	60	Lunch	
13.30-14.30	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Common diagnostic pitfalls and artefacts	
14.30-15.30	60	Case-based review with audience interaction	
15.30-16.00	30	Coffee Break	
Part 2: Neoplastic and Non-Neoplastic Surgical Neuropathology Format: Lectures, and practical case-based sessions			
16.00-17.00	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Practical approach to diagnosing CNS tumours in surgical biopsies, including interpretation of stereotactic samples, intraoperative smears and frozen sections	
17.00-18.00	60 incl. 15 min discussion	WHO CNS classification update: practical implications for diagnosis	
18.00-18.30	30	Summary of the day	

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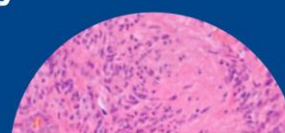
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Day 2 – Tuesday 25 November 2025			
Time	Duration (min)	Topic	Speaker
08.30-09.30	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Integration of histology, immunohistochemistry, and molecular markers	
9.30-10.30	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Diagnostic challenges in gliomas, embryonal tumours, and mesenchymal meningeal tumour	
10.30-11.30	60	Case-based review with audience interaction	
11.30-12.00	30	Coffee Break	
12.00-13.00	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Non-neoplastic entities: infections, demyelination, and reactive conditions	
13.00-14.00	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Surgical biopsy interpretation in epilepsy and vascular pathologies	
15.00-16.00	60	Lunch	
13.00-15.00	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Common diagnostic mimics and how to distinguish them	
15.00-16.00	60	Case-based review with audience interaction	
16.00-16.30	30	Coffee break	
Part 3: Postmortem Brain Examination and Diagnostic Pitfalls			
Format: Teaching modules, virtual autopsy demonstrations, and group discussion			
16.30-17.30	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Systematic approach to adult and paediatric postmortem brain examination	
17.30-18.30	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Neuroanatomical orientation and effective sampling strategies	

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Day 3 – Wednesday 26 November 2025			
Time	Duration (min)	Topic	
8.30-9.30	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Recognising key diagnostic patterns in neurodegenerative diseases	
9.30-10.30	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Common interpretative pitfalls in the postmortem setting	
10.30-11.00	30	Coffee break	
11.00-12.00	60 incl. 15 min discussion	Case-based learning with examples from routine and challenging cases	
12:00-12.30	30	Summary of the Course. Last Questions. Take home message	

ESP has applied for the CME accreditation of this course.

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