



RIGHT SYSTEMATIC NODAL DISSECTION BY VATS

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In this session we present some general VATS concepts for nodal dissection, as well as specific videos for right hilar, intersegmental and mediastinal lymphadenectomy through a VATS approach.

In the context of surgical treatment for lung cancer, we should think about lymph node dissection as a main course, not the dessert. It requires a good preoperative planning with careful CT scan analysis, and an accurate assessment of anatomical landmarks which define each lymph node station, for its proper approach and typing.

Specific VATS tools, a good exposure of the surgical field, a proper handling of bimanual instrumentation and a systematic approach to the different lymph node stations are also key concepts for a successful and thorough systematic nodal dissection.