



Asia Pacific Hernia Society

Accreditation of Centre of excellence in hernia and Course endorsement rules

PREREQUISITES

In order to be considered for endorsement of an APHS Centre of excellence and for an educational course, the centre must meet the following criteria:

1. The Course must be directed or coordinated by a member of the APHS.
2. The Centre must offer a variety of hernia repair of both open and laparoscopic techniques with clinical outcome audited or published in peer-reviewed journals.
3. Three or more courses must be held per year at the Centre/Hospital in the surgical fields and at least two hernia courses per year.
4. The Centre must be equipped with adequate facilities for lectures and hands-on training on dry and wet facilities. Virtual surgical simulators are optional. If live tissue training is involved, this must follow the worldwide accepted rules for a good record of animal care (see IACUC guidelines at www.iacuc.org).
5. The course director and faculty members must have appropriate clinical and/or laboratory expertise to educate the participants. If live surgery procedures are performed, instructors must have adequate clinical experience in those procedures.
6. The Curriculum of the Centre/Course must teach and include: Patient selection; Instrumentation; Clinical outcome; Surgical procedures and technique; Follow-up; Pre- and postoperative care, Complications, etc.
7. The Institution organizing the course must offer CME credits.

Note:

1. The APHS endorsement is only for the Course related to Hernia and Abdominal Wall Surgery and is valid for one year only, and can be renewed after review.
2. All brochures and lists of faculty members must be submitted to the APHS office for annual review. Feedback from the participants of each Course must be collected and reported to the APHS for evaluation.
3. The endorsement of the Training Centre will be suspended if the review shows that a particular course is below the prescribed standards and if deficiencies are not corrected following notification by the APHS.
4. An Application fee is required.

BENEFITS

1. The endorsed Centre will be listed on the APHS website.
2. The Courses will be promoted and listed on the APHS website.
3. The Course Director may include the APHS Endorsement Statement on promotional brochures and course materials.
4. The Centres and Courses will be promoted during the APHS Annual Meetings.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Provide all the required information.
2. A letter from the institution's animal care committee or similar body to certify the approval of live tissue procedures.
3. Printed materials (syllabus, reprints, CD-Rom, videos, etc.) distributed during the course.
4. Brochures of two previous courses organized at the institution/Centre applying for course endorsement.
5. Evaluation results for at least two courses previously organized at the institution/Centre applying for course endorsement.
6. An Application Fee of US\$ 300 (valid for one year only). The application fee is not reimbursed if the endorsement is not approved.

Please submit your application (three copies) with all the required information and the application fee to:

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APHS accredited Centre of Excellence in hernia

1. Max Institute of Minimal Access, Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery, Max Hospital, Saket, New Delhi, India. Program Director : Dr Pradeep Chowbey. email: pradeep-chowbey@gmail.com
2. The Minimally Invasive Surgical Centre (MISC), NUH, Singapore. Program Director : Prof Davide Lomanto. email: davide_lomanto@nuhs.edu.sg
3. Philippine Centre for Advanced Surgery Minimally Invasive Surgery, Cardinal Santos Medical Centre, Philippines. Program Director : Dr Alfred Allen Buenafe. email: aebuenafe@hotmail.com
4. Beijing Chao-Yang Hospital, Capital Medical University Beijing, China. Program Director : Prof Chen Jie email: chenjiejoe@sina.com
5. Chula Minimally Invasive Surgery Centre (CMISC) Bangkok, Thailand. Program Director : Prof Suthep Udomsawaengsup email: suthep.u@gmail.com
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7. Huashan Hospital, Fudan University, Shanghai, China. Program Director : Prof. Steven Yao email: stevenyao@huashan.org.cn
8. University Medical Centre, Minimally Invasive surgical training centre, HO Chi Minh city, Vietnam. Program Director : Prof Le Guan Auh Tuan email: tuanlequan@yahoo.com