



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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Accredited Training Centres

1. Max Institute of Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Centre, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, New Delhi, India

Max Institute of Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery is on the international map and recognized to be a centre of excellence in endosurgery in the world today. The Institute comprises surgeons who specialize in various areas of surgery and are dedicated to performing surgical procedures with emphasis on utilization of minimal access techniques so that patients reap the benefits of faster recovery, lesser postoperative pain and minimal post-surgical complications. The Institute is equipped with state-of-the-art operation theatres and quality equipment that contribute in affirming best-in-industry practices. In an effort to provide high quality practical training, our Institute established an intensive course focusing on the latest technology and development in Endohernia Surgery.

3. The Cardinal Santos Medical Center launched the Philippine Center for Advanced Surgery–Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) Training Center

On 5 May 2014, the Cardinal Santos Medical Center launched the Philippine Center for Advanced Surgery–Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) Training Center. It houses state-of-the-art facilities for training in MIS, which will include wet and dry skills laboratories, lecture rooms (with seating capacity for 70 persons) and an auditorium (for 150 people).

Dr Alfred Allen Buenafe, Executive Director of PCAS, said that the Cardinal Santos Medical Center has

2. The Minimally Invasive Surgical Centre (MISC), National University Hospital, Singapore

The Centre was established at the National University Hospital in 1993 to promote and develop training, clinical and research activities in the field of endoscopic surgery. The MISC is recognized worldwide for its excellence in training and proctoring for laparoscopic surgery including abdominal wall surgery.

The MISC Training Centre is equipped with all facilities such as hands-on setting, animal laboratory facilities, interactive video-library, 3-D graphics models, etc. A Simulation Training Laboratory (STL) with VR Surgical Simulators and broadcasting facilities provides all participants with high-technological training activities. The simulators include training programme for ventral hernia repair. (For more information log on to www.misc-asia.com)

been conducting MIS workshops since 2003. The doctor fondly recalled how they used to convert the hospital's conference rooms and even its parking lot into a makeshift operating room to train young surgeons in the field of MIS. They would also borrow laparoscopy machines and laparoscopy towers to aid them in their training workshops.

With the launch of the PCAS–MIS Training Center, more surgeons are expected to be trained on proper techniques and instrumentation for MIS procedures. This will allow more Filipino patients to have better access to the latest surgical treatment innovations while ensuring patient safety and quality of healthcare.

The PCAS–MIS Training Center received accreditation from the Asia Pacific Hernia Society as a Centre of