



STATUTES OF THE JOINT EUROPEAN BOARD OF UGI SURGERY (UGIS)

The UEMS invited its specialist sections with the formation of their own European Boards for their respective specialties.

Members shall be leading representatives of the national organizations and scientific societies representing their country on a professional, scientific and university basis.

The foundation shall be constituted in accordance with these statutes and the rules of procedure of UEMS and the specialist sections.

The European Board UGIS shall provide fresh impetus for achieving high quality medicine and completing arrangements for the free movement of specialist doctors.

1. Introduction

The European Board of UGI Surgery (EB-UGIS) is created within of the MJC Upper GI Surgery mandated by the working groups UGI Surgery, both within the Specialist Section of Surgery and the Specialist Section of Thoracic Surgery of the UEMS.

The EB-UGIS is constituted in accordance with the statutes, declarations and rules of procedure of the UEMS.

The members of the EB-UGIS shall be elected from leading representatives of the national organizations and scientific societies of general surgery and Thoracic Surgery of UEMS full member countries on a professional, scientific and academic basis.

The EB-UGIS shall achieve its objectives by setting and recommending standards to the EBS/EBTS and by encouraging health authorities, national and international scientific societies of UGI surgery to live up to such standards.

2. Objectives

The main objective is to guarantee to the patients the highest standards of care in the field of UGI Surgery in the countries of the European Union (EU) by ensuring that the training of the UGI surgeon is raised and maintained to the highest possible level. This shall be achieved by the following means:

- The EB-UGIS shall assess and report to the MJC of Upper GI Surgery, the EBS and EBTS of the Section of Surgery and section of thoracic Surgery, the UEMS Council the current contents and quality of training in UGI surgery in the different countries of the EU.
- The EB-UGIS shall define the contents of training of UGI surgeons (syllabus, log-book) and standards for training programs (European training requirements) within the UEMS countries and shall implement mechanisms for the maintenance of these standards.
- The EB-UGIS shall define the requirements to which the training institutions and teachers in UGI surgery should conform. Based on the agreement of participating institutions, requirements can be subjected to site-visit control.



- After appropriate assessment of eligible candidates, the EB-UGIS shall recommend to the EB UGIS the issuance of a European Board of Surgery and Thoracic Surgery Qualifications in UGI Surgery (EBSQ in UGI Surgery).
- The candidate who passed successfully the Board UGIS exam shall be called : Fellow of the European Board of Surgery/Upper GI or Fellow of the European Board of Thoracic Surgery/Upper GI and for the diploma it will be mentioned after the “country” EU member State if applicable
- Assessment of the quality of training of UGI surgeons may take place at his/her request according to the different criteria laid down by the EB-UGIS. European training requirements for UGIS should be intended uniform in the different UEMS countries.
- The EB-UGIS shall facilitate the exchange of UGI surgical trainees between the training centers of the various countries of the EU to enable a better harmonization and quality of training.
- The EB-UGIS shall establish criteria of evaluation in Continuing Education.

3. Accountability

The Executive Bureau of the UEMS shall officially communicate with the EBS through the Section of Surgery, Section of Thoracic Surgery and the MJC of UGI Surgery and the council of UEMS.

The Section of Surgery and the section of thoracic Surgery and the Executive Bureau of the UEMS shall be entrusted with communicating all opinions issuing from the EB-UGIS and the MJC of UGI Surgery to the competent UEMS bodies.

The MJC of UGI Surgery shall submit through the Sections of Surgery and Thoracic Surgery to the UEMS for ratification any changes to statutes relating to the membership and functioning of the EB-UGIS.

4. Board Composition and Members

The EB-UGIS shall consist of one or two representatives of each member state. One representative shall be a member of the national delegation to the MJC of UGI Surgery. The MJC can appoint an additional representative, after inviting nomination from the relevant national professional bodies. One national member shall be from the surgical societies and one member shall be from thoracic surgery societies in the member states.

The EBS and EBTS shall nominate one or two of its members to attend meetings of the EB-UGIS. They may send substitutes. The scientific and/ or professional societies of UGI Surgeons in the EU and representative organizations of UGI surgeons in training may be invited to nominate non-voting observers to attend meetings at the discretion of the Chairman.

The Chairman of the Management Committee may invite consulting experts in the context of its (their) activities, who have no voting rights.

The replacement of an EB-UGIS member or his/her substitute may be decided by the respective National Society by withdrawing the nomination to the EB-UGIS. The replacement must be indicated to the MJC of UGI Surgery. The term of representation will be 4 years and will be once renewable. The terms of the 2nd representative of a country follow the same scheme but will stagger with the terms of the 1st representative.



5. Management Committee

A Management Committee will be elected amongst the EB-UGIS members. The latter is composed of a Chairman, co-chairman (thorax/visceral). The Treasurer and Secretary are the same as those in the MJC of UGI Surgery.

The Chairman of the MJC UGI-Surg shall be member of the Management Committee with full voting rights.

The Management Committee shall communicate with the General Secretary of the UEMS, the Section and Board of Surgery, section and board of thoracic Surgery and the MJC of UGI Surgery who shall be informed of the activities of the EB-UGIS as prescribed in the Statutes of the UEMS (minutes of plenary meetings decisions taken, all changes in the membership of the Boards, changes in Management Committee, etc.).

Duration of terms of office of the Management Committee: The Chairman, the Co-Chairman shall remain in office for 4 years and the terms are once renewable.

6. Funds

The funds of the Board shall be acquired by: contributions of the national associations and societies of general surgery - subsidies and donations - gifts, institutes of heir and legacies - other legal benefits - fees for European Board of Surgery Quality Recognition (EBSQ) assessments.

7. Meetings of Board Members

A session is held at least once a year in conjunction with the session of the MJC of UGI Surgery. Additional meetings may be convened by the Management Committee, in agreement with or at the instigation of the UEMS divisions of UGI Surgery.

The agenda consists of items proposed by members of the EB-UGIS, by the Management Committee, by the MJC of UGI Surgery/Section of Surgery, by the EBS or by the UEMS Management Council or its Secretary General.

The agenda of the meeting shall be communicated to the EB-UGIS members at least one month before the meeting.

The minutes of the meetings, as well as all resolutions, recommendations, opinions, studies and other documents are to be sent after approval by the EB-UGIS to the Chairman and the members of the EB-UGIS, to the President and the members of the MJC executive committee, to the Secretary of the Section of Surgery and thoracic Surgery, the secretary of the EBS and to the UEMS Secretary General.

The Management Committee meets at least every six months. The meetings are convened by the Chairman and/or the Secretary. The agenda and the relevant information are described to the Management Committee members.

In order to save time and money the meetings of the EB-UGIS should be held at the same time and location as the meetings of the working groups of UGIS/ section of thoracic Surgery or the Section of surgery.

8. Voting

Each country represented on the EB-UGIS has one vote. The chairman of the EB UGIS also has a single vote. Representatives of a UEMS associated or observer countries have a consultative voice only.

The chairs of the MJC of UGI shall have a single vote.



9. Committees

The EB-UGIS can designate committees, charged of the study and presentation of proposals concerning specific objectives of the EB-UGIS, always in accordance to the UEMS statutes and rules of procedure.

The committee(s) shall relate to the Management Committee.

10. Future Amendments

The Statutes as well as the EBQ Certification Process (Eligibility I and Eligibility II) can be amended following relevant suggestion by a member of the Division and approval by 2/3 (two thirds) of the countries members which are represented at the time of the discussion of the amendment. For that 50% +1 of the countries members of the Division should be represented.

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