



EBSQ EMERGENCY SURGERY

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To apply for certification as a Fellow of the European Board of Surgery in Emergency Surgery (F.E.B.S./EmSurg) a candidate has to undergo a two-step quality validation process: Eligibility and Examination. Eligibility is a prerequisite for Examination.

To apply for Eligibility the candidate must fulfil the following requirements:

1. Eligibility for all examinations run by the Divisions of the European Board of Surgery is open to candidates trained in one of the 27 European Union countries, a UEMS country (Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom), an associated UEMS country (Armenia, Israel and Turkey) or a country with UEMS observer status (Georgia, Lebanon and Morocco).
2. Eligibility for all examinations run by the Divisions of the European Board of Surgery is also open to those candidates trained outside the UEMS area provided that the relevant Division is satisfied that the training and qualifications are equivalent.
3. The candidate must be able to communicate in the English language. Examinations in the local national language(s) may also be provided at the discretion of the executive.
4. A national Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training is a prerequisite.
5. The candidate must provide a logbook listing the candidate's experience of the required operations and procedures.
6. The content required in the logbook is published in "Emergency Surgery Syllabus - Skills".
7. The logbook must fulfil the European Board of Surgery Qualifications (EBSQ) criteria. For each procedure the date it was performed, patient's initials (or hospital admission number), type of procedure, whether performed as principal surgeon or assistant and the signed approval of an independent expert must be provided.
8. The logbook must not contain patients' names.
9. A candidate's individual logbook with comparable layout and structure may be accepted for the Eligibility process at the discretion of the committee. In any case the "logbook summary" in the EBSQ format is mandatory.
10. All candidates should have successfully completed the Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS®) provider course. A copy of the relevant certificate must be provided. As an



alternative, candidates who provide satisfactory evidence within their logbook of the procedures listed in Category E will be exempt from this requirement.

11. Candidates should have completed the Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC®) course or an approved alternative. At present the approved alternatives are (i) the Definitive Surgical Trauma Skills (DSTS®) course or (ii) both the Advanced Trauma Operative Management (ATOM®) and the Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET®) courses. Certificates of satisfactory completion must be provided. As an alternative, candidates who provide satisfactory evidence within their logbook of the procedures listed in Category F will be exempt from this requirement.
12. All candidates must have contributed to a published scientific paper for which they are listed as a co-author.
13. The candidate must have a total of 12 credit points based on the following criteria:
 - Participation at recognized international congress relevant to emergency surgery (e.g. European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES) or American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) (4 points)
 - Participation at recognized international congress relevant to emergency surgery (e.g. ESTES or AAST) and first authorship of an accepted paper or poster (8 points)
 - Participation national congress relevant to emergency surgery (2 points)
 - Participation at national congress relevant to emergency surgery and first authorship of an accepted paper or poster (4 points)
 - Publication (first authorship) relevant to emergency surgery in peer reviewed national surgical journal (8 points)
 - Publication (first authorship) relevant to emergency surgery in peer reviewed international surgical journal (12 points)
14. Candidates must be recommended by 2 independent experts (e.g. the candidate's trainers). One of the experts must not currently work in the same region as the candidate.