

A man and a woman in medical scrubs are standing in a hospital hallway. The man, on the left, is wearing a surgical cap and has his arms crossed. The woman, on the right, is smiling and has her hand on the man's shoulder. The background is a blurred hospital hallway with warm lighting. The image has a color gradient overlay, transitioning from orange on the left to red on the right.

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**ESGO
Curriculum
at a glance**

01/ What is the ESGO Curriculum?

The ESGO Curriculum provides the European Training Requirements (ETR) for gynaecological oncology, as adopted by the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS).

- **FOR FELLOWS:**

The Curriculum defines the assessment and certification of fellows for ESGO's subspecialty certification programme which leads to the ESGO-EBCOG Diploma.

- **FOR CENTRES:**

Centres follow the Curriculum to develop their training programmes so they can become ESGO-accredited Training Centres.

02/ How do training centres get ESGO-accredited?

1. APPLY →

- Check the requirements for ESGO accreditation.
- Is your national/institutional training programme in line with the ESGO Curriculum? If not, what is different and how can you adapt it?

NOTE:
IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT ESGO-ACCREDITED TRAINING CENTRES COLLABORATE WITH THE ESGO DATABASE PROJECT.

2. ACCREDITATION VISIT →

- The visit will take place onsite.
- Relevant staff must dedicate one working day to the accreditation visit.
- Your centre will cover the expenses of the ESGO visitors and an administrative support fee.
- If successful, ESGO will confirm the length of your accreditation (usually 5 years) and the number of fellow positions your centre may hold.

WHAT ABOUT RE-ACCREDITATION?

- To get re-accredited, your centre should have had at least one ESGO fellow during the most recent period of accreditation. Check the other requirements for re-accreditation.
- Apply for re-accreditation at least 6 months before your accreditation expires.

→ **FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.**

03/ What are the training requirements for fellows?

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A fellowship will last **2–3 years**.
- You must **register** an account in the ESGO eLogbook via the [online application form](#).
- You must **continuously fill in the eLogbook** during your fellowship.
- You must **take and pass** the [ESGO Exam](#).

AT THE END OF THE FELLOWSHIP, FELLOWS WILL BE CAPABLE OF:

- the consultation, practice and comprehensive care of women with gynaecological cancer
- interpretation of scientific data to improve knowledge and to apply these in clinical care, teaching, research and audit
- coordinating and promoting collaboration in organising the service
- providing leadership in research and development within the subspecialty

MODULES

ORGAN-SPECIFIC:

- gestational trophoblastic disease (GTD)
- ovarian and tubal cancer
- uterine cancer
- cervical cancer
- vaginal cancer
- vulvar cancer

GENERIC:

- peri-operative care
- gynaecological oncological surgery, including general and colorectal surgery
- systemic therapy (including pharmacology)
- urologic surgery

- palliative care and supportive care
- clinical cancer genetics
- pathology (including immunology)
- radiotherapy
- women's health
- plastic and reconstructive surgery and wound care (optional)
- radiology (including nuclear medicine) (optional)

GENERAL COMPETENCY:

- communication
- collaboration
- leadership
- management and good medical practice
- clinical governance

SPECIAL INTEREST:

- diagnostic and interventional ultrasound
- systemic treatment

NOTE:
THE SPECIAL INTEREST MODULES PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATE AND CAN BE TAKEN STANDALONE OR IN ADDITION TO THE SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION.

04/ What does the training assessment involve?

FREQUENCY

- The ESGO Curriculum requires **modular training** with **systematic and structured assessments**, and these should be recorded prospectively and **continuously updated**.
- The ESGO fellow and their supervisor(s) should fill in the eLogbook continuously and prospectively.

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT

- **Summative assessments:** Should be performed at least yearly (twice yearly is recommended) and evaluated by the supervisor together with the fellow.
- **Self-assessment:** This assessment should be completed prior to the evaluation with the supervisor and should be completed by the fellow themselves.
- **Multi-source feedback by the training team:** Evaluation by at least two (2) wider multidisciplinary team members other than the supervisor (nurses, surgeons, anaesthetists, medical oncologist, etc).
- **Evaluation by the supervisor:** Should at least entail competency-based assessment, assessment of level of proficiency, evaluation of educational activities, evaluation of research activities and identification of specific training objectives for the next phase.

ESGO RECOMMENDS:

- Evaluating **knowledge** using the ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education) competency assessment.
- Evaluating **surgical skills** using OSATS (Objective Structured Assessment of Technical Skill).

REQUIREMENTS

Adequate surgical volume (as first surgeon):

- 10 radical hysterectomies/ parametrectomies/trachelectomies
- 30 pelvic lymph node dissections (incl. SN)
- 10 para-aortic lymph node dissections
- 5 local radical vulvar excisions
- 5 inguino-femoral lymph node evaluations and dissections
- at least 20 cytoreductive surgeries
- 30 MIS procedures

OTHER SKILLS:

- breaking bad news
- responsible clinical audit
- leadership/management
- development of a protocol/guideline/ patient information sheet
- 2 peer-reviewed publications as any author

NOTE:

THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE SIMILAR FOR THOSE UNDERTAKING THE SPECIAL INTEREST MODULES, BUT THE COMPETENCY LEVELS DIFFER AND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

thank you.