Visits of clinics for surgical postgraduate education
VISITS

- Mandate of the Federal Office of Public Health to the Swiss Physicians Federation (FMH & SIWF) and to the Specialist’s Societies
- At least every 7th year
- 2 years after the change of chief
- If any problem appears
Visit’s procedure

Delegation:

- 1 delegate of the Specialist’s society (leader)
- 1 delegate of the SIWF (from another speciality)
- 1 delegate of the residents or chief residents association (VSAO)
Visit’s procedure

Costs: 5000 Swiss Francs for bigger clinics.
       3000 Swiss Francs for smaller clinics.

Paid by the hospital.
In order to pay the different visitors and the organisation by the SIWF.
Visit’s procedure

Before the visit:

- The chief has to present a concept corresponding to the rules of education of the SIWF and to the program of education to become a specialist
- The chief has to answer an enquiry
- The residents have to answer an enquiry
6 years of postgraduate education
- Min. 4 years of general surgery
  (with 3 months of anesthesiology or intensive medicine and 6 months of interdisciplinary emergency unit)
- Max. 2 years of specialized education
- Max. 2 years of scientific research activity
Concept of postgraduate education

- 3 Blocks:
  - Block A: basic postgraduate education
  - Block B: current surgery
  - Block C: more specialized surgery preparing to the future specialization
Concept of postgraduate education

• Operation list
• 3 congresses of the Swiss Surgical Society
• 4 meetings for postgraduate education designated by the Swiss Surgical Society
• Publication in a peer-reviewed journal or original work to get the doctor title.
• Radioprotection course
Concept of postgraduate education

• 5 courses are mandatory:
  – Osteosynthesis
  – Surgical sutures and anastomosis
  – Laparo- and thoracoscopic workshops
  – ATLS course
  – Scientific writing course
  – Basic management course
  – Communication and behaviour course
  – Evidence based medicine course
  – Preparation course to the specialist’s examination
Concept of postgraduate education

• Recognized clinics for education:
  - U clinics: 4 years
    - A clinics: 4 years
    - B3 clinics: 3 years
    - B2 clinics: 2 years
    - B1 clinics: 1 year
  ▪ at least 2 years in U or A clinic and 1 year in a B clinic.
  ▪ half of the education must take place in Switzerland
Visit’s procedure

• During the visit:
  1. Discussion of the visiting team to control the differences between the chief’s and the resident’s enquiry.
  2. Meeting with the administrative director of the hospital:
      » Presentation of the team.
      » Define if the postgraduate education is important for the clinic.
      » Define if the postgraduate education is mandatory for the chief.
      » Define the financial charge of the postgraduate education.
Visit’s procedure

• 3. discussion with the chief or the responsible person for the postgraduate education
• 4. individual discussion with residents
• 5. visit of the clinic (offices, library, internet access, research lab, secretary, ...)  
• 6. meeting and discussion of the visiting team, preparation of the report
• 7. feed-back to the clinic
Visit’s procedure

• The report of the visit has to be written by the visiting team within 14 days.
• It is sent to the SIWF.
• It is presented to the chief of the visited clinic to get his/her comment.
• The decision is taken by the commission of the SIWF and not by the visitors.
Thank you for your attention