European Board of Surgery Qualifications (EBSQ)
UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MéDECINS SPÉCIALISTES

PART 1 ELIGIBILITY FOR EBSQ IN COLOPROCTOLOGY
Section of Surgery
Division of Coloproctology

Please answer all questions:

FAMILY NAME                        FIRST NAMES
………………………………………

NATIONALITY                      DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH
………………………………………

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE
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……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

TELEPHONE                        FAX                        E-MAIL
(including country code)
…………………………………   ……………………………………   ……………………………………

PRESENT APPOINTMENT (title, department and hospital address)
………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF SPECIALIST TRAINING
(Applicant must hold a valid CCST or equivalent certificate from an appropriate international country or
FMH in the case of Switzerland – please enclose a copy)

issued by …………………………………………………….  

date of issuance …………………………………….
UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

UNDERGROUND MEDICAL SCHOOL:

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*To satisfy EBSQ Coloproctology requirements specialist coloproctology training must take place under the instruction of more than one principal trainer and should preferably involve more than one hospital group or institution.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF TWO PRINCIPAL TRAINERS

1. NAME .........................................................................................................................
   ADDRESS.......................................................................................................................  
2. NAME .........................................................................................................................
   ADDRESS.......................................................................................................................
TRAINING EXPERIENCE IN COLOPROCTOLOGY

TOTAL DURATION IN GENERAL SURGICAL TRAINING POSTS
(Common trunk training in surgery in general)

Years ..................................  Months ..............................

TOTAL DURATION IN SPECIALIST COLOPROCTOLOGY TRAINING POSTS

Years .................................  Months ..............................

(Minimum acceptable total duration of common trunk surgical plus coloproctology training is 7 years with at least 2 years in nationally recognised coloproctology training posts).

TOTAL PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS IN COLOPROCTOLOGY
(As first assistant or as principal operator)

Number ..............................

INDICATOR PROCEDURES

Experienced as:

A: first assistant .......................... 1 credit point
B: principal surgeon assisted by trainer 4 credit points
C: principal surgeon not assisted by trainer 3 credit points

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## RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREE BY THESIS (Habilitation)

Yes: ..................................  No: ..................................

Title:.............................................................................................................

Date:.............................................................................................................

University:....................................................................................................

## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS (List “TOP 5”)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

## PRESENTATIONS TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS (List “TOP 5”)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.
DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I wish to apply for PART 1 (eligibility) of the European Board of Surgery Qualification in Coloproctology (EBS COLOPROCT) which I understand may be awarded upon the recommendation of the Division of Coloproctology based upon assessment of my training experience. I declare that all information provided on this form in support of my application is correct.

Signature ………………………………………… Date ……………………………………………………

DECLARATION BY TRAINER 1

I have scrutinised this application and declare that, to my knowledge, the information provided by the candidate concerning his/her training experience in coloproctology is correct.

Signature ………………………………………… Date ……………………………………………………
Print Name ………………………………………… Post Held …………………………………………………
Hospital Address …………………………………………………………………………………………………

DECLARATION BY TRAINER 2

I have scrutinised this application and declare that, to my knowledge, the information provided by the candidate concerning his/her training experience in coloproctology is correct.

Signature ………………………………………… Date ……………………………………………………
Print Name ………………………………………… Post Held …………………………………………………
Hospital Address …………………………………………………………………………………………………

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EBSQ IN COLOPROCTOLOGY – PART 1 ELIGIBILITY 2003
GUIDANCE NOTES

1. Pages 1 and 2 of the application form list personal details of applicant. Proof of possession of a valid Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) or equivalent Certificate issued by the relevant body governing the legal CCST, from an appropriate National Country or, in the case of Switzerland a valid (FMH) are essential prerequisites before further consideration of the application. Applications will now also be considered from associated UEMS countries, i.e. Turkey and Israel.

   Note: If visiting trainees have trained within a country defined above and had a similar training to those who can subsequently take the CCST, even though such candidates may not be allowed to take the CCST for reasons of refusal of permanent residence, they should be deemed equivalent to CCST and be acceptable as candidates for the EBSQ. The EBSQ Certificate will denote that it is without national cost and does not confer right of domicile.

2. Duration of training. The minimum acceptable duration of training for EBSQ COLOPROCTOLOGY is 7 years. This must include a minimum total of 5 years in specialist surgical units for common trunk training. Candidates must have completed 2 or more extra years in coloproctology. Experience acquired as a specialist or consultant on a unit with senior or more experienced colleagues may be taken into account, but at least one year of advanced training must be undertaken in a recognised unit.

3. Total experience. The minimum acceptable total experience of specialist coloproctological procedures, as either first assistant or principal surgeon is 400 (from log book).

4. Quality of training. The quality of training in coloproctology will be assessed from information provided on pages 3 and 4 by application of a credit point system. A minimum number of credit points must be obtained by successful candidates.

5. Experience. Candidates must also have acquired a minimum experience of four indicator procedures to achieve the required number of credit points as follows:

   A: = First Assistant 1 credit point
   B: = Principal Surgeon Assisted by Trainer 4 credit points
   C: = Principal Surgeon Not Assisted by Trainer 3 credit points

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(*maximum points possible 40*)

Research

† Higher degree by thesis

- Publications in peer reviewed journals (max 5)
- Presentations to national and international meetings (max 5)

† = 30 points  * = 1 point per unit

NOTES

A. Index Procedures
   i) The index procedures must be achieved in full.
   ii) No extra procedures carried out above a point count of 295 will be credited.

B. Investigations
   i) The maximum point count for investigations is 40.
   ii) Investigations can be credited up to 40 points in any combination.

C. Research
   i) The maximum point count for research is 40.
   ii) There is a limit of 5 for publications and 5 for presentations.

GRAND TOTAL REQUIRED:
   i) The grand total required is 350 points
   ii) This is made up by 295 (obligatory) for index procedures plus a further 55 to be obtained by any combination of investigations and research.

6. **Common Trunk Training** It is the responsibility of the EBS to set requirements for common trunk training (with input from the EBCP). Possession by the candidate of a CCST in General Surgery will be proof of adequate common trunk training.

7. **Log Book** The Log Book information will verify the information provided and will be required also for Viva Voce interview (Part 2).

Please submit the Log Book with your application.
EBSQ PART 2 – EVALUATION

DURATION OF TRAINING FOR EBSQ SURG CERTIFICATE

All candidates must prove that the duration of their training has been at least five years. The training may not be interrupted for more than one year and the training should involve a minimum of 48 hospital hours/week. The EBSQ General Surg Evaluations are not intended to be an examination requiring intensive revision. It is a two part assessment of training experience.

EBSQ Part 2 will take the format of oral “viva voce” examinations. In most cases part of the examination will be an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). This consists of a number of stations where candidates will be asked to talk to and examine real and simulated patients. Candidates will also be given laboratory investigations, x-rays and scans to interpret. They may also be asked to demonstrate their practical abilities. Each candidate will visit each station where they will be assessed by an examiner and may be asked to give a written answer.

DURATION OF TRAINING FOR EBSQ VASCULAR CERTIFICATE

All candidates must prove to have a minimum acceptable total duration of common trunk and vascular surgical training of 6 years with at least 2 years in nationally recognised vascular surgical training posts. EBSQ-VASC certification is evidence that the holder is competent to undertake independent specialised vascular surgical practice within all countries of the European Union and the European Board of Vascular Surgery therefore expects an appropriately high standard of training and experience from successful candidates.

EBSQ Part 2 will take the format of oral “viva voce” examinations. There will be three parts a) 3 clinical case analyses, randomly chosen by the candidate and based on questions b) a scientific part consisting of a discussion over a scientific paper – merits, faults, weaknesses – that will be given to the candidates on the day of the examination, and questions about study design, basic statistics etc. and c) an overall assessment of the candidate to verify log book information and level of vascular surgical training. It is imperative that the candidate succeeds in all 3 parts of the examination in order to obtain the Diploma. The points threshold for success in Part 2 will be set by the court of assessors.

DURATION OF TRAINING FOR EBSQ COLOPROCTOLOGY CERTIFICATE

All candidates must prove to have a minimum acceptable total duration of common trunk and coloproctology training of 7 years with at least 2 years in nationally recognised coloproctology training posts.

EBSQ Part 2 will take the format of oral “viva voce” examinations with three pairs of examiners. The first pair will assess case orientated problems. The second will set tasks, including requiring trainees to read papers, evaluate and perform article analysis. The third will have general information relevant to the particular board speciality involving imaging information, physiological testing, diagnostic testing and all round assessment of the candidate’s ability to achieve the high level required for the certification EBSQ.

DURATION OF TRAINING FOR EBSQ TRAUMATOLOGY CERTIFICATE

All candidates must prove to have a minimum acceptable total duration of training of 7 years. This must include a minimum of 5 years in specialist surgical units for common trunk training. Candidates must have completed 2 years training in a Trauma Unit.

The examinations will be conducted in the English language, but candidates may, on request, have assistance in French, German, Italian or Spanish. Their purpose is to a) verify that the information furnished by the candidates in Part 1 is an accurate reflection of his/her training experience, and b) to assess his/her level of clinical experience.

Certificates of European Board of Surgery Qualification will be issued to each successful candidate shortly after each session and, when possible, at the end of the scientific meeting during which Part 2 of the evaluation has been organised.
EBSQ APPLICATION FORM REQUEST
PART ONE

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

All applicants must be from a European Union UEMS (UNION EUROPEENE DES MEDECINS SPECIALISTES) or Associated UEMS country, i.e. Turkey and Israel.

2. CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIST TRAINING

Candidates must provide a photocopy of a valid Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) or equivalent Certificate issued by the relevant body governing the legal CCST in the appropriate national country, i.e. a EU, UEMS or associated UEMS country.

3. LANGUAGE

The examination will be taken in English but candidates may, on request, have assistance in French, German, Italian or Spanish.

4. NOTICE OF FEES PAYABLE

Candidates for European Board of Surgery Qualification (EBSQ) are required to pay fees to cover the administrative costs as follows: Euros 200 to cover Part 1 to the EBSQ Administration Office and a further Euros 350 to cover Part 2 to the Speciality Board concerned – these instructions must be adhered to.

PART ONE:

Euros 200 payable by all candidates upon submission of a completed application form. This sum is to cover the costs associated with the processing of submitted application forms by the central EBSQ office and are non refundable - Bank account details will be sent upon receipt of application.

All payments must be effected by the required deadlines and there are no refunds for (Part 1) candidates who are deemed ineligible to sit for the EBSQ Coloproctology examination or do not succeed in passing the (Part 2) examination. In the case that a candidate has paid for Part 2 and does not attend the examination there will be no refund.

Please submit this form to:

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European Board of Surgery Qualification (EBSQ)
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