

ESGO-RCOG

Memorandum of Understanding

Parties and purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets the terms and understanding by and between the **European Society of Gynaecological Oncology** ("ESGO"), a Swiss not-for-profit organization residing at Rue François-Versonnex 7, 1207 Geneva, Switzerland represented by Professor Philippe Morice, ESGO President and Mrs Renata Brandtnerova, ESGO Executive Director.

and

Royal College of Obstetrician and Gynaecologists (RCOG), a UK charity and not-for profit organisation residing at 10-18 Union Street, London SE1 1SZ, represented by Ms Kate Lancaster, RCOG Chief Executive.

Background

Both parties organise formal training in gynaecological oncology and certify the training centres that further provide the accredited training.

Currently ESGO recognises the RCOG subspecialty training programme as a full equivalent of the ESGO training programme and does not run audit and accreditation process in the UK. All RCOG recognised subspecialty training (SST) centres in gynaecological oncology in the UK are recognised by ESGO as training centres of excellence. ESGO does not accredit UK centres outside of the RCOG subspecialty training programme. The full list of RCOG recognised training centres for gynaecological oncology subspecialty training can be found [here](#)

ESGO does not undertake any quality assurance for RCOG recognised subspecialty training centres in gynaecological oncology but undertakes quality assurance of subspecialty training centres in countries outside UK.

An arrangement has been in place informally between RCOG and ESGO to date and there had been some confusion recently which doctors were eligible for ESGO individual accreditation. By this MoU, the ESGO and RCOG agree on recognition of health care professionals trained in the UK in order to receive the individual ESGO accreditation in gynaecological oncology.

Terms

ESGO training is a minimum of 24 months of gynaecological oncology training. To be eligible for ESGO individual accreditation the doctor must spend a minimum of 12 months in an ESGO recognised subspecialty training centre for gynaecological oncology, follow the ESGO gynaecological oncology curriculum and register their subspecialty training with ESGO prospectively.

1. Doctors are able to achieve ESGO individual accreditation if the doctor has undertaken 12 months of subspecialty training in a UK gynaecological oncology subspecialty training centre recognised by the RCOG or 12 months in an ESGO recognised gynaecological oncology subspecialty training centre. For these doctors there are three options to achieve ESGO accreditation:
 - i. The doctor undertakes additional 12 months of subspecialty training in an ESGO recognised gynaecological oncology centre.
 - ii. The doctor undertakes additional 12 months of subspecialty training in a UK gynaecological oncology centre recognised by the RCOG. In order to accommodate the doctor, the UK RCOG recognised gynaecological oncology centre must not have a RCOG sub-specialty trainee in post undergoing surgical training e.g. must have a training gap within the approved centre.
 - iii. The doctor undertakes a combination of subspecialty training in the UK (any gynaecological oncology cancer centre) and the ESGO accredited centre outside the UK to meet the 12-month criterion. This must be approved by ESGO prior to starting the training.
 - iv. The remainder of the 24-month programme can be undertaken outside of these accredited gynaecological oncology centres if they are non-European recognized centres.
2. Doctors who are residents in the UK or have the right to work in the UK and who are not undertaking RCOG approved subspecialty training are able to achieve ESGO accreditation if the doctor undertakes 12 months of subspecialty training in an ESGO recognised gynaecological oncology centre outside the UK and 12 months of subspecialty training in a UK gynaecological oncology centre recognised by the RCOG. In order to accommodate the doctor, the UK RCOG recognised gynaecological oncology centre must not have a RCOG sub-specialty trainee in post undergoing surgical training e.g. must have a training gap within the approved centre.
3. A doctor who has undertaken RCOG subspecialty training in gynaecological oncology in the UK, who has been appointed in open competition to a RCOG approved subspecialty training post, and who holds the RCOG certificate of subspecialist accreditation for gynaecological oncology can apply for ESGO individual accreditation on successful completion of RCOG subspecialty training in gynaecological oncology.

ESGO accreditation does not support doctors to apply for registration for CCT and subsequent entry onto the UK Specialist Register with subspecialty training in Gynaecological Oncology with the GMC.


This MoU does not include any responsibility by either party regarding the clinical competence and practice of individual doctors undertaking training in an accredited or recognised training post or programme.

Duration of the MoU

The collaboration described in this MoU will start on 01 January 2021 and end on 31 December 2023. After that time, a new MoU can be signed, after review of the published RCOG criteria for subspecialty training centre accreditation by the ESGO Education Committee.

Signed

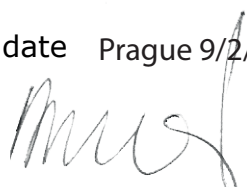
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Renata Brandtnerova
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Kate Lancaster, CEO

Place and date: 08/02/2021
