

Guidelines for HSI Centre of Excellence

Hernia Society of India invites applications from centres which are a) doing high-volume work in the field of hernia surgery and b) already undertaking regular training courses in hernia surgery to apply to become an HSI Centre of Excellence. This endorsement is purely for the purposes of conducting training courses and is not to be taken as an endorsement for the standard of clinical care provided at the Centre in the field of hernia or other surgeries. Prerequisites

In order to be considered an HSI Centre of Excellence the Institution / Hospital must fulfil the following criteria.

- The Centre applying for this (Medical College / Hospital / Nursing home) should have minimum 50 beds.
- The Courses must be directed by a Surgeon who holds MS or DNB in General surgery and is a member of HSI.
- The Centre must offer both open and laparoscopic surgery for a variety of hernias and the results must be carefully audited and preferably published in peer reviewed journals.
- Two or more training courses must have been held in the Centre each year for the past three years and at least one of them should have been in the field of hernia surgery.
- The Centre must have adequate infrastructure in terms of theatres, laparoscopic equipment, HD endocamera, energy sources etc. They should follow autoclaving, ETO or plasma sterilization for all the laparoscopic equipment used for hernia surgery.
- The Centre must be equipped with adequate facilities for lectures and must have a dry laboratory with endotainers for hands on practice. Virtual reality simulators are optional.
- The Course Director and Faculty must have appropriate clinical expertise to educate the participants. If live surgery is to be performed and transmitted for the participants, the Faculty must have adequate experience in these procedures.
- The Course Curriculum must include (but need not be restricted to) the following: Patient selection, preoperative care, instrumentation, technical aspects of surgery, postoperative care, identification and management of complications, follow up and tracking of clinical outcomes.

- The HSI endorsement is valid only for three years and can be renewed at the end of that period by way of a fresh application. This endorsement is only for courses conducted in the field of Hernia and Abdominal Wall Surgery.
- The Institution organising the courses must apply for and grant the participants CME points from the State Medical Council.
- Course details, list of Faculty and participant feedback forms for each course must be submitted to the President and Hon. Secretary of HSI (by way of email) on an annual basis. If the review of these shows the courses to be below par and the deficiencies suggested are not corrected within stipulated time, the recognition of the Centre may be withdrawn.
- A new Institution / Hospital granted a Centre of Excellence status will pay an affiliation fee of Rs 100,000 to HSI. The status will be renewable every three years by paying Rs 50,000.

Benefits to the Centre

- The Centre will be listed as a Centre of Excellence on the HSI website
- The courses offered at the Centre will be listed on the HSI website
- The Course Director may include the HSI endorsement on the course brochure or on the course material.
- The Centres and the courses will be promoted during the annual HSI meeting.

Application Process

A formal letter of application along with the following details and photographs (JPEGs) to corroborate the available facilities should be emailed to President – HSI Dr Deepraj Bhandarkar (deeprajbhandarkar[at]gmail[dot]com) and Hon. Secretary-HSI Dr Manish Baijal (mbaijal[at]yahoo[dot]com). The HSI may designate an observer to visit the centre for inspection before awarding the HSI Centre of Excellence certificate. The travel expenses and local hospitality of the observer should be borne by the Centre.

Application for a Centre to be Recognised as a HSI Centre of Excellence

Information about the Centre

Name of centre:

Address:

No. of beds:

No. of operation theatres:

Laparoscopic equipment available (list company and number of sets)

– Endocamera:

– Hand instruments:

– Energy sources:

- Electrocautery
- Ultrasonic shears
- Advanced bipolar
- Others

Method of sterilization used for various instruments

- Hand instruments:
- Telescopes:
- Camera:

Information about the Course Director

Name:

Designation:

Qualification/s (year):

Other faculty

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Information related to case load Types of hernias treated and numbers in the past three years

	Year 1	Year 2	Y
Inguinal			
Femoral			
Ventral			
Incisional			
Others			

Outcome analysis

	Year 1	Year 2
Surgical site infection (%)		
Recurrence (%)		
Follow up > 1 year (%)		

Information related to teaching facilities (submit scanned photographs of each) Classroom / auditorium (no of seats): Audio-visual equipment: Dry laboratory: Endotrainers: VR trainers: Teleconferencing facilities: **Information related to previous courses**

Dates	No of participants
Course 1	
Course 2	
Course 3	

Brochures, course material distributed to participants and feedback forms for the past two courses.