

Resuscitation Training

European Trauma (ETC)



Course overview

The programme aims on improving outcomes of major trauma by offering state-of-the-art trauma training with a focus on the multi-specialty, multi-professional team approach and on developing non-technical skills as a team leader and a team member.

Entry requirements

The ETC is targeted at doctors from all specialties and other highly qualified health care professionals (e.g. advanced nurse practitioners, critical care paramedics etc.) who treat major trauma patients in their daily practice. It is an advanced course and candidates must have experience in treating major trauma patients before they attend a course. The course is particularly useful for those working in a Level One Trauma Centre.

What will I learn?

The workshops are the educational core elements of the ETC, each addressing specific topics covering the complete spectrum of major trauma.

The first day of the course focuses on the identification and treatment of injuries that pose an immediate threat to life: problems associated with the patient's airway, breathing, thoracic injuries and shock. On the second day participants deal with a more in-depth assessment of specific body areas and on day three patient transfer and team leader issues are covered.

In each workshop there are two instructors and four candidates. The latter assume the roles of trauma team members, with one identified as the team leader. This team training approach reflects typical conditions in a European emergency department. The roles are changed in every module giving every candidate the opportunity to take up each role within a trauma team.

How will I be assessed?

In order to pass you must attend the whole course and you must pass the assessment. The assessment consists of continuous formative assessment followed by summative assessment on the last day of the course.

Is there anything else I need to know?

You must know the manual when you attend. Unlike in other Life Support courses there are no repetition lectures on the ETC. The ETC is an advanced course and candidates must have experience in treating major trauma patients before they attend a course. If you would like to apply for this course, please complete the online application form.

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