

4th External Fixator Course

Friday 27th november 2020, Spital Zofingen

Background: The urgent treatment of fractures using external fixation is an intervention, which all general surgeons should master independently of their surgical speciality. With the introduction of the new training program for surgeons effective since summer 2017 it will not be possible for all residents to acquire the necessary proficiency during their residency in the various hospitals. The Swiss Society of General Surgery and Traumatology together with the Swiss Society of Surgery therefore organises this new course focusing mainly on the indications and manual skills needed for external fixation.

Aim of the course: At the end of this course, participants should be able to:

- Know when to use an external fixation for fracture treatment
- Describe the principles of external fixation
- Apply an external fixation on the wrist and on the tibia.

Course description: The course is divided in three parts

1. Oral presentations to learn the indications for the use of external fixation, the mechanical principles, the surgical accesses and the management of soft tissue
2. Practical exercises to learn to apply an external fixation on the wrist and on the tibia
3. Examination of the theoretical knowledge and of the practical skills

To pass the exam participants must successfully pass both the theoretical and the practical tests. If he fails the practical test he can repeat it once on the same day. By failing again the whole exam will be considered as failed and the candidate must repeat the course to receive the certificate. The theoretical exam can be repeated on another day.

Certificate: After completing the course and passing successfully the exam the candidate will receive a certificate which is recognised by the Swiss Society of Surgery

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- Course language:** Presentations and examination: English
Practical exercises: German, French and English
- Course location:** Spital Zofingen
- Date:** Friday, 27th November 2020, 08:45 – 16:00h
- Course fee:** CHF 300.00
(including course material, certificate, lunch and snacks)
- Credits:** SGC: 6 CME Credits
SSOT: 8 CME Credits
- Applications:** www.fixateur-externe.ch;
Deadline : 17th November 2020,
Limited number of participants
- Course directors:** Dr. med. M. Arigoni, Locarno et Dr. med K. Bläuer, Bienne
- Sponsoring:** MEDECO and Stryker