What European gynaecologists need to master: consensus on medical expertise outcomes of pan-European postgraduate training in OBGYN

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Introduction

WHAT? Pan-European curriculum in OBGYN

WHY?

• Promote mobility of medical specialists
• Provide quality assurance of training
• Enhance collaboration and exchange of best practices
Introduction

HOW?

• Determine what European gynaecologist should master to describe medical expertise outcomes of training

→ Consensus procedure
Delphi consensus procedure

• Expert group
• Multiple rounds of feedback
• Iterative process

• Expert group: European gynaecologists & trainees
(EBCOG & ENTOG)
**Process**

**Preparations round 1**
- Questionnaire: 10 OBGYN topics, 637 outcomes
- 142 people invited for participation
- Assessment: outcome included in core, included in elective, or excluded from curriculum content

**Analysis round 1 & preparations round 2**
- Feedback of results of round 1 of all outcomes to all participants
- Processing qualitative comments, 92 outcomes altered or merged, 56 new outcomes added
- 231 outcomes in questionnaire for round 2

**Analysis round 2 & preparations round 3**
- Feedback of results of round 2 of all outcomes to all participants
- Processing qualitative comments
- 176 outcomes for round 3

**Analysis round 3**
- Structuring of 476 outcomes into 260 outcomes
- Framework of phases of performance

**Consensus**

**Round 1**
- 72 participants (response rate 50.7%)
- Consensus on 247 outcomes (46.0% consensus rate); 245 outcomes in core, 1 outcome in elective, 1 outcome excluded
- 121 qualitative comments recorded

**Round 2**
- 80 participants (response rate 83.3%)
- Consensus on 56 outcomes (23.8% consensus rate); 52 outcomes in core, 0 outcomes in elective, 3 outcomes excluded
- 52 qualitative comments recorded

**Round 3**
- Expert panel: 6 participants
- Discussion led by feedback from round 2 and the qualitative comments
- Consensus on all 176 outcomes (100% consensus rate): 165 outcomes with 6/6 agreement, 11 outcomes with 4-5/6 agreement

**Working Group Discussion**
- 18 participants
- Focus on reasonability & feasibility

**Time**

2016
- January
- June
- October
- November
- December

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**CONSENSUS**
Results

- 38 gynaecologists
- 22 trainees
- 28 countries
Core topics

• General Medical Knowledge & Skills
• Prenatal Care
• Intrapartum & Postpartum Care
• Benign Gynaecology
• Reproductive Medicine
• Urogynaecology & Pelvic Floor
• Premalignancy
• Gynaecological Oncology
• Paediatric Gynaecology & Sexual Health
• Breast Disease

On call and office OBGYN
Electives

- Advanced Obstetrics & Foeto-maternal Medicine
- Benign Gynaecology
- Reproductive Medicine
- Urogynaecology & Pelvic Floor
- Low Genital Tract Disease & Sexology
- Paediatric & Adolescent Gynaecology
- Gynaecological Oncology
- Breast Disease

Minimum = 1 elective
Conclusions

• European consensus
• Medical expertise outcomes in OBGYN
• Part of pan-European curriculum
Questions & Discussion

- EBCOG-PACT curriculum: https://www.ebcog.org/pgtraining

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- Publication: van der Aa et al, EJOG 2017