

ESPGHAN Endoscopy Fellowship Program Centre Evaluation Form

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Please detail the following as accurately as possible:

1. Number of trainers and their level of expertise (e.g. diagnostic, therapeutic, advanced etc)

Three: therapeutic

2. Annual procedures approx. (billing data 2024-2025 and 2026 projected from January-August):

OGD: between 600 and 700

Ileo-colonoscopy: 50-65 (plus 30-35 recto-sigmoidoscopies)

PEGs: 15-20

Polypectomies: 5-10

Oesophageal and anastomotic/stricture dilation: 25-45 (pneumatic balloon and endoscopic stricture dilation)

Varices endotherapy: 1-4

Foreign body removal: 20-30

Other GI bleeding: not coded separately; a few per year

WCE: 0-1

Enteroscopy: 0

Related procedures: 24-h pH-impedance monitoring 130-150; breath tests (hydrogen and ¹³C) 750-850; anorectal manometry 10-15; oesophageal manometry (high resolution) available

3. Other endoscopic procedures that you feel could be offered to the trainee:

We collaborate with two large endoscopic facilities for adults: one is just in another building, the other in the Academic centre close to the University (Prof. Arnaud Lemmers, Hôpital Erasme, HUB). They perform most advanced techniques in adults (ERCP, EUS, endoscopic resection, enteroscopy) and, when necessary, in children.

4. Educational Endoscopy Aids available e.g. models; simulators; 3-D Scope-Guide:

Colonoscopy training model (mechanical simulator) available in the unit.

5. Hands On Courses running at your Centre:

Not for the moment

6. Legal and other requirements to be fulfilled in order for potential delegates to be able to train in your Centre and your country and approx. time to achieving these from date of application:

Permission to work as a medical doctor in Belgium requires a European-recognised diploma and a file to submit to the Federal Public Service (FPS Public Health) for the visa and professional recognition (may take 3-6 months).

7. Potential for short audit/research projects to occur during the attachment:

Yes

8. Number of trainees that could be accommodated simultaneously or in one year:

We accept only one

Thank you