

Accreditation of Training Centers for Endovascular Neurointervention – ENI

The process for accreditation of Training Centers in ENI (called “Center”) is based on the approved document “Recommendations for acquiring competence in Endovascular Neurointervention – ENI”. The process is proposed to be entirely based on exchange of documents between the Center and EBNI.

It is assumed that Center wishing to be accredited is teaching their trainees according to the Curriculum issued as Recommendations by EBNI and cited above.

The Center will apply for accreditation to EBNI. EBNI will ask the Center to assemble a document describing their activities as they relate to the “Recommendations”. This document will be compiled by the Director of Training and have the format of a “CV” for the Center. This CV can have several attachments. The CV must be signed by the Director of Training and sent in an electronic format (pdf-file) to the EBNI Review Board. For further information, please see information on www.EBNI.eu.

Instruction for the substance of “Training Center CV”

The following questions, with references given to appropriate section of the “Recommendations...”, will have to be addressed in the CV:

1. Describe the process by which trainees are selected for the training program and appointed. (Section 2.1.1.)
2. Describe the process by which an individual training program is determined and name the components of such a program. (Section 2.1.2)
3. Describe the education and training that can be offered by the Center (Section 2.2)

4. Is your Training Center comprehensive or based on a network of accredited institutions or departments? Give details and rotation principles. (Section 2.3.2)
5. Describe the regular departmental and interdisciplinary conferences, including regular reviews of morbidity and mortality and if developed, critical incident reporting systems (CIRS) (Section 3.1.2.7)
6. Are your trainees encouraged to participate in national or international quality assurance programs in ENI as is strongly recommended? How is this financed? (Section 3.1.2.7)
7. Are your trainees encouraged to participate in national and international courses and meetings to a minimum of 2 weeks/year during the training? (Section 3.1.2.7)
8. Are your trainees enjoying an educational environment that encourage trainees to undertake investigative study in relevant clinical or basic sciences subject areas? (Section 3.2)
 - a. Are your trainees encouraged to participate in research projects conducted by the faculty or other trainees or may they undertake a project as principal investigators?
 - b. What, if any training is provided in fundamentals of the experimental design, performance and interpretation of results?
9. Provide an example of a log-book to be kept by the trainees. (Section 3.3.1)
10. How are the trainees progress evaluated? Please describe in detail. (Section 3.3.2.)
11. How many trainees have graduated from your program over the last three years?
12. Please name two of your former, or current, trainees that would be willing to provide references for this Accreditation process of your Training Center.

13. To qualify as a training program the following conditions must be fulfilled. Please provide details on the following issues. (Section 4.1.)
- a. The director and co-directors (neurology, neurosurgery and clinical neuroradiology) must have senior appointments in recognised training institutions that may be affiliated with academic institutions or other non-profit organisations.
 - b. The network should ideally be involved in active research in ENI
 - c. There should be ready access to general medical/neurointerventional texts and periodicals. Computerized literature search facilities should be available.
 - d. Commercial interests may not be involved in organisation and scientific content of training.
14. To qualify for accreditation by EBNI the ENI core must fulfil the following conditions. Please provide details on every point. (Section 4.1.)
- a. The faculty of the training program must include at least two members practicing ENI as their principle activity.
 - b. The proportion of trainers in ENI to trainees must not exceed the ratio of 1:2.
 - c. ENI case load (a minimum of 200 procedures/year) of endovascular interventions
 - d. ENI case mix including stroke, aneurysms, AVM's, DAVF's and spinal vascular malformations
15. Certain criteria for the Program Director, Co-directors and Faculty are required for accreditation by EBNI. Please provide details on the following points: (Section 5.1.)
- a. The director of a training program must be certified according to national regulations.
 - b. The program director must be a well experienced and an internationally well respected neurointerventionist also involved in scientific activities.
 - c. The program director may have a senior academic appointment or a senior leading position in the non-profit training institution.

- d. The program director is coordinating the network which constitutes the training program.
 - e. A co-director in a network must be well experienced and internationally well respected as a neurointerventionist or as a medical specialist in another appropriate specialty, i.e. neurosurgery or neurology.
 - f. A director or co-director is obliged to participate in appropriate CME/CPD activities.
 - g. Trainees must be given an opportunity to provide a documented evaluation of the program and faculty at least once annually.
16. Please attach to this application for Accreditation a short CV (1-page maximum) each of the Director, co-directors and faculty.