



European Trauma Course

CENTRO DE SAÚDE MILITAR DE COIMBRA – EX HOSPITAL MILITAR REGIONAL DE COIMBRA

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- 2017 December 1st - Instructor Day
- 2017 December 2nd – 4th - ETC

Course organized within the framework of the Lusitanian Association for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ALTEC-LATES) – institutional member of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES) – and the 10th International Meeting of Trauma and Emergency Surgery.

The **European Trauma Course** (ETC) is a two-and-a-half-day simulation-based, hands-on course. The course is mainly practical and the candidates will be led in small groups through scenarios of increasing difficulty.

This course will be spoken in English.

ETCO

The ETC is a project of the European Trauma Course Organization (ETCO). This is a group of internationally recognised experts coming from all specialties involved in trauma care. The following organisations are represented in the Working Group and certify the course:

- ESTES - European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery
- EuSEM - European Society of Emergency Medicine
- ESA - European Society of Anaesthesiology
- ERC - European Resuscitation Council
- CMC - Course Management Committee

Background

Injury is the leading of cause of death and disability in the young. The European Section of the WHO recently pointed out that modern trauma care may decrease the mortality rate of injury by 30%. This depends on a well-performing chain of survival commencing from the site of the accident to the place of definitive treatment.

The initial management of trauma patients in the emergency department is a crucial link in this chain depending on a well-functioning team and excellent cooperation between the specialties involved. Initial management is no longer a fixed sequence of interventions, following the classical A, B, C, D's strictly, but a variable set of procedures carried out simultaneously and adapted to the severity of the patient's condition. It is a number of processes running in parallel and clearly these processes need to be well organised to effectively manage trauma.

Teaching and training are necessary to understand the method and its organisation, which in turn is indispensable to enable each team member to fill in his/her role within the trauma team. The growing appreciation that good trauma care makes a difference in

survival and the increasing complexity of the care process have generated a demand for a new type of education.

What's different?

- It provides training for individuals and teams
- Lecture time is kept to a minimum and emphasis is placed on hands-on scenario training
- It meets the requirements of adult education
- It implements model-based simulators

Aims

After successful completion of the course, the candidates will be able to manage a trauma scenario as team leader. They will also be able to understand their role in a trauma team.

Candidates

Physicians from all specialties and training grades involved in the care of major trauma are welcome.

Due to the course structure, mainly teaching in small groups (4:2), the number of candidates is limited to 12.

As a course organized within the framework of ESTES, prior attendance of ATLS® or an equivalent trauma life support course is a preferential condition for admission.

Course manual

The ETC course manual will be sent to the candidates 4 weeks before the course commences.

Assessment

In order to successfully complete the course, every candidate has to undergo a final assessment on the final day of the course.

Certificates

Certificates will be issued to the successful candidates at the end of the course.

Fee

750 € euro – it includes manual and catering.

Registration

Registration must be done according to the indications in the program of the meeting:

10th International Meeting of Trauma and Emergency Surgery

in <http://altec-lates.pt>

