

Eligibility criteria for the EBSQ examination in breast surgery

- The applicant must hold a current license to practice as a surgeon or gynecologist.
- The applicant must be able to demonstrate that he/she has worked at least one year in a surgical unit with at least 150 new primary breast cancer cases a year.
- The applicant should also have attended some training course in breast surgery and have attended at least one major international meeting on breast disease.
- The applicant should present the log book for breast surgery with the application.
- The applicant should be able to show that he/she has:
 - Attended at least 40 diagnostic clinics
 - Assisted at 10 and personally performed 20 operations on benign lesions
 - Assisted at 10 and personally performed 15 sentinel node procedures
 - Assisted at 10 and personally performed 10 full axillary clearances
 - Assisted at 10 and personally performed 10 breast-conserving procedures
 - Assisted at 10 and personally performed 10 total mastectomies
 - Assisted at 10 and personally performed 5 skin-sparing mastectomies
 - Observed or assisted at 10 immediate and delayed total breast reconstructions using both implants and autologous tissue.
 - Observed or assisted at 10 and personally performed 5 breast remodeling procedures after breast conserving surgery (oncoplastic surgery).
 - Attended at least 10 clinics with the radiation (clinical) oncologist at which the decisions on adjuvant therapy are made.
 - Attended at least 10 follow-up clinics at which the side-effects of surgery and radiation can be assessed
 - Attended at least 10 follow-up clinics at which the management of women with advanced disease (both locally advanced)
 - Attended a regular, preferably weekly, pre- and post-surgical multidisciplinary case management meeting.
 - Attended at least one genetic/family history clinic, in which women at risk are advised

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