

## Procure TME training modalities

As proposed by the PROCARE Steering Group, TME training organisation and its modalities have been decided by the BPSA and the BSCRS. They are available on the BPSA (Belgian Professional Surgical Association), and BSCRS websites: [www.belsurg.org](http://www.belsurg.org). In brief:

The list of trainers will not be published.

When training is wanted, one must contact Dr. Liesbet Van Eycken, via mail [procure2@kankerregister.org](mailto:procure2@kankerregister.org).

Dr. Liesbet Van Eycken or one of her collaborators will indicate two (if possible) names of potential trainers, respecting the following criteria: participation in the PROCARE project, language, laparoscopic or open surgery, availability of the TME trainers. The demanding surgeon will make the last choice and contact himself the chosen trainer.

In principle, training consists in assistance by a TME trainer at 5 consecutive TME procedures. Each trainer surgeon is allowed to train two (or more if needed and if possible) surgeons.

The trainer will go to the trained surgeon hospital, and will help the local surgeon to perform the TME (Note that the training is only for TME and not for PME!!).

The trainer will receive a 525€ fee per case (but only after training has been completed).

The specimen must be evaluated according to the Quirke methods. A description can be found at the PROCARE website [www.belgiancancerregistry.be](http://www.belgiancancerregistry.be). Of course, the patient also must be introduced in the PROCARE registry through the BCR.

Inform Dr. Liesbet Van Eycken who will further coordinate the TME training, per trained procedure, mentioning the name of the trainer, the name of the trained surgeon, date and type of procedure (LAR with/without pouch, APR), any other remark...

Send this mail in cc to Prof Penninckx, chairman of the PROCARE Steering Group at [freddy.penninckx@uz.kuleuven.ac.be](mailto:freddy.penninckx@uz.kuleuven.ac.be), who is responsible for reimbursement.

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