



Arthroscopic Training Center (French Arthroscopic Society)

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The practical courses of the French Arthroscopic Society are bound to enhance the skills of individuals in arthroscopic surgery. Until present, these courses have concerned knee and shoulder arthroscopies (basic and superior).

The two-day courses include theoretical instructional lectures by well-known experts, as well as hands-on skills on cadaver specimens with the principle of one specimen per participant. The first half-day of the conferences teaches the technical points of operative procedures: installation, portals, normal exploration, pathologic findings and surgical techniques. (e.g.: meniscal suture, acromioplasty, bankart repair, etc.)

Each lab session begins with an expert live demonstration watched by individuals through a video transmission network located at every station. Then, each participant reproduces a procedure under the guidance of an expert.

For three half-days, two participants work together, switching specimens at the coffee break. Through this process, each participant eventually performs all the techniques demonstrated by experts.

The SFA teaching center is located in EITS (European Institute of TeleSurgery) in Strasbourg, city of the European Council, just minutes from the International Airport. The EITS office organizes accommodations (housing, shuttle transfer, lunches).

The EITS includes a conference room, a large operative room suited for hands-on and dissection, a refrigerating storage room for cadaveric specimens, and additional facility rooms. Theoretical courses are held in a top-of-the-line multimedia theater, with video, computer and slide equipment. Professional technical assistance is available.

Breaks and lunches are included in the sessions, and take place in a large room adjacent to the lab.

The high tech lab features 16 custom-designed stations for arthroscopic surgery on specimens. Each station is equipped quite similarly to an operative room. High quality materials furnished by major arthroscopic companies include complete video stations, arthroscopic devices, shavers, kits and implants.

A numerous and highly experienced staff is available for participants. They include experts, operative room nurses and company assistants.

Five sessions per year are scheduled, either in French or English. The sessions accommodate a maximum of 30 participants.

