

Eligibility Assessment

- On line process via the web site
- Review of
 - CV
 - Log book
 - Certificates: Medical degree, CCT or equivalent (in UK, final year of training with letter from deanery of ARCP 1 at ST7 or letter of support from clinical supervisor) or proof of completion of 5 years of surgical training
- Eligibility assessment approval on line, result usually within 1 week
- Application deadline usually end of April

Eligibility Criteria

- **1.** The applicant must hold a current license to practice as a surgeon (general or plastic or gynaecologist)
- **2.** Demonstrate worked for one year in a breast surgery unit with at least 150 new primary breast cancer cases a year.
- **3.** Attended at least one national/international training course in breast surgery and has attended at least one well recognized international congress on breast disease during the last 3 years.
- **4.** The applicant should present a signed log book for breast surgery with the application.
- **5.** Published either one paper or book chapter on breast disease or presented one paper (oral or poster)

Log book requirements

At least:

- 40 operations on benign or borderline lesions
- 100 full axillary lymph node dissections **or** SLNBs, including:
 1. *at least 30 full ALND*
 2. *at least 30 SNB*
- 100 breast cancer operations during the last two years, including:
 1. *at least 40 breast conserving surgeries, including at least 5 oncoplastic level I - II breast remodeling procedures*
 2. *at least 40 mastectomies, including at least 10 NAC- or skin-sparing mastectomies*
- observed or assisted at 10 immediate and delayed total breast reconstructions using both implants and autologous tissue

The Syllabus

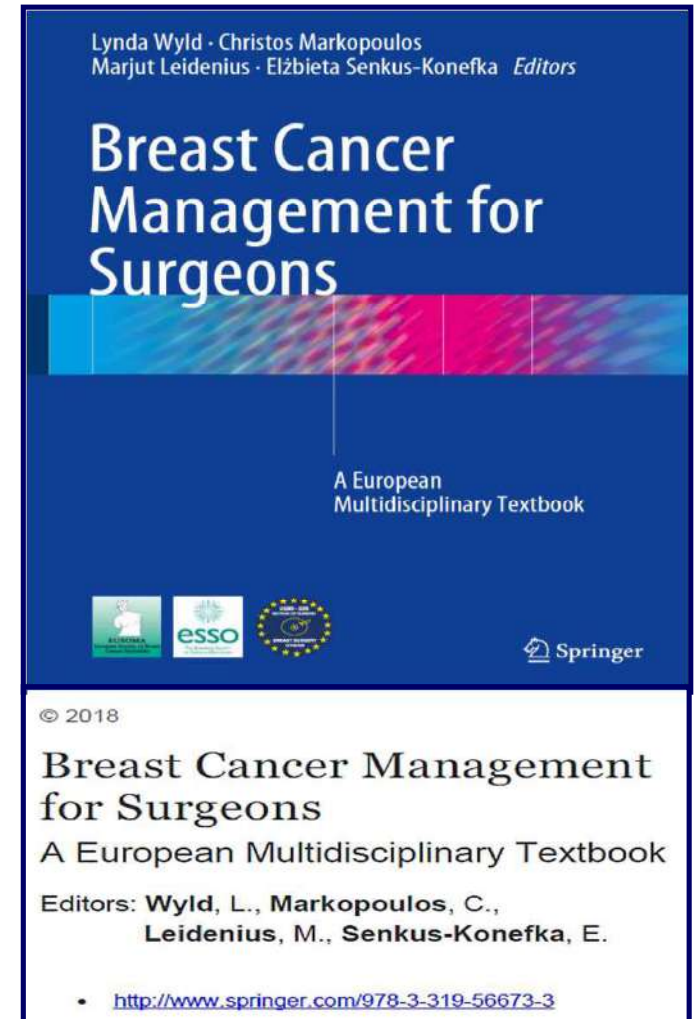
- The standard is that of **junior consultant breast surgeon** but requires knowledge of reconstruction and oncoplastics and the latest breast research
- **Textbook** to accompany the exam
(*discount for exam candidates and all profits go to support the exam*)



- **Syllabus** is available on the website to download
<https://uemssurg.org/divisions/breast-surgery/breast-surgery-curriculum/>

Breast Surgery syllabus

DOWNLOAD



KNOWLEDGE

The specialty of Breast Surgery requires Knowledge of the following topics:

1. Physiology of the Breast
2. Surgical Anatomy of the Breast and Axilla
3. Clinical Assessment of Breast Conditions
4. Breast (and related) Imaging techniques
5. Percutaneous needle biopsies
6. Benign breast diseases and conditions –
7. Incidence, aetiology and risk factors
8. Problems associated with Cosmetic Breast Implants and other medical implantable devices/materials
9. Breast cancer: incidence, aetiology and RF
10. Breast Cancer Screening
11. Breast cancer: biology, natural history, prognosis
12. Conservation Surgery for Breast Cancer/DCIS
13. Mastectomy
14. Axillary surgery
15. Breast cancer in special groups
16. Adjuvant systemic therapies in breast cancer
17. Adjuvant Radiotherapy
18. The role of the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting in breast cancer
19. Locally Advanced Breast cancer
20. Treatment of disseminated (stage IV) breast cancer
21. Psychosocial and follow-up. 'Survivorship' issues
22. Other breast malignancies- incidence, diagnosis and treatment modalities
23. Research and Evidence based medicine
24. Quality assurance in diagnosis and treatment of breast diseases

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS The speciality in Breast Surgery requires Knowledge and Skills in the following areas:

- Anaesthesia and perioperative care
- Postoperative complications
- Surgical anatomy of the breast and the axilla
- Diagnostic work-up in breast diseases
- Benign breast diseases and conditions
- Breast cancer: incidence, aetiology and risk factors
- Breast cancer : staging, biology, and prognosis
- Surgical treatment of invasive breast cancer, DCIS and the Paget's disease of the breast
- Treatment of local and regional recurrences after breast cancer surgery
- Treatment of locally advanced and disseminated (stage IV) breast cancer
- Axillary metastases and occult primary tumour
- Breast cancer in young women. Breast cancer in elderly. Male breast cancer
- Adjuvant and neo-adjuvant treatment in breast cancer
- The role of Multidisciplinary Team meeting in breast cancer
- Breast cancer: Psychosocial issues and follow-up care
- Other breast malignancies
- Research and Evidence based medicine