

UEMS DIVISION OF HEPATO-PANCREATICO-BILIARY (HPB) SURGERY BOARD CERTIFICATION - NEW EXAMINATION PROCESS-

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UEMS HPB Surgery Division & UEMS HPB Surgery Board of Examination meets the Virtual E-AHPBA Congress in Bilbao, Spain

To adjust for the Covid-19 timing and related challenges, UEMS HPB Surgery Division will deliver a **Virtual Certifying Exam** via new Exam Platform from the UEMS Section of Surgery.

Exams will take place at two different dates allowing familiarization from the examinees and examiners with the new online format.

UEMS HPB Multiple-Choice (MOC) Examination: will be held one day after the Bilbao E-AHPBA Post-Graduate Preparatory Course (15.09.2021). The online computer-based exam will start at 8:00 am and will end at 10:00 am CET on **September 16th, 2021**. The examinees will receive instructions regarding the platform training one week before the MOC Examination and also about Video monitoring regulations. Results will be provided within 24 hours allowing administrative preparation for the oral exam.

UEMS HPB Oral Examination: This will be delivered virtually only on **September 18th, 2021** from 08:00 am to 4:00 pm CET. Only candidates who successfully passed the MOC part will invited for the oral exams. There will be three consecutive 30-minutes sessions per candidate. Candidates will be evaluated based on their skills of patient care, ability to discuss diagnose and management of patients with diseases of the liver, portal venous system, spleen, pancreas, biliary tract including principles of minimally invasive surgery, as well as knowledge on non-technical skills.

Certification: Surgeons who are successful on both examinations, will become board certified in HPB Surgery by the UEMS-European Board of Surgery Qualification (EBSQ).

UEMS HPB Surgery Division under the lead of Alejandro Serrablo together with the UEMS Surgery section have done tremendous work to overcome the barriers caused by the transition between the current UEMS platform and the new designed UEMS platform. They had to deal with the many new challenges during the transition period (July 2021- October 2021). Therefore, we decided to extend the **application deadline to July 07th, 2021** for the Virtual EBSQ Examination in Bilbao, Spain and application **deadline until September 3rd, 2021** for the EBSQ Examination in Zurich, Switzerland.

The E-AHPBA Education Committee is offering two Preparatory Courses for the European Board of Surgery Qualification (EBSQ) in HPB Surgery during the 2021 Academic Year. Those courses are E-AHPBA Post-Graduate Gold Seal Courses (**September 15th, 2021** - EAHPBA Congress-Bilbao, and **on November 12th, 2021** – EAHPBA Post-Graduate Liver Gold Seal Course-Zurich, Switzerland) and the individuals planning to take the scheduled exams either on **September 16th and 18th or on November 13th** (<https://www.uemssurg.org/divisions/hpb-surgery/ebsq-examination2>) are strongly encouraged to register for those courses that are aligned with UEMS HPB Surgery Board Examination Curriculum Outline (<https://www.uemssurg.org/divisions/hpb-surgery/curriculum>).

Under the current special time and “re-activation” of our examination and educative activities, I wish to all members, faculties and other colleagues my best wishes for our special mission at UEMS HPB Surgery and E-AHPBA Congress.

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