



TRAINING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT IN SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

The West African College of Surgeons, in partnership with accredited training institutions in West Africa, announces the availability of post-Fellowship training opportunities in the following areas of Surgical Oncology:

- Surgical Oncology (General)
- Breast Oncology Surgery
- Hepatico-Pancreatico-Biliary (HPB) Oncology Surgery
- Gynae-Oncology
- Head and Neck Oncology (ORL, Maxillo-Facial & Ocular Oncology)

Synopsis of the Training Program: The surgical oncology program is a post-residency training lasting a minimum of 12 months (Head & Neck Oncology), or 24 months (others), and geared towards post-Fellowship Advanced Diploma certification in the various areas of surgical oncology. The training will equip and certify surgeons as surgical oncologists, gynae-oncologists, or head & neck surgical oncologists in any of the countries of West Africa and beyond. Trainees are to spend the period in total immersion hands-on training in the accredited institutions for the entire duration.

Institution for hands-on training: Each trainee will undertake a minimum of 6 months mandatory rotation in a WACS-designated international partner institution. Trainees will also have the opportunity for rotation through the best centers in particular aspects of surgical Oncology within West Africa. The accredited training institutions and their programs are detailed below.

	Available Training Programs
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Accredited Institutions	Surgical Oncology (General)	Breast Oncology Surgery	HPB Oncology Surgery	Gyane-Oncology	Head & Neck Oncology (ORL)	Head & Neck Oncology (Maxillo-Facial)	Head & Neck Oncology (Ocular)
Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi, Ghana	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Ile-Ife, Nigeria	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
National Hospital, Abuja, Nigeria	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	yes	-
University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada, Nigeria	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	-	-
University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu, Nigeria	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Application Process: Interested surgeons with appropriate qualification should send a formal written application with supporting credentials **via email** to the following address:

Surgical Oncology Training Program Coordinator
West African College of Surgeons
4 Harvey Street, Yaba, Lagos
Email: info@wacsoac.org

N. B: The subject of the email should be: **WACS Surgical Oncology Program**

In their submission, the applicant should indicate their basic surgical qualification, surgical oncology area of interest, and preferred accredited training institution.

Application criteria:

1. The applicant must have completed residency training and passed the Fellowship of the West African College of Surgeons or an equivalent College in the appropriate base specialty.
2. The applicant must be employed in an institution within West Africa or show evidence of financial support throughout the training period.
3. Post-Fellowship residents and junior consultants in training institutions are preferred.
4. Letters of recommendation from two surgeons who have worked with the applicant are required.

All applications (electronic) must reach the above-mentioned address on or before the close of work on Friday, December 2, 2024.

Selection and final placement of successful applicants will be subject to the trainee's acceptance by the individual accredited training institution.

The expected commencement of the training program will be in March/April 2025.



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