



VASCULAR ACCESS TRAINING FOR EXTERNAL FELLOWS

General information

Center: Vascular access centre of General Hospital Trbovlje
 Supervisor: Boštjan Leskovar, MD, FESC
 Specialty: Nephrology
 Duration: 6 weeks
 Language: Slovenian, English, Croatian
 Costs: €500-1000 per month including hospital apartment

Training opportunities

	Cases per year	Observer	Assistant	Operator
Duplex ultrasound				
Vessel mapping	200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Surveillance	400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Complications	200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outpatient clinic				
Vascular access creation	100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vascular access complications	200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Multidisciplinary meeting	40	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interventions				
Central venous catheters	100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Endovascular interventions	150	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arteriovenous access creation	100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arteriovenous access revision	100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Additional information:

Vascular access out-patient clinic: 1 day per week

Vascular access operating room: 2 days per week

The hospital is a regional referral center for vascular access and has specific expertise in duplex-guided angioplasty and biological arteriovenous grafts. Fellows typically participate in 10-15 interventions and 20-30 ultrasound assessments per week.

Background knowledge / skills required:

Valid physician license in state of residence.

The way of participation (as operator or assistant) depends on prior experience.

Previous fellows

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Reviews Trbovlje

Tahir Kalač

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This fellowship was an extremely valuable professional experience that substantially enhanced both my theoretical understanding and practical skills in vascular access. I achieved significant progress in comprehensive AV fistula follow-up and endovascular ultrasound-guided interventions. I received answers to many everyday clinical dilemmas — from choosing the most appropriate fistula type for individual patients to complex decision-making in challenging cases.

5 stars

Fahrudin Masnic

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Dr. Leskovar conveyed his extensive expertise in a highly professional, structured, and thorough manner, while remaining exceptionally approachable, supportive, and open to discussion. The entire staff of Trbovlje General Hospital demonstrated remarkable collegiality, kindness, and accessibility, creating a welcoming and academically stimulating learning environment.

5 stars

Shpresim Jagupi

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The fellowship provided excellent hands-on exposure to a broad range of vascular access procedures, combined with high-quality supervision and a supportive learning environment. The team was very approachable. I found the fellowship to be well structured, educational, and highly valuable for my professional development.

5 stars

Nina Apostolovska

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As a young vascular surgeon, I had the chance to obtain experience in endovascular treatment in vascular access, monitoring, and diagnosing patients as well as to upgrade my ultrasonography skills. It was an invaluable opportunity to complete my training in vascular access surgery and broaden my views on the care for hemodialysis patients.

5 stars