

Santiago Training Center - WGO Info Package

Location: Santiago, Chile
Center Chair: Dr. Claudio Navarrete
Vice Chair: Dr Roque Saenz



Introduction:

The Latin-American training center for advanced endoscopic techniques was founded in Santiago, Chile in 1997 and endorsed by WGO on July 23, 2004.

Aims/Mission:

- To increase the advanced endoscopy skills of Endoscopists from different latitudes, especially from the Latin-American area. Upon return to their home institutions, trainees should have attained the knowledge and skills to improve local healthcare delivery and to disseminate this skill set to their colleagues.
- To prepare physicians in the field of endoscopy sedation.
- To encourage trainees to increase their academic credentials.

Facilities:

The WGO Santiago Training Center is located at the Clinica Alemana in Santiago. The facilities are housed in a new building with various rooms dedicated to the Training Center on the 3rd and 4th floors of the hospital. The facilities on the 3rd floor include:

- A training and administrative area
- EUS
- Reception area for public patients
- X-ray – Surgical Endoscopy Room
- Recovery Room
- Video Library
- Physiology Lab

Facilities located on the fourth floor include:

- Reception / Front Desk

- 4 Endoscopy Suites
- Recovery Room
- Waiting Room
- Nurses Area
- Pharmacy
- Supplies



Teaching Facilities:

A maximum of 8 trainees are admitted for every 4 month period (Accommodations are available). Four month training periods run throughout the year on an "overlapping" cycle, meaning that on arrival a trainee has exposure to other trainees who are at a point midway through their training so that they may transmit their experience to the new trainees.

Faculty and Staff:

- Drs. Claudio Navarrete., Chair
- Roque Sáenz., Vice – Chair
- [Carlos Reyes., Anesthesiology Chair](#)
- [Changed to Jaime Altamirano](#)
- Cecilia Castillo. EUS and Surgical Endoscopy
- Carlos Harz., Surgical Endoscopy
- Jaquelina Gobelet., Surgical Endoscopy
- Xabier de Aretxabala., Surgical Endoscopy
- Ling Vargas., Surgical Endoscopy
- Antonio Rollán., Surgical Endoscopy
- Rodrigo Valderrama., Surgical Endoscopy

- Juana Jaque., Anesthesiology
- Antonieta Rico., Anesthesiology

- Ms. Pamela Bustos. Manager
- Ms. María Paz Alvarado., Secretary

Areas of Training:

- Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy
- Endoscopy Sedation
- Endoscopic Ultrasound
- Colonoscopy

Courses/Training Programs Offered:

The Santiago Center offers training programs to endoscopists, nurses, GI assistants and anaesthesiologists. It also offers selective training or Upgrade Courses (CME) to trained therapeutic endoscopists.

One day course – Sedation and Endoscopy
(held biennially)

Date: March 23 2011

Live Demonstrations (held biennially)

Date: March 2011

Advances in Therapeutic Endoscopy.



Advanced Endoscopic Training – 4 months

The curriculum is flexible according to the previous background of the trainee and/or the requirements of the trainee's home institution. The first month of training is for observation only, followed by 3 months of hands-on training. Six weekly academic activities take place throughout the training (Clinical/Endoscopical and Training Tools Meetings). There are 3 training periods per year, alternating every two months to provide trainee overlap, thereby allowing trainees to benefit from information exchange.

In addition to the ongoing training courses, the center holds Biennial International Courses on Therapeutic Endoscopy.

The anaesthesiologists training program **lasts for 3 months.**

Regulatory Requirements:

Endoscopist Certificate. (Gastroenterologists, Digestive Surgeons. Pediatric Gastroenterologists, Anesthesiologists).

Commitment to the training period and to train others upon return to home institution.

Commitment from the Head of Service of the Trainee's Home institution, for providing him/her with updated equipment and an endoscopy position.

Certifications:

The training center issues a certificate stating the period of training.

Trainee Application Process:

A priority application system is implemented in the selection of candidates based on qualifications, needs and time of application as listed below.

The Center allocates 3 training positions per year to the World Gastroenterology Organisation and a special "Elbio Zeballos Award" requires specific application.

The following criteria are reviewed and considered when selecting trainees:

- Needs for training in a determinate area.
- Public Health > private health
- Commitment to practicing in the endoscopy area on return to the trainee's home environment
- Provision of adequate equipment at the home unit
- An updated CV is required.
- Cultural, language and geographical proximities are desirable
- Links between the centres are desirable i.e. trainees from WGO Primary Training Centers could apply to the advanced centres for further expertise
- Applicants should be qualified Gastroenterologists, Surgeons, Paediatric Gastroenterologists or "Gastroenterological anaesthesiologists" already trained in the GIE area.
- Trainees are required to specify their aims before structuring their training period.
- Training can be provided in Spanish, English, Portuguese.

Lodging if provided for a minimal cost. Eight trainees can be accommodated simultaneously. Lunch is provided free of charge by the Clinica Alemana.

Further Academic Activities:

- Five Biennial International Courses on Therapeutic Endoscopy to date
- Selective training or upgrades (CME) for trained therapeutic endoscopists
- Six thematic courses, one devoted to Models in Endoscopy
- Library Meta Searcher System (CIM)

Endorsements:

The Santiago Training Center has been endorsed by

- The World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO)
- Sociedad Chilena de Gastroenterología
- OMED/WEO (Center of Excellence)

Funding / Sponsorship:

Funding and/or sponsorship is currently received from the following sources:

- World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO)
- Clinica Alemana
- Olympus
- Wilson Cook

Philanthropic Endeavors:

The Santiago center provides a unique and substantial philanthropic contribution to the region by performing 2500 therapeutic endoscopic procedures free-of-charge to patients from 52 hospitals and institutions on an annual basis. This represents an

enormous economic contribution towards the annual budget of the National Ministry of Health. These patients are, in turn, available for hands-on teaching procedures including dilatation, stenting, APC, mucosectomy, EMR, ESD, magnification, chromoendoscopy, NBI, ERCP and stone retrieval, PEG, removal of large colonic polyps etc. An "open door" outreach policy provides consultancy services to assist in the treatment of difficult cases as required by gastroenterologists in the region.

The teaching and training process is free of charge for local trainees as well as for those from abroad. The Staff members, do not receive any remuneration for training activities. Similar conditions are provided the training of anaesthesiologists and nurses in the field of gastrointestinal endoscopy. Faculty in the numerous courses, workshops and congresses do not receive remuneration for their training activities.

Site-Seeing Experiences

The TC is located in a peaceful area in the modern part of the City Of Santiago, in new facilities inaugurated on 2006. A superb panoramic view of the Los Andes Mountains can be seen from The Clinica Alemana and the trainee's lodging.

A modern shopping Mall is located nearby, within walking distance of the center, as well as parks and pathways for jogging.

Training Center Needs:

Support for Trainee lodging facilities
Materials for GIE Library and Video Library
Faculty for Annual Courses in March
Experts for short teaching stays
Staff for short learning stays
Simulators
Training Materials
Contact with International Libraries and Access to their Resources
Scholarships for Trainees desired

Santiago Training Center Scholarship Amount:

7700 USD