Brasilia Training Center
The latest updates in September

Dr. Liliana Mendes continues to have successful training. The Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication (TIF) training occurred on September 30th, 2023, at Santa Helena Rede D’Or Brasilia Hospital. TIF is a minimally invasive procedure to treat acid reflux, also known as heartburn, and other symptoms associated with chronic gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

**By: Dr. Liliana Mendes**

**More about TIF…**

The latest updates to get you through the day

**Who can benefit from the TIF procedure?**

Patients who have GERD symptoms and are not managed well with other treatments, such as antacids. Repairing the esophagus valve with TIF can be an alternative way to ease GERD symptoms.

**What does Fundoplication mean?**

Fundoplication means folding of the fundus, the tissue at the top of the stomach. By folding the fundus around the opening between the stomach and esophagus, a gastroenterologist reinforces this area to prevent stomach acid from coming up into the esophagus. It helps create a new barrier to reflux from the stomach.

**What does Transoral mean?**

The procedure is done through the mouth without any external incisions.

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Ankara Training Center
In-Active

Dr. Sedat Boyacoglu

Has been inactive since the pandemic. Will keep you informed of any updates.

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Myanmar Training Center

The latest updates

Prof. Than Than Aye

The Training Center needs remote training assistance.......Please reach out to Dr. Luis C. Sabbagh (sabbaghluis@gmail.com) for further information

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Bogotá Training Center

The latest updates

Dr. Luis Carlos Sabbagh

30th Anniversary Course of Endoscopy. Will be held on February 1, 2, & 3, 2024, Bogotá Colombia.
The OPGE is a scientific entity whose mission is to promote the development of Gastroenterology in the countries of America in the widest sense. WGO attended the exhibit that occurred on October 8th through 11th in Santiago, Chile. Guess who visited WGO’s booth:

Dr. Luis Sabbagh has met with twenty-one Training Centers. Great accomplishment. Dr. Sabbagh will meet on a one-on-one with Blantyre, Karachi, and Xi’an Training Centers.

On another note, Dr. Sabbagh celebrates on a yearly basis an Anniversary Course in Endoscopy. On February 1, 2, & 3, of 2024, he is celebrating his 30th Anniversary Course of Endoscopy.

WGO had a booth at the ACG Annual Scientific meeting and postgraduate course in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from October 20th to 25th. Guess who visited WGO’s booth:

October has been a very busy month for the Directors / Professors of the Training Centers.
In 2023, a few months into our second year of training, we, Dr. Miriam Gatehi, Dr. Nashon Okanga, and Dr. Rupal Maru, had to plan our activities for the year. The year on a personal note for our team meant improving our skills in basic and advanced colonoscopy training. Our trainers Prof Elly Ogutu, Dr. Ayo Onyango, Dr. John Ngugi had planned daily learning objectives and more elaborate workshops over the year, said Dr. Maru.

The daily learning objectives included doing colonoscopies with good technique and achieving all quality indicators while performing a colonoscopy, all therapeutics for upper GI and lower GI to be learned such as polypectomies, endoscopic mucosal resection, esophageal banding and stenting, argon plasma coagulation, glue injection for Fundal varices. There was a lot of learning to look forward to. Dr. Maru said we slowly but surely improved our skills as the months progressed. The learning curve was steep, and colonoscopy surely humbled us young fellows. The constant reassurance from our trainers helped us achieve our learning objectives.

Dr. Maru said, in April they had their first colonoscopy training workshop that included other doctors who were already practicing some luminal endoscopies and those who had now developed an interest and came in for basic training with both the local and international faculty teaching us on basic and advanced skills and techniques including EMR and ESD.

The workshops are an amazing balance of learning and fun. The excitement you feel meeting other colleagues both locally and internationally is close to none. There is so much intense learning over the three days but exhilarating at the same time. The International Faculty includes Prof John Karesten, Dr. Mohan Ramchandani, and Dr. Amol Bapaye.
WGO Nairobi Training Center

The complex cases needing ESD benefited, and the patients have done well on follow-up. The ESD training helped us build our capacity locally, said Dr. Maru.

The second major activity of the year was in August, this was even more intense than the first. Prof. Ogutu’s meticulous planning of each topic and the live case presentation blew me away. You can only understand this if you were there, said Dr. Maru.

Prof. Nageshwar Reddy teaching taking us through the patient endoscopic finding and learning pearls. Dr. Alissa Walsh and Dr. Amit Maydeo listening keenly.

Left to right: Mostafa from Fuji, Prof. Nageshwar Reddy, Dr. Rupal Maru, Dr. Amit Maydeo, Dr. Ajua Alemanji, Dr. Alissa Walsh, Prof. Elly Ogutu, and Dr. N ashamed Okanga

The conference had international and local faculty as presenters. As young fellows, we had not met or interacted with these many delegates and faculty. This conference made it possible. The international faculty was exemplary, said Dr. Maru.

Prof. Reddy & Dr. Amit Maydeo being honored for their unmatched contribution to the WGO training program.

From left to right:
Front row: Prof. Elly Ogutu, Dr. Smita Devani, Prof. Lars, Prof. Reddy, Dr. Amit Maydeo, Dr. Lodeno, Dr. Betty Musau, and Dr. Miriam Gatehi.

Second row: Dr. Rupal Maru, Dr. Ayo Onyango, Dr. Mutie, Prof. Maria Butti, Prof. Esteban, Dr. Kioko, Dr. Alissa Walsh, Dr. Orsmane Ocama, and Dr. Stephen Kiaru.

Dr. Rajesh Puri ready for Hot Axios procedure at the live session, GSK conference.

Great job!
Great Training!

The faculty in attendance was Prof Lars Aakaben, Prof Purnima Bhat, Prof Prasad Iyer, Dr. Amit Maydeo, Prof. Nageshwar Reddy, Prof. Maria Butti, Dr. Balachandran, Dr. Rajesh Puri, Prof. Mostafa Ibrahim, Dr. Ibrahim Mostafa, Dr. Alissa Walsh, Prof. Esteban, and Dr Nancy Fanous, Prof. Paul Kelly, and Prof. Panciano Ocama.

Left to right: Dr. Linda Gathara, Prof. Ibrahim, and Dr. Rupal Maru at the Egypt conference.

This workshop needed us to put our efforts together under strong leadership. I feel very proud to be under such guidance and mentorship.

By: Dr. Rupal Maru
The third event training at the endoscopy unit was a collaboration with the Japanese Government through the Olympus team both internationally and locally. The training aimed to improve gastrointestinal disease evaluation in Kenya by building capacity.

Three faculty members from Kyushu Hospital in Japan were in attendance to teach fourteen doctors from various regions in Kenya. The current WGO fellows were also included. Prof. Ogutu, Dr. Ayo, and Dr. Lee were our local faculty. All ears during lectures.

They assessed us on our skills and awarded an opportunity to a fully funded training for a month, i.e. the month of November, at the Kyushu Hospital, Japan.

Kenya is the land of "Hakuna Matata" meaning no worries (trouble) but most importantly a land of great friendships. Prof. Ogutu has shown us this with his associations with the international and local faculty.

Dr. Miriam, Okanga, and I have a great working and social friendship. We traveled locally and internationally for conferences as WGO fellows, and we hope to continue even after we complete our training. We learn to grow each other every day by being our best version. We discuss school and give psychological support to each other on our bad days. Miriam teaches us a lot about how to save and work efficiently. Okanga is a very calm fellow, and we have learned humility from him.

The three of us have our research topics in place and are working towards publishing them, said Dr. Rupal Maru.

The research topics are:

- Effect of the COVID pandemic on endoscopic capacity at a public hospital in Kenya, Dr. Miriam Gatehi.
- Evaluation of Quality of Colonoscopy at KNH Dr. Rupal Maru.
- Lower GI Bleeding at KNH Dr. Nashon Okanga.

Certifications are as follow:

- Certificates are provided. No fees are required for training.
- Applicants can choose a specific course (short duration courses) or apply for an Elective (1 - 4 months duration) on General Hepatology, Viral Hepatitis, Hepatocellular Carcinoma, Liver Transplantation, Critical and Emergency Care in Hepatology, Liver Pathology, and Tissue Elastography Course.
- Short duration courses are limited to 20 trainees each. Electives are open on an individual basis.
- Official language is Portuguese. Electives are available also in English and Spanish.

By: Ellist L. Muñíz
The latest update

**WGO New Delhi Training Center**

The Departmental Office has provided WGO with the most updated information for WGO New Delhi Training Center.

The Training Center offers:

- **Short Training Courses in Hepatology:**
  - Course duration varies from 4 to 12 weeks. The candidates can start any time during the whole year, at least 4 months of processing time is needed for formalities.

- **Advanced Hepatology Training:**
  - The duration of the training can be either 6 or 12 months.

The duration of the above training programs is modifiable as per the need and request of the candidate. Prospective candidates are advised to enter the desired duration of their training in the portal while submitting application.

**Instructions / Training Process**

All received applications would be placed before the Competent Authority at the training center for decision and result would be communicated to the trainee in due course. In the case of hands-on training experience, prior permission of the Competent Authority at ILBS and National Medical Commission (NMC) would be essential.

In the case of a successful application, candidate will be communicated to submit online application to the National Medical Commission (NMC) for obtaining mandatory permission via following link:

**Registration:**

https://www.nmc.org.in/ActivitiWebClient/open/registerfpfc

Then, **Login:**

https://www.nmc.org.in/ActivitiWebClient/login

Please note that the application fee at NMC as per current information is $900/- INR (5,000 Fee + 18% GST), subject to change from time to time.

For further information on courses, national and international trainees should contact:

Hepatology Secretariat: departmentaloffice.ilbs@gmail.com

CC: Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma: manojkumardm@gmail.com

Candidates are advised to submit their applications via: https://www.ilbs.in/?page=onlinetrainingapplication_form

Prospectus available at:

https://www.ilbs.in/?page=internal&itemid=51

Training fee and hostel details are available at:

https://www.ilbs.in/images/training_docs/Training_Fee.pdf

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**WGO Rome Training Center**

Ms. Flamina Belli from WGO Rome Training Center has provided WGO with the most updated information. The EETC has a learning room equipped with a fully integrated audio-video system connected to the Endoscopy Unit that allows live broadcast directly from the Endoscopy Unit to the EETC.

Trainees interested in courses and the training period may email eetc@abcongress.it

For additional information please visit WGO Rome Training Center site:

https://www.worldgastroenterology.org/education-and-training-centers/centers/wgo-rome-training-center

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**WGO La Paz Training Center**

Dr. Miguel Villa-Gomez from the WGO La Paz Training Center has provided WGO with the most updated information. The Training Center offers training, and the requirements are as followed for:

**Advance Endoscopy Training:**

- Curriculum Vitae
- Passport photograph
- Letter of recommendation from the Head of Service or Director of the Hospital the trainee works for.
- Personal letter addressed to the Director of the WGO La Paz Training Center, expressing the perspective and objectives that motivate the trainee’s application and the working conditions the trainee will have upon their return to their country.
- Commitment notes.
- Application form.

**International Training:**

- Letter that explains the reasons for the application and the applicant’s expectations regarding the course.
- Photocopy of identity document or passport.
- Photocopy of gastroenterology specialist certification. Digestive surgeons with training and practice in digestive endoscopy and final year residents with certification from the training institution may be considered.

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**Technology and Procedures used at La Paz Training Center:**

- Endoscopic retrograde, Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), Hemorrhage therapy, Endoscopic Resections among others.

La Paz Training Center has 3 Endoscopy rooms fully equipped with Olympus and Pentax towers.
By: Dr. Enrique Coss

The latest breaking news of the day
WGO Mexico City Training Center

Dr. Enrique Coss is happy to let us know about their training information, please read as followed:

**Areas of Training**

- GI Motility Tests
- Endoscopic Ultrasound
- Enteroscopy
- ERCP and Bilio-Pancreatic Therapeutic Endoscopy

**Training/Courses Offered:**

One trainee is accepted for each of the training courses listed above for a training duration of 3 months. The curriculum is flexible according to the experience and background education of trainees and special requirements of the home institutions. Please see attached core curriculum overview.

**Regulatory Requirements:**

- Medical insurance for foreign trainees.

**Trainee Application Process and Requirements:**

- Trainees must have completed a 3-years residency in gastroenterology or general surgery and a 1-year training period in basic gastrointestinal endoscopy at an institution accredited by the Mexican Board of Gastroenterology or a foreign equivalent.
- Medical insurance for foreign trainees.
- Trainees are responsible for their own travel expenses to and from the course.

**Application Process:**

- Only fully trained gastroenterologist is subject to be considered for training in the center.

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By: Dr. Enrique Coss

The latest breaking news of the day
WGO Mexico City Training Center

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By: Dr. Herbert Burgos

The latest breaking news
WGO San José Training Center

Dr. Herbert Burgos from WGO San José Training Center shared the information about their training center, read as followed:

- A maximum of 10 trainees can undergo training simultaneously. Accommodation is available for 20 students and 4 faculty members.

**WGO San José continuation…….**

Recommendation from local national GI society or University.

**Application materials include:**

- Application form.
- Certification of Recommendation from local national GI society or University.
- Certification of Endoscopic Skills.
- Curriculum Vitae

Trainees can participate in the GI medical rounds with the Costa Rican Society of Gastroenterology as well as other Societies in the diffusion of new concepts in GI disease. In addition, trainees will be exposed to other health centers to gain an understanding of the health system in Costa Rica.

**ENDOSCOPY EQUIPMENT:**

- Fujifilm ELUXEO Processors
- Fujifilm ELUXEO Endoscopes 760Z series (Magnified=)
- Fujifilm EUS System
- Fujifilm Enteroscopy system
- Fujinon Nasoendoscopes

**Auxiliary Equipment**

- Medtronic P30 Capnography unit
- ERBE VIO3 generator unit
- Medtronic BARRX Radiofrequency Unit
- Medtronic Endolip System 1.0 and 2.0
- Stretta System Unit
By: Dr. Ganiyat Oyeleke

The latest breaking news of the day
WGO Lagos Training Center

Dr. Oyeleke shared the training process, technology used and procedures from her training center. Please read below:

**Training Process:**
- Any doctor with an interest in endoscopy can apply.
- Open to all in Nigeria and Africa.
- Application letter to be addressed to the Director of the center Dr OYELEKE - drgoyeleke@yahoo.com.

**Requirements:**
- Detailed CV, Letter from training institution for support.
- The proposed duration of training depends on the level of the trainee. Minimum recommended is 3 months.
- Short courses with didactic lectures of three to Five days available during quarterly training sessions.

**Technology / Procedures**
- Technology for training mainly face to face-physical on virtual lectures and demonstration.
- Hands-on training sessions available.
- Basic upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures.
- Therapeutic GI endoscopy procedures: polypectomy, variceal band ligation, hemorrhoidal ligation, foreign body removal, PEG tube insertion etc.

Please visit Dr. Ganiyat Oyeleke’s website at: https://www.worldgastroenterology.org/education-and-training/training-centers/centers/lagos-training-center

By: Elly Ogutu

WGO Nairobi Training Center

Dr. Elly Ogutu shared his Training Center package for the Nairobi’s Training Center.

**Training application process and requirements:**
- Candidates interested in applying please send the application with an updated CV to the Director (Dr. Elly Ogutu at cogutu.otieno@gmail.com, and copied the administrator Stephen Onyango at sa.onyango74@gmail.com.
- The CV is reviewed by a panel and those who meet the requirements are considered on merit.
- There have been too many applications, the training center is considering introducing an additional oral interview.

**Requirements for fellowship training in gastroenterology:**
- Applicants must have a basic degree in medicine.
- Applicants must have a master’s degree in internal medical or surgical specialty.
- Registered or eligible for registration by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and dentist board.
- Applicants must be ready to be a full-time trainee and be part of the gastroenterology department of Kenyatta National Hospital.
- Duration of training 2 years with an optional additional 1 year for advanced specialized training.

**Technology and Procedures**
- Technology used:
  - Onsite and online training: for case and topic discussions, literature review, journal club.
  - Hands-on endoscopy training with consultant gastroenterologist in attendance.
  - Regular workshops 2-3 per year on procedures with invited experts.

  - Upper & lower git endoscopy: diagnostic and therapeutic.
  - ERCP a bit in the second year but is reserved mainly for the third year: All aspects of ERCP.
  - EUS during organized workshops.
  - Liver biopsy.

**Note:**
- The training center is starting a rotation in abdominal ultrasound.
- The training center does not offer motility and Ph studies.
By: Dr. Luis Carlos Sabbagh

The latest breaking news of the day
WGO Bogotá Training Center

Message from Dr Sabbagh to you:

A New Year is like a blank book, and the pen is in your hands. As the New Year approaches us with hopes anew, here is to wish you and your family a wonderful year ahead. I hope it is filled with promises of a brighter tomorrow. May all your wildest dreams manifest in 2024.

New year, new start ... Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! from our family to yours!

By: Ellist Muniz

2024 Update... things to know and keep in mind

Committees Meeting

If you are part of a committee, please be aware all committee meetings should be scheduled at least 4 times in 2024 during the months of March, June, September, and December. All meetings should be scheduled from 8:00 am CST and onward.

Training Center Website Update

We need the following information from all the Directors and Co-Directors:

- Your latest Training Center update, this include and not limited to:
  - Training Process
  - Training Application and Requirements
  - Technology used.
  - Procedures taught.

WGO 2023 Training Center Annual Report Application,
WGO 2024 Educational Activity Application,
and
WGO 2024 Trainee Grants Program Application

During the first quarter of 2023 we emailed the Training Center Annual Report Application, Educational Activity Application and Training Grants Program Application all in one e-mail.

In January 2024, please be aware we will send one e-mail with all three applications. Please be responsive in terms of your Annual Report. It is imperative that we receive the information in a timely manner. The Annual Report is due February 28th, 2024.

IMPORTANT

When forwarding the Trainee Grants Program Application to the trainees please help them understand:

- All suggested applicants can apply.
- Directors / Co-Directors will confirm that the applicant(s) has completed the course / training as scheduled.
- Applying does not guarantee the applicant will receive the award / grant.

May 2024 be a successful and fruitful year.