



DSTCTM Course Requirements

## **Definition**

The DSTCTM Course is the intellectual property and a registered Trademark (TM) of the International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC). IATSIC is an Integrated Society of the International Society of Surgery (ISS/SIC) based in Zurich, Switzerland. While it may carry the endorsement (support) of other bodies, this does not imply that other organisations may operate or control the DSTCTM Course in any way. Courses that include an anaesthetic component may be referred to as including the Definitive Anaesthetic Trauma Care (DATC) course. Faculty for this component are required to be trained in anaesthesiology and local Directors and International Faculty need to be members of IATSIC

For the avoidance of doubt, whether or not a course contains an anaesthetic component, the overall course is known as DSTC and the regulations pertinent to DSTC listed below are relevant to the whole course.

The DSTCTM Course is designed to train licensed medical practitioners in the techniques required for the definitive surgical care of the trauma patient. This is done by a combination of lectures, demonstrations, case discussions and practical sessions.

**ONLY courses recognised by IATSIC and given an official course number by the DSTCTM Office in Switzerland, may be called DSTCTM Courses. This number must appear on all certificates.**

## **Registration**

The registration and control of the DSTCTM courses will be through the DSTCTM Sub Committee on behalf of IATSIC, coordinated by the Head Office, based in Switzerland. While it is desirable that National courses be controlled by a National organisation, there will be no restriction on local courses provided that international DSTCTM criteria are met.

## **Application**

ALL applications, to hold a course (including certification of ethics clearance), **MUST** reach the IATSIC Office **at least 90 days** before the date of the course. Application to hold a course must be made through the DSTCTM Sub Committee of IATSIC, via the ISS Headquarters in Switzerland.

The ethics submission must include a copy of the ethics submission to the local approval committee, as well as the approval documentation. Where these documents are not in English, an English summary and precis of the approval documentation must also be provided.

Provided the minimum requirements for the course have been met, as laid down below, IATSIC will recognise the course, which will then be entitled to be called a DSTCTM course, and carry the IATSIC logo. All courses must carry an official course number, issued by the IATSIC office.

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## **Course Content**

The content of the course will as a **minimum**, contain both presentations and skills covering the core curriculum, as laid down in the IATSIC DSTCTM Manual. Additional material and modules may be included at the discretion of the local organisers, provided such material is not in conflict with the core curriculum. Additional DSTCTM Course “add-on” modules may be presented at the discretion of the local organisers. The DSTCTM Course is a “stand-alone” registered course, and as such may not be presented as a constituent of any other course.

A Memorandum of Understanding will have been signed confirming this undertaking.

## **Course Material**

IATSIC is able to furnish the IATSIC DSTCTM Course Manual, currently in English, Spanish and Portuguese, if requested, and at a substantial discount, and other course materials (including slides on PowerPoint®).

The course will use a specific set of slides, as issued by IATSIC, and the DSTCTM Course manual.

Provided the minimum core syllabus is adhered to, a local course manual and material can be used. There is currently no charge for the IATSIC PowerPoint® slides.

**Course Director**

The Course Director must be a full, current, member of IATSIC.

* For an inaugural National Course, and for ALL IATSIC run International Courses (i.e. courses where a National Memorandum of Understanding does not exist), the Course Director **must** be a member of the **DSTC Committee or a person authorised by the DSTC Committee to direct the course**.

**Course Faculty**

* Course Faculty members must have themselves attended a DSTCTM Course
* Course Faculty members must have completed an ATLS® Instructor Course, Royal College of Surgeons “Train the Trainers” Course, or an equivalent Instructor training course.
* Details of all Faculty with confirmation of the above must be lodged with IATSIC 90 days prior to the commencement of the Course.

**Instructor / Student ratio**

* The recommended student/instructor ratio should ideally be 3/1, but may not be larger than 4/1 (not including the course director)

**Participants**

* The level of applicants can be decided locally, provided that the participants are licensed medical practitioners, and must be ***actively involved in the trauma decision making processes and surgery/anaesthesia*** of the Trauma patient.
* An Entrance multiple choice examination can be used if needed.

**Certification**

* Participants are required to attend the entire course
* Certification of attendance and completion of the course can be issued
* A course evaluation summary must be submitted to IATSIC within 60 days after the end of the course. (See Post Course report)



**Definitive Surgical/Anaesthesia Trauma CareTM Course**

**Application to hold a DSTCTM/DATCTM Course (online application available at** [**www.iatsic.org**](http://www.iatsic.org)**)**

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| **Application Date** |  | **Application sent by:** | **email** |  | **Fax** |  | **Post** |  |
| **Country** |  | **City** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Course Dates** (dd/mm/yyyy) | **From** |  | **To** |  |
| **Nature of Course** | **National DSTC Programme** |  | **Individual DSTC Course** |  |
| **Course Venue** |  |
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| **DSTC Course Director** |  | **IATSIC Member since** |  |
|  | **Telephone:** |  | **Fax Number:** |  |
|  | **Cell Number:** |  |
|  | **Email** |  |
| **Course Coordinator** |  |
|  | **Telephone:** |  | **Fax Number:** |  |
|  | **Cell Number:** |  |
|  | **Email:** |  |
| **Course Website** |  |
| **DATC Course included** | **Yes** |  | **No** |  |
| **DATC Course Director** |  | **Email** |  |
| **Planned No Participants** | **Surgeons** |  | **Anaesthesiologists** |  |
| (if applicable) | **Scrub Nurses** |  | **Anaesthetic Techs/Nurses** |  |
| **Postal Address** |  |
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| **Number of Manuals** |  | **Courier shipping** |  | **Standard shipping** |  |
| **Full Shipping Address** |  |
| **for Manuals** |  |
| (incl. Name of Recipient) |  |
| **Details of Sponsorship** |  |
| (if any) |  |
| **Animal Ethics Approval attached:** | **Yes** |  | **No** |  |
| **Office Use only** |
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