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Project Abstract

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Title of Project: Providing standardized advanced level cataract surgery training in Norway

Background: Ophthalmic surgical training is not required for board-certification in ophthalmology in Norway. Many ophthalmologists start their surgical training after obtaining national accreditation. There is a need for a national course providing consensus-based skills and knowledge in advanced cataract surgery.

Purpose: To provide a national theoretical and surgical skills-based training course focused on advanced topics in cataract surgery.

Methods: A comprehensive training lab was built at Oslo University Hospital (OUS) dept. of Ophthalmology. Building costs and equipment for the training lab was funded by OUS, the Norwegian Association of The Blind, Alcon and Dorc.

Beginner and intermediate-level surgeons at OUS were asked to identify skills to enhance their surgical repertoire. Based on these answers and suggestions from advanced level surgeons at OUS, a questionnaire was formed and will be distributed nationally to members of the Norwegian Ophthalmological Society. The purpose of this questionnaire is to compile and agree upon theoretical knowledge and a surgical skill set necessary to provide advanced level cataract surgery throughout Norway.

The first group of surgeons will attend a "pilot-course" later this year. The first national course will be scheduled for the spring of 2023. After completion of the course, feedback from the attending surgeons will be presented as a part of this EULDP-project.