

The American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy is seeking those interested in becoming a Diagnostic EUS Proctor! If you are active in conducting EUS procedures and are interested in mentoring and serving as a proctor site, please review these general responsibilities and eligibility requirements. You can also attend an informational webinar to learn more about how your expertise can impact this program. Additional inquiries should be directed to Ed Dellert, Chief Policy and Learning Officer at ASGE (edellert@asge.org).

We welcome inquiries from any state but specific states of interest currently include the following: California, New York, New Jersey, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Arizona, Wyoming, Colorado, South and North Carolina

CAN YOU PROVIDE SOME GENERAL INFORMATION?

Clinical proctorship is an important step in gaining clinical competence to perform Diagnostic EUS. It is intended to be the final phase to ensure competency in the ASGE Diagnostic EUS Training Program.

ASGE will pay approved proctors* or their proctorship site, \$25,000 per candidate proctored, divided in payments of \$12,500 upon entry of the candidate to the proctorship program at the site and the remaining \$12,500 upon successfully submitting a written report on the candidate's performance and recommendation to the ASGE medical EUS executive committee.

**NOTE: in the event there is more than one proctor at a site, the total payment will remain at \$25,000 per site per learner)*

Knowledge and skill components of diagnostic EUS are complex. The general areas of knowledge and skill that should be mastered before the candidate being proctored can be deemed competent are based upon fourteen competencies (see list below):

1. Can explain the basic principles and produce different imaging modalities of EUS.
2. Can summarize the specific indications for EUS in clinical practice.
3. Can provide examples of when EUS is NOT appropriate to use in clinical practice.
4. Can describe how to manage and mitigate adverse events associated with EUS.
5. Can demonstrate how to create the ideal EUS image.
6. Can produce endosonographic imaging of the different esophageal wall layers and identify common tumors and related diseases.
7. Can identify key landmarks throughout the mediastinum including vascular structures (aorta and aortic arch, pulmonary artery, azygous vein, left atrium, left carotid artery, left subclavian artery), trachea and the mainstem bronchi, the spine, thoracic duct, the subcarinal space and aorto-pulmonary window as well as common related diseases.
8. Can identify key perigastric and periduodenal landmarks, including the liver, gastro-hepatic ligament, gallbladder, spleen, pancreas (neck, body and tail), left kidney and left adrenal gland and vascular structures (aorta, celiac artery, hepatic artery, splenic artery, superior mesenteric artery and vein, splenic vein, portal vein confluence, left renal vein) as well as common related diseases.

9. Can identify the liver and biliary tree including right and left lobe of the liver, intrahepatic bile ducts, common hepatic duct, common bile duct, cystic duct, gallbladder as well as common related diseases.
10. Can identify the pancreas including the uncinate process, head, neck, body and tail of pancreas, evaluate the pancreatic parenchyma, trace the pancreatic duct along the length of the pancreas, and evaluate the adjacent blood vessels as well as common related diseases.
11. Can demonstrate the skills necessary to successfully perform EUS, FNA and FNB.
12. Can synthesize EUS findings and produce a report including the results, impressions and recommendations.
13. Can explain best practice approaches and quality benchmarks associated with establishing an EUS service line, including staffing and patient safety.
14. Can optimize practice reimbursement models to create and operate a successful EUS program.

All of these competencies will be reviewed in detail with the learner prior to the proctorship through online educational modules and webinars, culminating in hands-on training at the ASGE ITT center. The proctorship will solidify this teaching and allow the learner to gain case experience under direct supervision of the proctor, working towards competence in diagnostic EUS.

WHAT ARE THE PROCTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES?

Anyone interested in becoming an ASGE proctor for the Diagnostic EUS training program, must submit a proctor application interest form to edellert@asge.org (see below) by December 31, 2019 for the 2020 cohort to begin ~March 2020.

To be considered as a proctor, the following requirements must be met:

1. The proctor(s) must be a current member of ASGE.
2. The proctor(s) should be a member of the hospital's or endoscopy center's medical staff.
3. The proctor(s) should have documented training and experience in diagnostic EUS.
4. The proctor(s) can guarantee a minimum of 225 EUS procedures to the learner during an agreed upon proctorship period with the site.
5. The proctor(s) can provide training in both radial and linear EUS and FNA.
6. The proctorship period is anticipated to extend up to 9 months or less with trainee participation ~ 2 weeks per month. The proctor's duty is to impartially teach, mentor, observe and evaluate the applicant and report to the ASGE.
7. The proctor(s) should be willing to provide formative feedback to the candidate, using an ASGE standardized tool.
8. The learner, in conjunction with the proctor(s), will need to collect data tracking the candidates progress for ASGE research purposes.
9. The proctor(s), in conjunction with the learner, should prepare a written report and log describing the cases proctored and evaluating the applicant's performance. ASGE will provide an example report and log for proctors and candidates to follow.
10. The report should be submitted to the ASGE EUS medical executive committee. In addition to the report, the proctor should make one of the following recommendations to the ASGE EUS

medical executive committee, using expert assessment combined with the ASGE standardized tool in competency assessment for EUS:

OPTION 1: The applicant successfully completed all skills and objectives required to conduct a diagnostic EUS procedure(s).

OPTION 2: The applicant is not eligible to conduct diagnostic EUS independently at this time. In this situation, the proctor should detail the deficiencies in competency(s) and make recommendations for resolution (e.g. further proctoring, etc.).

11. The proctoring report to the ASGE EUS medical executive committee is confidential and should be handled in the same manner as other medical staff peer review information.
12. In the event there is more than one proctor at a site, there shall be one “lead” proctor responsible for oversight of the training program and the learner.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NEXT?

- A. Complete and return this form to ASGE via “Edellert@asge.org” by December 31, 2019.
- B. Include a letter of introduction stating your interest for applying to serve as a proctorship site for diagnostic EUS candidates (e.g. teaching experience, number of years performing EUS, procedure volume per week, model of processor and scopes used in your endoscopy suite for conducting linear and radial EUS).
- C. Include a Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the Lead Proctor and any additional proctors who will participate in training at your institution.
- D. In the event more than one proctor will participate at a site, please specify who will act as the “Lead Proctor” for the learner and for communications and reports.
- E. Submit a letter of support from your endoscopy center or hospital verifying institutional support for this proctoring program.
- F. Accepted proctors must be available March 2020 – November 2020.

Lead Proctor:

1. First Name:
2. Middle Initial:
3. Last Name:
4. Proctorship Site Facility Address:
5. City, State, Zip:
6. Office Number:
7. Mobile Number:
8. E-mail address:
9. # of EUS Procedures Conducted Currently per week:
10. How did you hear about being a proctorship site?
11. Attach a copy of your CV

Additional Proctor 1

1. First Name:
2. Middle Initial:
3. Last Name:
4. Proctorship Site Facility Address:
5. City, State, Zip:
6. Office Number:
7. Mobile Number:
8. E-mail address:
9. # of EUS Procedures Conducted Currently per week:
10. Attach a copy of your CV

Additional Proctor 2

1. First Name:
2. Middle Initial:
3. Last Name:
4. Proctorship Site Facility Address:
5. City, State, Zip:
6. Office Number:
7. Mobile Number:
8. E-mail address:
9. # of EUS Procedures Conducted Currently per week:
10. Attach a copy of your CV

Additional Proctor 3

1. First Name:
2. Middle Initial:
3. Last Name:
4. Proctorship Site Facility Address:
5. City, State, Zip:
6. Office Number:
7. Mobile Number:
8. E-mail address:
9. # of EUS Procedures Conducted Currently per week:
10. Attach a copy of your CV

Additional Proctor 4

1. First Name:
2. Middle Initial:
3. Last Name:
4. Proctorship Site Facility Address:
5. City, State, Zip:
6. Office Number:
7. Mobile Number:
8. E-mail address:
9. # of EUS Procedures Conducted Currently per week:
10. Attach a copy of your CV