



T3:102

## Surgical Training – Thinking Outside the Box

Margareta Berg<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>) Surgicon Foundation, Sweden

The human anatomy does not differ between countries, cultures or continents. For this simple reason the surgical profession should be the same anywhere on the globe. In reality, surgical training programs are different not only between countries but also within countries. Competition between educational models seems, from this perspective, to be contra-productive. In addition, surgical curriculums will no longer be fixed entities but eternally developing processes, due to the rapid technical development taking place.

Ongoing retirements in surgery, regulated working hours for young surgeons and technical access to surgical simulation systems have created a paradigm shift from time-based to competency-based surgical training. Transformation of a medical student into a skilled surgeon must not take 10 years, and efficient training programs with in-built checkpoints along the process are necessary. In addition, modern surgery requires consistent high quality and documentation, probably by videofilms included in the medical record as the next step.

To create a basis for a global discussion about these topics, the Surgicon Project was launched in 2010, counting the 1st Surgicon Congress in 2011 as its starting point. In three years it has grown into a global informal network engaging world leaders in surgery from the US and Canada to Australia, New Zealand, India, Africa, Turkey, and several European countries. Breaking out one single question has allowed all kinds of organisations and engaged surgeons to take active part in this work, resulting in the 2nd Surgicon Congress, Gothenburg, June 17-19, 2013. Formal decisions might in the future be replaced by more ephemeral but global agreements adopted to new scientific data, as soon as they are published. Modern surgical development requires modern surgical training.

*E-mail (main author): [congress@surgicon.org](mailto:congress@surgicon.org)*