



Advanced MIS, Robotic & Ablation Society
of Gynaecologists Malaysia

AMRAS – SAYGE Certification (ASC) Guideline

Procedure: Total Laparoscopic
Hysterectomy (TLH)

Prepared by: AMRAS

The Advanced MIS, Robotic & Ablation Society of Gynaecologists Malaysia

*Date of Issue: **July 7, 2025***

© 2025 Advanced MIS, Robotic & Ablation Society of Gynaecologists Malaysia (AMRAS). All rights reserved. This document may not be reproduced or used in any form without the written permission of AMRAS. For permissions, please contact: secretariat@amras.org.my



+6012 211 3342

secretariat@amras.org.my / www.amras.org.my



Level 2, Women's Clinic, 110, Jalan Professor Khoo Kay Kim Seksyen 19, 46300, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

Important Disclaimer:

ASC Steps 1-3 and CCT are aimed at surgical training of candidate. ASC and certificate of completion of training (CCT) marks candidate's successful completion of stringent preset requirements by AMRAS to be awarded certificate as recognition to candidates' dedication and ability to perform said procedure(s) to satisfaction of expert surgeons/proctors in respective field(s). The certificates do not replace the need for individual credentialing and privileging of surgeon by his/her place of practice with approval of relevant hospital credentialing & privileging committee before performing said procedure(s).

Current ASC TLH Proctors List

- I. Prof Dr Nirmala Kampan
- II. Dr Chua Peng Teng
- III. Dr Tan Ee Ping
- IV. Dr Ng Ying Shan
- V. Dr Sharifah Halimah Jaafar
- VI. Dr Sundar Gudan Santhana Dass
- VII. Dr Angeline Wong Tze Yin
- VIII. Dr Ahmad Shuib
- IX. Dr Low Kah Pin
- X. Dr Sufian Hadi
- XI. Dr Chuah Joo Ngor

Expenses and Cost incurred to candidate:**1. Step 1 / Pre-Congress registration fee:**

RM1000 – For certification

RM500 – For Observer Only

***Pre-requisite to apply for step 1 certification:**

- I. Minimum of 20 independent laparoscopic surgeries performed as the primary surgeon.
- II. Experience in abdominal hysterectomy: Primary surgeon in at least 5 cases or first assistant in at least 10 cases.
- III. Basic proficiency in laparoscopic suturing and knot-tying / attended laparoscopic suturing course.

***Minimum pass mark 80% in post- test to be awarded step 1 certificate**

(For candidate who fail step1 – repeat/resit registration fee at RM500 for subsequent Step 1 course).

2. **Step 2 Application Fee:** RM1000

3. **Step 3 Application Fee:** RM 1000

ASC Step 1: (AMRAS Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy Simulation Workshop)

See Appendix 3: Step 1 programme table and guide (subject to change)

ASC Step 2

Candidate apply in writing to AMRAS secretariat with step1 certificate + RM1000 application fee (payable to AMRAS)

AMRAS Advanced MIS committee Chairman/Vice Chairman assigns proctor to candidate

Candidate can then choose, either to:

(i) Engage Proctor directly and make arrangements with proctor- i.e.: Proctor gets paid surgeon fee equivalent of procedure, proctor accommodation and travel covered by candidate. Candidate can make as many sessions to fulfil pass requirement as needed with proctor, by own arrangement.

(ii) Apply for AMRAS educational partner support educational partner offers educational contract/Letter of Agreement (LOA) to proctor (Proctor is paid by company's terms/ Fair Market Value). Educational partners may only cover ONE session for the candidate. Hence if candidate is unable to complete pass requirement for that step in 1 session, candidate will need to engage Proctor directly and make arrangements with proctor as per clause (i). Educational partner may also cover more than 1 session for candidate to complete requirements but this is subject to company rules of engagement which will vary.

Proctor accepts/rejects contract from Education Partner

If accept contract – proctor will inform/arrange with candidate in writing regarding venue, day and time of training to take place (Either at Proctor centre/ candidate centre)

If proctor rejects contract – AMRAS Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman to reassign suitable proctor or proctor to make own arrangement regarding honorarium/Logistic arrangement with candidate as per clause (i) and if both parties agree, to proceed after informing Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman in writing.

Recommended 3-5 cases of actual surgery observation/ Assisting AMRAS recognized proctor.

(Appendix 1: Candidate logbook)

Logbook of procedures to be maintained by candidate

(Appendix 2: Proctor report on candidate performance) and whether Pass/Remedial needed to complete step 2

Proctors report on candidate performance, written assessment – these to be submitted to AMRAS Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman for final approval.

Once approved by Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman - candidate is awarded step 2 certificate

ASC Step 3

Candidate apply in writing to AMRAS secretariat with step 1 and 2 certificate + RM1000 application fee (payable to AMRAS)

****Subsequent Flow similar to Step 2***

Candidate can then choose, either to:

(i) Engage Proctor directly and make arrangements with proctor- i.e.: Proctor gets paid surgeon fee equivalent of procedure, proctor accommodation and travel covered by candidate. Candidate can make as many sessions to fulfil pass requirement as needed with proctor, by own arrangement.

(ii) Apply for AMRAS educational partner support educational partner offers educational contract/Letter of Agreement (LOA) to proctor (Proctor is paid by company's terms/ Fair Market Value). Educational partners may only cover ONE session for the candidate. Hence if candidate is unable to complete pass requirement for that step in 1 session, candidate will need to engage Proctor directly and make arrangements with proctor as per clause (i). Educational partner may also cover more than 1 session for candidate to complete requirements but this is subject to company rules of engagement which will vary.

Proctor accepts/rejects contract from Education Partner

If accept contract – proctor will inform/arrange with candidate in writing regarding venue, day and time of training to take place (Either at Proctor centre/ candidate centre)

If proctor rejects contract – Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman to reassign suitable proctor or proctor to make own arrangement regarding honorarium/Logistic arrangement with candidate as per clause (i) and if both parties agree, to proceed after informing Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman in writing.

Recommended 3-5 cases of actual surgery performed under supervision and assessment of AMRAS recognized proctor

(Appendix 1: Candidate logbook)

Logbook of procedures to be maintained by candidate

(Appendix 2: Proctor report on candidate performance) and whether Pass/Remedial needed to complete step 3

Proctors report on candidate performance, written assessment – these to be submitted to AMRAS Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman for final approval.

Once approved by Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman - candidate is awarded step 3 certificate

NOTE: Exemptions:

Exemption from Step 1:

Candidates may apply to Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman in writing to request for exemption from step 1 and Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman will decide if candidate can be exempted based on prior qualifications/demonstrable track record, or if candidate has passed relevant basic tests or courses organised by equivalent society/bodies.

****Decision by Advanced MIS Chairman and Vice Chairman is final.***

Exemption from Step 2:

Candidates are allowed to skip Step 2 and directly proceeding to Step 3 certification process provided candidate demonstrates confidence and ability to perform procedure as primary surgeon under supervision to proctor, and proctor supervises candidate as per step 3 protocol.

Exemption from achieving recommended 3-5 cases required for Step 3

If proctor deems candidate is ready / qualified to be passed for step 3 of certification despite not achieving recommended case numbers of 3-5, based on case to case basis, proctor to write in to advanced MIS committee Chairman/ Vice Chairman and recommend as such and final decision will be made by Advanced MIS committee Chairman/ Vice Chairman whether candidate is allowed to be passed for said step without adequate case numbers.

****Decision by Advanced MIS Chairman and Vice Chairman is final.***

For candidates who are not able to complete required case numbers for step 3 in presence of proctor in 1 setting:

Candidate to request to proctor for belows: (Subject to Proctor Approval)
Candidate records every unedited videos of surgery performed + logbook of procedures and submit to assigned proctor for evaluation (to reach recommended numbers of at least 3-5 cases or to satisfaction of assigned proctor)

Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) in TLH

Is awarded to candidate who have completed step 1 – 3 with demonstration of confidence & competency in performing said procedure (AMRAS Advanced MIS committee will receive assigned proctor recommendations, vet candidate performance and award CCT to candidate)

****Decision by Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman is final.***

Candidates who are deemed not successful in certification will need to resit all or part of Steps 1 -3 based on recommendation by Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman to be considered for award CCT in another attempt.

****ASC Step 1 TLH Certificate is part of requirement for candidates of FMIGS AMRAS-UKM programme as a core syllabus content.***

Proctors in TLH programme:

Doctors who have satisfactorily completed ASC Step 1-3 TLH and obtained CCT TLH by AMRAS, after completion of 50 cases performed as primary surgeon will be eligible to be elected by Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman to act as proctors.

Doctors who do not undergo the ASC training programme and certification but deemed qualified to be proctors based on track-record, demonstrable qualifications/experience may be considered by Advanced MIS Chairman/Vice Chairman on case-to-case basis to be elected as proctor for procedure.

Appendix 1

Candidate Log Book

ASC Programme: Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy

Step 2 / Step 3

Date	Patient RN	Diagnosis	Procedure	Candidate status (O/A/P)	Remarks / Others

O - Observed

A - Assisted Proctor

P - Performed under supervision as primary surgeon

Proctor's Signature

Name:

Designation:

Date: / / (day/month/year)

Appendix 2:

Proctor Report on Candidate Performance (Confidential)

ASC Programme: Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy

Step 2 / 3

Candidate Name: _____

Candidate IC/RN: _____

ASSESSMENT OF KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND FULFILLMENT OF TASKS, ABILITY TO SAFELY PERFORM PROCEDURE AS SURGEON

SUPERVISOR ASSESSMENT	
	PASS (P) / REMEDIAL NEEDED (R)
Motivation, sense of duty, discipline, punctuality	
Technical skills	
Integrated Knowledge on Procedure	
Relationship with medical and other staffs	
Completed required case numbers	
Comprehensive Knowledge or demonstration of ability to manage difficult situations / Complications that may arise	
Ability to carry out procedure safely as primary surgeon	
Adequate record keeping/ consent taking	

Note: Candidate must Pass in all categories to pass the particular step of assessment

Other comments/ recommendation from proctor for remedial (if any) by candidate:

Proctor's Signature

Name:

Designation:

Date: / / (day/month/year)

Appendix 3

Programme overview and schedule

Time	Topics	Faculty / Speaker
08:00	Registration	
08:10	Pre-test	
08:30	Cut with confidence – Mastering pelvic landmarks in TLH	
09:00	Patient selection, positioning, equipment and OT set up	
09:30	TLH Demystified – Key steps for surgical precision	
10:30	Break	
10:45	Power play – Principles and safe use of energy devices	
11:15	Sample retrieval techniques - video	
11:30	Uterine artery ligation techniques - video	
11:45	Prevention and management of complications in TLH	
12:15	Troubleshooting difficult hysterectomy (to include previous caesarean section – technique to dissect, large uterus)	
12:45	ALLY UPS video	
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Hands-on GyneSim a) Inserting uterine manipulator b) TLH Step 1-5 (Left side) c) TLH Step 1-5 (Right side) d) TLH Step 6-8 4 stations, 3 participants / station Rotate task, estimated time to complete each component – 30mins	All faculty
16:30	Post-test	
17:00	End	

APPLICATION FORM

AMRAS – SAYGE Certification (ASC)
Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy
TLH Programme

1. Applicant Details

Full Name	:	_____
NRIC/Passport No.	:	_____
Medical Registration No.	:	_____
Hospital / Institution	:	_____
Designation	:	_____
Email Address	:	_____
Mobile Number	:	_____
Mailing Address	:	_____

2. Application Type (Please tick the appropriate box)

Step 1: TLH Workshop

- ☐ First-time Registration – RM 1000
- ☐ Resit (Repeat Candidate) – RM 500
- ☐ **Step 2:** Proctorship Observation/Assistance – RM 1000
- ☐ **Step 3:** Supervised Performance Assessment – RM 1000

3. Documents Checklist

- ☐ Curriculum Vitae (CV) (for Step 1 application)
- ☐ Proof of Payment (bank slip)
- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ Step 1 Certificate (for Step 2 application)
- ☐ Step 2 Certificate (for Step 3 application)
- ☐ Logbook (for Step 2)
- ☐ Logbook (for Step 3)
- ☐ Completed Proctor Report (if applicable)

4. Payment Information

Payment must be made to:

Account Name: AMRAS OF GYNAECOLOGISTS MALAYSIA
Bank: UOBM JALAN AMPANG
Bank Address: CITIBANK TOWER, 165, JALAN AMPANG, 50450,
KUALA LUMPUR
MYR Account No.: 560-300-576-8
USD Account No.: 560-900-381-3
Swift Code: UOVBMYKL

5. Declaration

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for participation in the ASC TLH Programme as specified above. I declare that the information provided is accurate and complete. I agree to comply with the requirements and terms set by AMRAS and understand that the decision of the AMRAS Advanced MIS Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman is final.

Full Name: _____

NRIC/Passport No.: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Submit Completed Application To:

AMRAS Secretariat

Email: secretariat@amras.org.my
Phone: +6012 211 3342
Address: Level 2, Women's Clinic, 110, Jalan Professor Khoo Kay Kim,
Seksyen 19, 46300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia
Website: www.amras.org.my