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MISSION

Through worldwide collaboration, CROES seeks to assess, using evidence based scientific methodology, the various aspects of clinical endourology.

VISION

By applying rigorous scientific evaluation to the field of clinical endourology, CROES will enable all urologic surgeons to bring to their patients the most effective and efficient care possible.

PROJECTS

- Global PCNL study
- Global URS study
- Global Greenlight Laser study
- Global Renal Mass study

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WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN CROES GLOBAL STUDIES?

Jean de la Rosette and Stavros Gravas

The Clinical Research Office of the Endourological Society (CROES) was founded, under the umbrella of the Endourological Society, in order to promote international clinical research in all fields of endourology, laparoscopy and emerging technologies and provide the infrastructure and support to conduct global multicenter studies in these fields, create a global network of endo centers and provide a platform for technological development in partnership with industry and undertake phase 1–3 studies.

Centers, from all over the world, which are willing to actively participate in each specific project, are welcome to join the CROES Global Network.

Why should I participate in CROES Global Studies?

- a) Because I am interested in research: CROES-initiated global studies are addressed to fellowship-based academic centers and urologists worldwide who are members of the Endourological Society. By definition, it is the nature and choice of academic centers to search for scientific answers and these projects offer the chance for a global collaboration resulting in high power outcomes.
- b) Because participating centers will receive a certificate signed by the Chairman of CROES and Secretary General of the Endourological Society at the end of each study: This certificate will recognize each center as a CROES-approved Research Institution. Such a certificate will provide a significant prestige for the department and will reinforce its status both nationally and internationally. For this reason, a minimum number of cases will be required. Centers should confirm at the end of the study that the reported data are full and correct, while an audit is possible during the studies.
- c) Because publication (J of Endourology) and presentation (WCE, EAU, AUA meetings) of the results will offer exposure to my department: Steering Committees of each project are responsible for the number and the names of the co-authors based on their contribution. However, all participants will be included in an appendix. In addition, presentation of the results at national meetings will be possible with sub-analysis of the results on national level.
- d) Because I will have access to the global database: Anyone who participates in a study can pose a scientific question that can be replied to based on the evidence from the database.
- e) Because I will be member of the Global Network: This gives centers without current exposure but which work hard the chance to prove their potential. Centers which perform with excellence during the clinical observational studies will be invited to participate in phase 1–3 studies in the future.

- A presentation on new projects and the progress of the running studies will be given during the 27th World Congress of Endourology & SWL in Munich, Germany.
- Please visit the CROES booth in the exhibition area of the 27th WCE in Munich and join the Global Network for the studies that are still open.
- Projects open for participation include the Global Greenlight Laser observational study, the Global Uteroscopy observational study and the Global Renal Mass study.
- For further information please visit: www.croesoffice.org or contact the office manager of CROES, Mrs. Sonja van Rees Vellinga (s.j.vanreesvellinga@amc.uva.nl).