

## Key Session 3

### [O32] CERTIFICATION PROCESS OF MSI UNITS IN EUROPE – KEY-FACTORS – CORNER-STONES – LIMITS

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Musculo-skeletal infections are one of the most critical diseases in orthopedic surgery. Problem oriented, rational treatment is a must.

In addition the topic gets more and more in the focus of politics and health care insurances. The call for clear determined rationales becomes louder. In some European countries politics already dictates the way, in others health care insurances press for certificated centers.

Nevertheless specific national and international accepted guidelines for the medical aspect are missing as well as regulations how to create MSI Units in hospitals.

Members of the EBJIS formed a “certification conference” in order to create an Europe-wide acceptable catalogue of basic requirements for

- a. MSI-units and
- b. (post-graduate) medical education

In this regard the most serious problem to overcome are the different medical-political and medical-educational systems in Europe. Facing this, the Conference defined three key-factors and came to the agreement, that these guidelines must

- a. strictly be focused on the medical requirements
  - a. education
  - b. hospital equipment
- b. exclude politics and
- c. create a system where participation is strictly voluntary

The specific demands on the way to this European solution, possible way of their implementation, corner-stones and limits are outlined in the lecture based on the German situation.