



EBOMFS Assessment & Pre Specialization MCQ Assessment

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UEMS-OMFS Topics

- **EBOMFS-Assessment**
- **Pre Specialization MCQ Assessment**



**There is no payment
for the job**



Institutions & Staff



What is EACMFS ?



EACMFS is...

... is the **European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery**, a scientific society established in 1970 to promote the specialty of cranio-maxillo-facial (OMFS) surgery across Europe and worldwide. It serves as a leading professional organization, fostering knowledge, collaboration, and the advancement of OMFS through its extensive activities.



Its key activities are:

- setting standards for training
- facilitating education
- conducting biennial congresses
- supporting research and development in the field.



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What is UEMS ?



UEMS is...

...the Union of European Medical Specialists.

It is the representative body for national associations of medical specialists in the European Union and associated countries.

=> to **promote high-quality patient care** by setting standards for medical training and Continuing Medical Education (CME) across Europe, influencing EU policy and collaborating with other medical organizations



UEMS



...represents over **1.6 million medical specialists** from more than **40 national medical associations**.



What is UEMS OMFS Section ?



The UEMS OMFS Section is...

...the European body for the specialty of Oro-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (OMFS), representing the field within the Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS) and working to enhance training and practice standards across Europe.

- It collaborated on the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery **European Training Requirement** (OMFS ETR) document to define necessary competencies and knowledge for OMFS training programs
- It supports the European OMFS Trainee Forum to advocate for trainees.



UEMS OMFS Section

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What is UEMS OMFS Board ?



The UEMS OMFS Board is...

- also known as the European Board of Oro-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (**EBOMFS**) and
- Working group within the UEMS OMFS Section to set training guidelines and **conduct assessments**



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History of the EBOMFS Assessment



- The **EBOMFS RQ** (Recognition of Qualification) **Assessment** has been organized fourteen times during the last 26 years since 1996
- It is coinciding with the biannual congress of EACMFS
- **700 candidates** from 16 countries have taken part in the EBOMFS Assessments



Why the Board Assessment ?

Why becoming a member of the European Board of Oral-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EBOMFS) ?



- Set standards of clinical excellence in OMFS at a European level
- Motivation to improve your knowledge
- Test your knowledge
- Awarded a certificate of scientific recognition as an OMF surgeon
- Become member of the select EBOMFS club.



Precondition to take the assessment



- Recognised OMF Surgeon in the European country where you practice
- Hold a medical qualification



- EBOMFS-Assessment (13.-15.09.24 Rome)
- Pre Specialization MCQ Assessment



EBOMFS-Exam



European Board of Oro-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EBOMFS)

13.-15. September Rome

- Friday, 13.09.24 MCQ, Short Clinical Cases & Image cases
- Saturday & Sunday, 14.-15.09.24 Oral Exams



EBOMFS-Exam



Part I

Academic Activity

(higher university degree, publications, presentations, CME)

Total marks for academic activity

25 marks

Clinical Activity

(Major, intermediate and minor operations)

Total marks for clinical activity

25 marks

Total marks for the Academic and Clinical Activity

50 marks



EBOMFS-Exam



Part II

MCQ examination

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|--------------------------|----------|
| • 150 MCQs | 20 marks |
| • 5 Short Case Questions | 10 marks |
| • 5 Image Questions | 10 marks |

Oral examination

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| • Candidate chooses 2 scopes of OMFS | |
| • Interview lasts 30 min | |
| • 2 examiners in the jury for each candidate | |
| | 10 marks |

Total marks for the MCQ and Oral examination
50 marks



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Scores to pass

The candidate eligible for fellowship **has to pass both parts** of the assessment with ≥ 35 passing marks each

Part I Curriculum vitae / Logbook Activity
pass mark ≥ 35 (maximum 50 marks)

Part II MCQ + Oral Assessment
pass mark ≥ 35 (maximum 50 marks)



EBOMFS-Exam



EBOMFS Exam Rome 2024

Sapienza Università di Roma - Rome, Italy

- 102 candidates passed Part I (OP logbook & Academia)
- 97 candidates participated in Part II (i.e. 5 candidates postponed to Athens 2026)
- 28 Examiners in Rome
- Oral Exams in German, English, Italian and Spanish



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EBOMFS Exam Rome 2024

- 88 candidates passed Part I and II, i.e. 7 failed
- Failure rate 6,2 %
- Average result **MCQ** 15.2, Median 15.2 (maximum marks 20)
- Average result **Short Clinical Cases** 6.3, Median 6.0 (maximum marks 10)
- Average **Images** 8,7, Median 9,0 (maximum marks 10)



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EBOMFS Exam Rome 2024

- Average result **Oral Exam** 8,8, Median 9.0 (maximum marks 10)



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EBOMFS Exam Rome 2024

1 failure Germany

1 failure Hungary

5 failures Italy

7 out of 97 = 7,2 %



EBOMFS-Exam

Special and NEW in 2024



For the first time full statistics available

- Discrimination in easy, medium and hard questions
- iCognitus platform gives automated report, if MCQ border, medium or good
- Due to the statistics 8 MCQ were deleted (which did not affect the over all result)
- First time with **appraisal**. Now **Certified Board-Exam** bei CESMA (only 8/42 specialties have it)



EBOMFS-Exam

Board Executive & some Examiners





EBOMFS-Exam



New Fellows of EBOMFS, here the new Fellow from Germany



Next EBOMFS Assessment

Application form opens on 1st February 2026 (via EBOMFS website)

Deadline for application will be 31st May 2026

Administrational fee for the assessment: 680 Euro

Next EBOMFS Assessment

Assessment: Athens, Greece, 11st–13th September 2026

Award ceremony for the successful surgeons: Sunday,
13th September 2026 after the Assessment. 🍷 🍇 🥳

EBOMFS Website





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The Vision

MCQ TEST in the 4th year of training

- Give prespecialized colleagues chance to **train for EBOMFS MCQ** (old questions)
- Let them find out about their **own knowledge** and performance and especially the personal development in the 4th years of training
- Compare themselves to their **peers in their country**
- Compare themselves to their **peers in Europe or since 2024 worldwide**

The Vision

MCQ TEST in the 4th year of training

- Being exposed to an exam is a **form of learning**
- Add this pre specialized MCQ Assessment to the **EACMFS Education & Training Program**, widen its portfolio and **promote EACMFS worldwide**
- Establishing the **first EACMFS – UEMS Liaison Project** in Education & Training

Pre Specialization MCQ Assessment

OMFS Section of UEMS

cannot be sponsored directly by industry

EACMFS

supports the Pre-Specialisation MCQ Assessment
(with help from Medartis)

Pre Specialization MCQ Assessment

History

1st Assessment – Sept 8th 2022

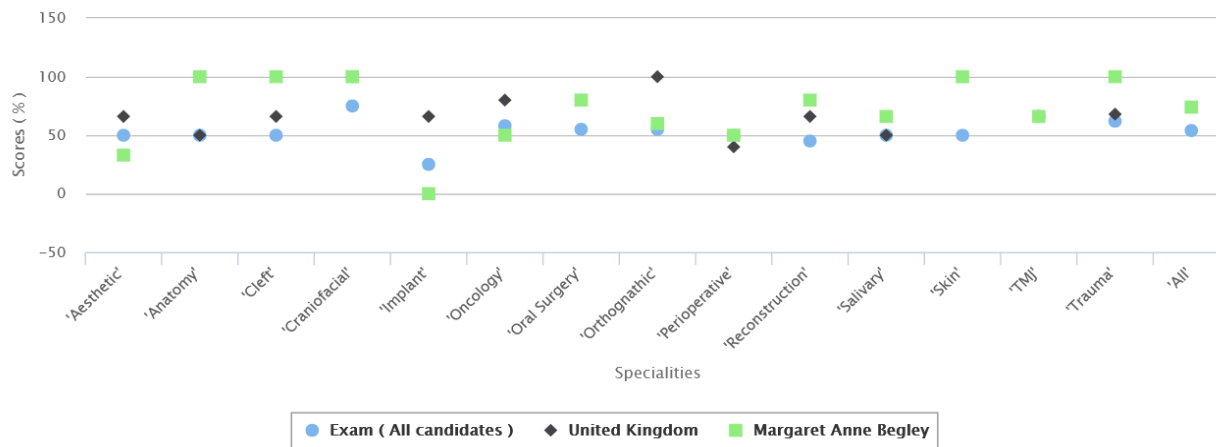
- Covered complete syllabus of OMFS
 - OMFS European Training Requirement – www.omfsuems.eu
- Worldwide participation
 - 34 nations – Finland to Australia
- Trainee engagement
 - 187 registered
 - 142 completed
- Average score 69%
 - Increased with year in training

2nd Assessments – Sept 7th and 10th 2023

- Worldwide participation
 - 40 nations – Australia to Yemen
- Trainee engagement
 - 323 registered
 - 264 completed
- Candidates see their questions, the answers and the rationale

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Number of questions:	3	2	3	2	1	6	5	5	2	5	3	4	3	6	50
Questions answered:	3	2	3	2	1	6	5	5	2	5	3	4	3	6	50
Correct answers:	1	2	3	2	0	3	4	3	1	4	2	4	2	6	37
Result:	33%	100%	100%	100%	0%	50%	80%	60%	50%	80%	66%	100%	66%	100%	74%

Scatter plot: Candidate average scores vs location and all average scores



Highcharts.com

3rd Assessment – Sept 5th, 7th, 8th 2024

- **Thursday, 5th September 2024, 8 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. CEST for Europe**
- the exact same exam was also be available from Saturday, 7th September 2024, 6 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. CEST for our colleagues from **America** and
- Sunday, 8th September 2024, 10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. CEST for our colleagues from **Asia and Oceania**

3rd Assessment – Sept 5th, 7th, 8th 2024

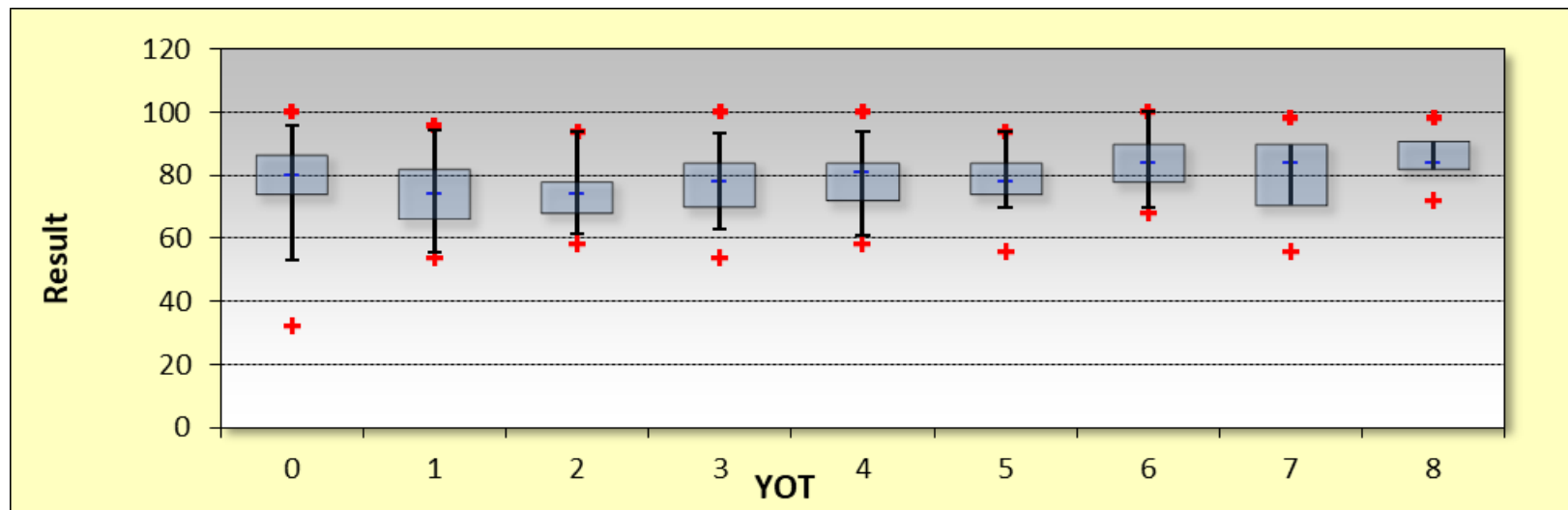
- Worldwide participation
 - 40 nations – Albania to Yemen
 - United Kingdom 61
 - Spain 60
 - Italy 49
 - Germany 42
 - India 42
 - Malaysia 23
 - Belgium 20

3rd Assessment – Sept 5th, 7th, 8th 2024

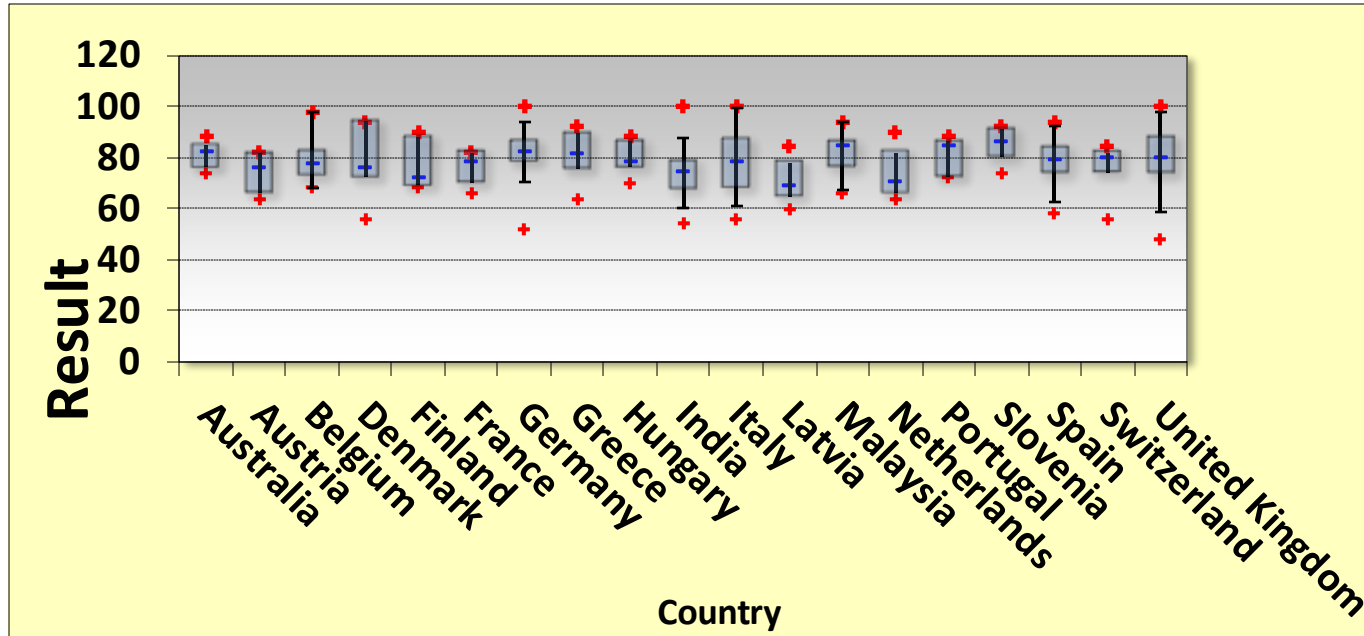
- Trainee engagement **53% increase since 2023**
 - 606 registered
 - **402 participated**
 - 257 Thursday 5th
 - 41 Saturday 7th
 - 104 on Sunday 8th
- Average score 78% - full report scan the QR code

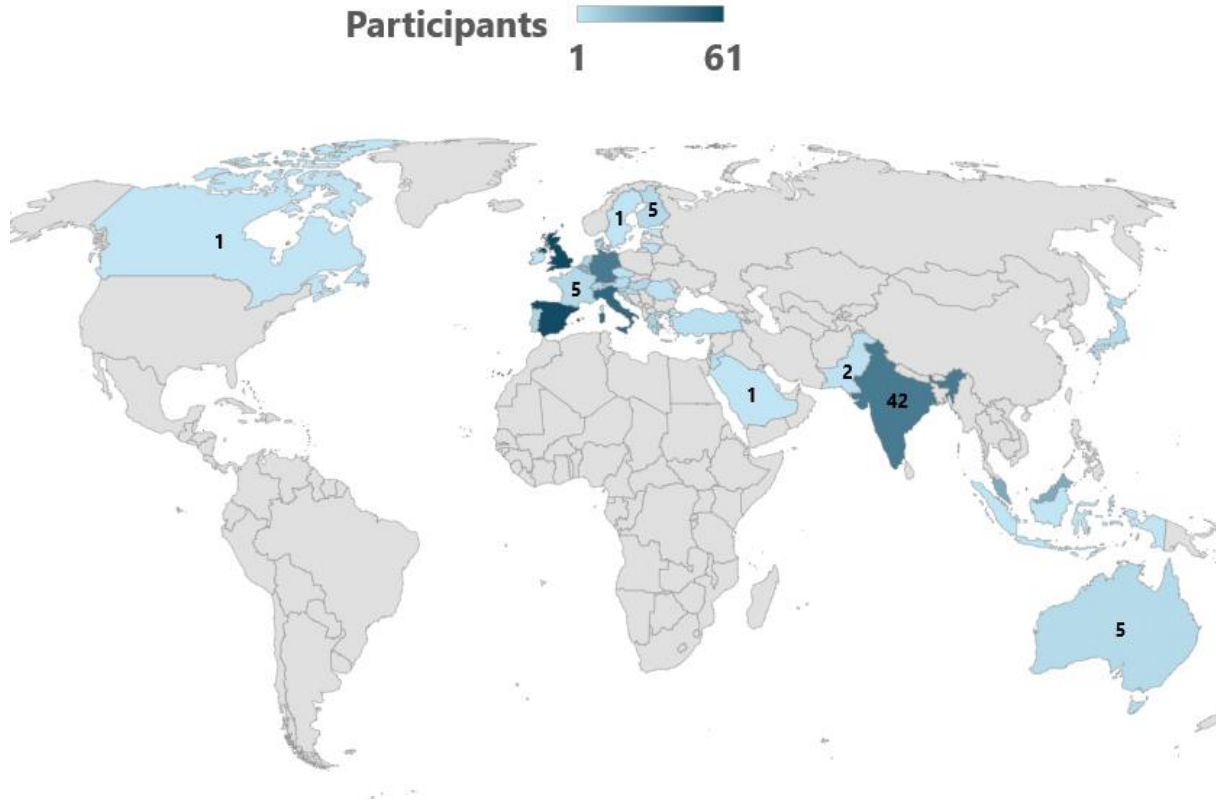


Year of Training - 2024



2024 National statistics – Box and Whisker





Next steps ahead of us

Pre Spec MCQ Assessment in 2025

- Thursday 18th 8 p.m. (Europe)
- Saturday 20th 6 p.m. (America) and
- Sunday, 21st 10 a.m. (Australia & Ozeania)

Pre Spec. MCQ Assessment Information





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„Nothing is possible without people
Nothing lasts without institutions”

Jean Monet

Thank you very much for your kind attention !