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European Training Assessment Programme ETAP 2.0: Report from Basel, Switzerland

The Basel radiology training programme, attracting residents from numerous European countries, is built on the following terms and principles: people (skilled and motivated trainees and trainers), culture (empowerment, blame-free-environment, cooperative leadership), organisation (clear, consistent and transparent rules), content (subspecialised, organ-based expertise), infrastructure (modern facilities, equipment and IT), innovation (research and workflow), and quality control (exams, audits, certification).

In spring 2018, we learned about the new European Training Assessment Programme, ETAP 2.0, for external auditing and certification of residency training programmes in radiology. Although our programme is regularly rated as the best academic training programme in Switzerland, we were curious about areas of fur-

ther development. Our reason for applying for ETAP 2.0 certification was to obtain an outside perspective and ideas for improvement, to foster critical self-reflection, and to identify blind spots in our view.

In May, 2018, we applied for assessment and uploaded the online material (questionnaires and videos). The following month,

we had seven online interviews, and in July 2018, we received the final results. The complete process was transparent and concise, comprising seven stages:

1. Application form submitted
2. Questionnaires from trainees and residency director, and videos showing the facilities, resources, and equipment, uploaded
3. Material reviewed by assessors, seven online interviews
4. Report drafted by lead assessor and sent to ETAP chair
5. Results reported to the training centre
6. First feedback (on process) received after two weeks
7. Second feedback (on impact) received after six months

We are proud and honoured that we are now certified with the platinum level, the highest level of excellence. Even more importantly, we received a precise analysis of our programme with respect to strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT analysis). The recommendations for further improvement, in our case adding training units for leadership skills and scientific tools, were particularly appreciated and have resulted in these



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The radiology training programme at University Hospital Basel was certified with the platinum level of excellence two months after application.

features being added to our curriculum.

In conclusion, ETAP 2.0 is an excellent quality control tool that provides precise analysis and an objective outside perspective. The certification process is transparent and concise. The SWOT analysis of the training programme and recommendations for improvement are particularly helpful.

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The certification process is performed virtually through the ETAP 2.0 platform, which enables an easy, objective and quick assessment.



The ETAP 2.0 is a joint initiative by the European Board of Radiology (EBR) and the UEMS Radiology section.

