

The NSHQ is the primary point of development, direction and coordination for all NATO Special Operations-related activities in order to optimise employment of Special Operations Forces, to include providing an operational command capability when directed by the SACEUR

The NATO SOF Medicine Development Initiative (NSMDI) is a compilation of Special Operations medical educational offerings designed to improve nation's SOF medical systems which will save lives and improve mission success. The desired end-state of all NSMDI endeavors is to enable National SOF Medical System growth and development.

The current home of NSMDI is the NATO SOF Allied Centre for Medical Education (ACME) where all future medical courses, simulation and research efforts will take place. This facility is located at SHAPE, Belgium and opened in October 2013.



To register for a course, please go to <http://www.nshq.nato.int/SOMB> and register through the 12 month calendar link



All courses are registered for online using a secure login portal at the above website.



NATO Special Operations Headquarters

NATO SOF Medicine Development Initiative

Special Operations Medical Leaders Course





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Objective:

The objective of the Special Operations Medical Leaders Course (SOMLC) is to provide medical personnel in direct and indirect support of Special Operations Forces (SOF) with an introductory understanding of key factors of medical support to all aspects of SOF operations.

Description:

The Special Operations Medical Leaders Course is a 5-day course that introduces students to the basic concepts of applying medical support to all aspects of SOF operations. Students are exposed to William McRaven's Theory of Special Operations and his relative superiority graph. This graph visually portrays the correlation between the speed in which superiority is achieved and the successful execution of the mission. It provides the medical leader insight



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into how a SOF Commander thinks of an operation. It also allows the students to see how SOF medicine is a Commander's combat enabler, assisting in mission accomplishment by minimizing vulnerabilities to the force.

The course uses the core tasks of SOF – Direct Action (DA), Special Reconnaissance (SR) and Military Assistance (MA) – to display the challenges and constraints of medically supporting these missions. For each of these core tasks, students will examine case studies, conduct practical exercises and role playing scenarios and engage in active discussion. This curriculum allows the students to gain an appreciation of the SOF Commander's perspective and understand how to properly apply the combat enabler of medicine to mission planning, execution and recovery.



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This course is available in residence at the NSHQ SOF Allied Centre for Medical Education at SHAPE, Belgium. The residence course is designed for special operations or conventional medical personnel who are either permanently assigned or are in a habitual, direct support role to SOF units.

All students attending this course need to be comfortable speaking English in and in front of a group of fellow military service members. Additionally, basic skills in Microsoft Office products is highly recommended.

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