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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.



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NATO Special Operations Headquarters

NATO Special Operations Surgical Team Development Course



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Objective:

The objective of the NATO Special Operations Surgical Team Development Course is to provide students an understanding of how to create/improve, maintain, train, and employ Special Operations Surgical Teams (SOSTs) for their nation's SOF, thereby saving lives and increasing interoperability throughout the Alliance.

Description:

The Special Operations Surgical Team Development Course is a 5-day course teaching NATO medical personnel how to create and refine elite SOSTs. The SOF operational environment, characterized by extended medical evacuation timelines, and the high risk nature of SOF operations increases SOF's chances of requiring urgent surgical intervention in austere environments. Increasingly, national SOF elements are participating in MA operations and



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humanitarian response by deploying specialized, highly mobile, flexible surgical capability to perform medical engagement, partnering and disaster medical care. This course will discuss foundational and emerging concepts in damage control surgery; far-forward resuscitation; and medical planning, equipping and employment of SOSTs.

Students will use state-of-the-art medical simulation and simulators to practise team concepts and surgical skills. The simulation portion of the course will take place in the simulation labs of the Allied Centre for Medical Education (ACME). This portion will include full sensory immersion using lights, sounds and smells in various environments, including the desert, a hut and an aircraft.



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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 currently assigned to, preparing to join, or responsible for deploying specialized surgical assets in support of SOF or contingency operations. Course enrolment priority is given to candidates currently in direct support of SOF elements

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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