

## **2026 WACS INTEGRATED REVISION COURSE IN CLINICAL SURGERY (IRCCS)**

### **Concept and Plan**

For the past 6 years, the West African College of Surgeons (WACS) has run a hybrid Integrated Revision Course in Clinical Surgery. The 2026 edition continues this model. Success demands deliberate planning, strong engagement, and smart use of resources.

We will build on the pillars that delivered successful courses at UNTH Enugu, UATH Abuja, JUTH Jos, and UPTH Port Harcourt:

#### **1. Dedicated Course Website**

<http://www.wacsoacirccs.org>

The interactive portal handles registration for participants, resource faculty, LOC staff, and WACS officials. Each user gets secure login credentials. The site hosts all course communication, materials, OSCE/CBT portals, evaluations, and results.

#### **2. Digital Publicity**

Flyers and banners are distributed via WhatsApp, Telegram, X, Facebook, and email. Materials will also feature on the main WACS site <http://www.wacsoac.org> and the course site. The course website remains a permanent faculty resource.

#### **3. Virtual Didactic Sessions**

All lectures and tutorials run on Zoom or Microsoft Teams, with one platform backing up the other. Access is restricted to registered participants via the course website only.

#### **4. Multicentre OSCE in Extended Reality**

OSCE centres are selected by zone based on proximity to candidates and faculty strength. Candidates travel to their nearest centre. All centres link virtually to a central Command Hub in PortHarcourt for real-time monitoring, quality control, and rapid troubleshooting. The virtual LOC now includes Centre OSCE Officers and facilitators.

## **5. Secured Online CBT**

CBT runs with IT support and is accessed through the course website. Security protocols block unauthorized access. Questions are randomized and staggered to prevent cheating.

## **6. Faculty Onboarding**

All resource persons receive prior orientation on the 2026 IRCCS model, online platforms, and course expectations before commencement.

## **7. Central Command Hub – PortHarcourt**

The PortHarcourt IT Command Secretariat controls and coordinates all activities: didactics, skills training, mentorship, and evaluations. This ensures synchronized delivery, minimal waste, and cost-effective outcomes.

## **8. E-Certificates**

Attendance and faculty certificates are downloadable from the website using personalized access codes.

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