ASSET
Requirements for Conducting an ASSET Course

The Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET) Course is designed to teach rapid anatomically based exposures for actual or suspected traumatic injuries using a fresh cadaver model. The following outlines the minimum requirements for conducting an ASSET course:

Site Requirements:

1. **Must have access to fresh/fresh frozen cadavers (one per every 4 students).**
2. **Institutional approval for use of cadavers for planned course.**
3. **Cadaver lab that adheres to all applicable state/regional/local regulations.**
4. **Adequate equipment to support lab dissection (see instrument list).**
5. **Audio visual support/equipment in lab to support lab slides and video.**
6. **Provide appropriate personal protective gear (for example, scrubs, gowns, aprons, gloves as indicated).**
7. **On-site coordinator (see criteria) to ensure scheduling of students and resources, and to ensure completion of paperwork (pretest, posttest, evaluation forms and course reports).**

Faculty Requirements (See separate faculty criterion/definitions):

1. **Must have a qualified ASSET course director (CD) (see criterion).**
2. **One qualified ASSET instructor, or instructor candidate (IC), per cadaver.**
3. **If using instructor candidates, there must be one qualified instructor for every two ICs**
4. **Inaugural course at a site requires involvement of a national faculty, who may serve as CD or instructor for the course.**

Student Requirements:

1. **Practicing surgeons, trauma fellows, senior surgical residents (PGY-3 or greater).**
2. **Receive and read course materials before course.**
3. **Complete all appropriate paperwork (pre- and postcourse tests and self efficacy forms).**

All courses/new sites must be approved by the Chair of the COT Surgical Skills Subcommittee and an ACS ASSET program office staff member.