

“SFP- UEMS” TRAINING MODULES - INFORMATION

UEMS COMPETENCY DEGREES IN PHLEBOLOGY PROCEDURES (CDPP)

Ultrasound-guided sclerotherapy (CDPP-UGS)

Endovenous Thermal Ablation (CDPP-ETA) and non-tumescent non-thermal ablation Phlebectomy (CDPP Phlebectomy)

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Since November 2018, the French Society of Phlebology (SFP) has been accredited by the UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialists) as the National Reference Training Centre of Phlebology (NRTCP) for France.

It thus is for Europe, the French reference centre for phlebology training and is officially authorised to set up training modules with European competence degrees, the final examinations being organised by the European Board of Phlebology.

These training courses cover the whole of Europe, one of the objectives of the UEMS being to promote phlebology, to standardize and improve practices and the management of venous pathologies in all European countries.

Competence degrees are not specialty diplomas and national rules must be respected for the practice of the discipline in each country.

SFP, through its NRTCP and in collaboration with internship centres (European Rotating Training Centres - ERTCP) accredited by the UEMS, has implemented three advanced training modules called CDPP (Competency Degree in Phlebology Procedures):

- Ultrasound-guided sclerotherapy (UGS)
- Endovenous Thermal Ablation (ETA) and non-tumescent non-thermal ablation
- Phlebectomy

These modules are open to French and foreigner physicians and surgeons under certain conditions.

You can now register for the year 2026, which begins in January and runs for 10 months.

For more information and to submit your application, please refer to the attached documents, in which you will also find the list of internship centres and instructors for the three available CDPPs on our website.

We hope that these initiatives will help you to have easier access to quality structures and training for a particularly necessary improvement in our constantly evolving discipline

Sincerely yours,

SFP website: <http://www.sf-phlebologie.org/>
UEMS SFP website: <https://www.learning-phlebology.com/>
UEMS Brussels website: <https://www.uemsphelebology.eu/>

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3 COMPETENCY DEGREES IN PHLEBOLOGY PROCEDURE (CDPP)

CDPP N° 1 “UGS” - Ultrasound Guided Sclerotherapy

CDPP N° 2 “ETA” - Endovenous Thermal Ablation (Radiofrequency and Laser) and Non-Thermal Ablation without Tumescence

CDPP N° 3 Phlebectomy

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TEACHING MODEL

GENERAL INFORMATION

Your contact entity is the Société Française de Phlébologie (SFP; French Society of Phlebology).

These 3 CDPP (competency degrees in phlebology procedures)

1. UGS CDPP: in ultrasound guided sclerotherapy

2. ETA CDPP: in endovenous thermal ablations (radiofrequency and laser) and non-tumescent non-thermal ablation

3. PHLEBECTOMY CDPP

are educational modules officially accredited by the UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialists).

They are organised by the NRTCP (National Reference Training Centre of Phlebology) IPV PARIS/SFP, which is itself accredited by the UEMS.

It is the national reference training centre for France, in phlebology.

The practical internships are carried out in medical and surgical centres accredited by the UEMS. These centres include the NRTCP medical centre INSTITUT DE PATHOLOGIE VASCULAIRE, HOPITAL PRIVE GEOFFROY SAINT HILAIRE 75005 PARIS and the associated ERTCP (European Rotating Training Centres of Phlebology) (list and contact details of instructors and their centres available on our website).

Teaching is provided by the NRTCP for 10 months, at the end of which an (optional) exam is organised by the UEMS and the European Board of Phlebology (EBP). This training does not require a continuous presence in the internship, but a certain number of procedures is required.

To ensure good access to the practical courses, the maximum number of enrolments for each CDPP is set at 10 participants for the year 2026.

The courses are available on the dedicated e-learning website with access code (<https://www.learning-phlebology.com/>).

CONDITIONS AND PREREQUISITES FOR CANDIDATES

To benefit from this CDPP course, candidates must be officially registered with the Société Française de Phlébologie and have paid the registration fees.

Registration fees for theoretical courses and practical training, with possible access to the examination: €1,800 for each module.

For the practical courses, candidates must take out professional indemnity insurance covering the acts considered for their CDPP, if they are not already covered for this risk.

These CDPPs are three advanced training modules, not initial training modules. Diplomas and prerequisites are required from candidates (see registration conditions).

NEW! It is now possible to apply for access to e-learning only. This is open to all members of the SFP, with no further obligation, subject to registration (€1,000 for each module). Access is via a code valid for one year.

Without the practical courses, it does not give access to the CDPP-UEMS exam.

POINTS CREDITS FOR THE THEORY and VALIDATION OF PRACTICAL TRAINING

Theoretical teaching includes different supports:

- Access to videos and courses by power-point presentations in pdf format on a dedicated platform on the SFP website (<https://www.learning-phlebology.com/>)
- Courses by e-learning, on a dedicated platform, on the SFP website (<https://www.learning-phlebology.com/>) (access with password; control planned)
- Participation in congresses accredited by the NRTCP;

Validation of the theoretical part :

1. The candidate must have viewed all the e-learning courses: validation by systematic electronic control.
2. Validation of participation in congresses and other training activities is based on points credits (see list of accredited congresses and corresponding points; accredited workshops will be identified as they become available). The minimum number of points required for validation is 50.
 - . Elements considered for the acquisition of points for the 2026 teaching year (the allocation of workshops to congresses will be indicated during the year)
 - . Validated attendance at the annual SFP Congress in November 2026: 30 points (for the 2 days)
 - . Other French SFMV or CFPV congresses (signposting) hosting a joint session with the SFP: 10 points
 - . French-speaking congress in Geneva ('hands-on' on patients) - Forum and Workshop in November 2026: 20 points
 - . Foreign congresses: CIF congress (Italy), UIP congress, VEITH congress (New York), Canadian Society of Phlebology congress (Montreal), Charing Cross congress (London), EVF How congress, ECoP congress, Swiss Society of Phlebology congress: 10 points
 - . Critical summaries of articles or book chapters proposed by the instructor: 5 points each.

Basis for validation of the practical part

The practical part involves active participation by the candidate, which means taking part in or contributing to decisions and actions relating to the superficial venous assessment, the management of the procedure and the prevention of side-effects or complications of the technique concerned (pre-therapeutic assessment, patient information, development of the strategy and ultrasound location, choice of treatment sites, choice of equipment, etc.).

However, the procedure itself does not have to be performed by the candidate; it is the instructor who decides.

Candidates are advised to validate their training at several centres rather than just one.

Candidates may apply in writing to the SFP secretariat, giving their reasons, for an extension of the period needed to validate their procedures (up to a maximum of one year, at no extra cost). Such requests will be examined on a case-by-case basis.

CDPP N° 1 UGS

The candidate must have attended 30 or more foam echosclerotherapy procedures for varicose veins and must have actively participated in the performance of at least 10 of these procedures. However, a modulation is possible, more or less, according to the feedback of the training course supervisors.

CDPP N° 2 ETA

The candidate must have attended 20 or more thermal endovenous procedures for varicose veins and must have actively participated in the performance of at least 10 of these procedures. However, a modulation is possible, more or less, according to the returns of the persons in charge of training courses.

CDPP N° 3 Phlebectomy

The candidate must have attended 10 or more phlebectomy procedures and must have actively participated in the performance of at least 5 of these procedures. However, a modulation is possible, more or less, according to the feedback of the training supervisors.

UEMS EXAM AT THE END OF THE COURSE

The UEMS examination for the next course will be held in Paris. The exact date and venue will be specified later, in agreement with the European Board of Phlebology (EBP). The official languages of the UEMS are French and English. Registration for the examination is separate from registration for the module, and the fee (UEMS) is €200.

Candidates may only register for the examination if they have passed both the theoretical and practical parts of the course. Registration for this examination is optional, but no diploma will be awarded solely based on validation of the theoretical credits and practical placements.

The examination consists of:

- a written part in the form of MCQs: 50 questions (English/French), lasting 1 hour; each correct answer is worth 1 point, and the total is divided by 5 to give a mark out of 10.
 - an oral exam based on clinical cases, with 2 or 3 European examiners from the EBP; the exam lasts 30 minutes.
- A mark from 1 to 10 is awarded by the examiners.

The average of the 2 marks is used to obtain the final mark, which must be at least 6.5 out of 10.

If you pass the examination, you will be awarded the UEMS European certificate of competence in phlebological procedures 'in ULTRASOUND GUIDED SCLEROTHERAPY: CDPP UGS, in endovenous thermal ablation: CDPP TEA or in CDPP Phlebectomy'.

It is not equivalent to a specialist diploma and does not exempt the doctor from the legal obligations of his or her. If you fail the exam, you can retake it the following year, subject to payment of a new fee. They retain the validation of their theoretical and practical credits, but if they so wish, they can re-register for the module (they will have to pay the fees for this new year).

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS FOR CDPN N° 1 AND/OR N° 2 AND/OR N° 3

Candidates must meet the following conditions:

1. Complete the administrative form (see attached document) ;
 2. Be registered with the Conseil Départemental de l'Ordre des Médecins for French doctors or the equivalent for foreign doctors;
 3. Diplomas and certificates required (attach a photocopy):
 - a. For French nationals: qualification in angiology, speciality in vascular medicine, or speciality in vascular surgery with predominantly phlebological activity, or DESC in vascular medicine or co-DES in cardiology-vascular medicine, or interns in the consolidation phase, or DU in phlebology or DU in thermics, or AU in thermics or Competency Degree in Phlebology (CDP UEMS).
 - b. For foreign nationals :
 - Diploma in phlebology or equivalent or authorisation to practise phlebology, according to the regulations of the country, or
 - Competency Degree in Phlebology (CDP UEMS), or
 - Certificate on the candidate's honour, attesting to regular practice of phlebology for at least 2 years, with performance of superficial venous Doppler ultrasound examinations and ultrasound-guided puncture procedures and/or experience in venous catheterisation.
 4. Have professional civil liability insurance covering phlebology procedures including, for the ETA module, endovenous treatment of varicose veins (enclose a photocopy) and, for the UGS module, sclerotherapy procedures.
 5. Attach a curriculum vitae with an RPPS number or licence number and photograph;
 6. Pay the registration fee for the module(s) concerned.
- Nb A separate fee of €200 will be requested at a later date for the final exam (organised by the UEMS).
- * This fee includes access to the current year's SFP conference at the student rate**

ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS for CDPN N° 1 and N° 2 and N° 3

I, undersigned, certify that the information given below is accurate

Name and first name:

Rpps number or license number (for foreigners):

Date and place of birth:

Nationality:

Spoken languages:

Home address:

Business address:

Email:

Mobile phone: Fixed telephone (business):

Specialty + year of degree or equivalent:

I request my registration to the UEMS module of competency degree in phlebology procedure (CDPN) in:

- ☐ "Ultrasound-guided sclerotherapy"
- ☐ "Endovenous thermal ablations (Radiofrequency and Laser) and non-tumescent non-thermal ablation"
- ☐ "Phlebectomy"

organised by the National Reference Training Centre of Phlebology (NRTCP) IPV PARIS/SFP

And I attach my payment of ☐ 1 800 € per complete module giving access to the exam

☐ De 1000 € per module for access to the e-learning site only

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Date and Signature

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