

## PROGRAM RULES

### The MiniPerc Training Program: A Bridge to Guangzhou

by Devicare & Dr. Zeng

The participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the MiniPerc Training Program: A Bridge to Guangzhou- by Devicare & Dr. Zeng necessarily implies full and unconditional acceptance of these rules by the participant.

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE CALL AND MAIN OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this call is to award a program to Spanish healthcare professionals with a recognized medical specialization in Urology, supporting their participation in an advanced clinical training program in Guangzhou, China.

The selected candidate will engage in a two-week immersive program dedicated to Mini-PCNL, conducted under the coordination of Dr. Juan Manuel López and the supervision of Dr. Guohua Zeng.

Exclusively aimed at Spanish urologists, the program is granted annually to one exceptional applicant. The main objective of this program is to offer an intensive academic and practical experience designed to refine surgical skills, improve clinical outcomes, and ultimately enhance the quality of care for patients with renal lithiasis.

This initiative promotes professional excellence, encourages international collaboration, and supports the advancement and dissemination of specialised surgical expertise within the urological community.

This program offers a unique educational opportunity to enhance clinical skills and broaden professional horizons through hands-on training and expert-led sessions.

Selected participants will benefit from a well-rounded experience that includes:

- **Official Certification:** Participants will receive a certificate of participation jointly issued by Devicare and The First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University, co-signed by Dr. Zeng and Dr. López, endorsing their commitment to ongoing medical education and international clinical collaboration.
- **Theoretical training:** Comprehensive lectures on the techniques, indications, and outcomes of Mini-PCNL and SMP
- **Hand-on surgical training:** Practical sessions in a controlled clinical setting to develop and refine surgical skills in Mini-PCNL and SMP
- **Specialized course on metabolic analysis and post-surgical medical management of kidney stone disease.**
- **International networking** opportunities with leading Mini-PCNL experts, fostering professional growth and global collaboration.

## 2. MAIN SPONSOR AND COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

The program is promoted and coordinated by Devicare, a recognized pharmaceutical company committed to the advancement of urological training and international medical exchange, who will be the main sponsor

In collaboration with The First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University, the program reflects a joint effort to foster academic excellence, promote the globalisation of medical expertise and support the continuous development of urologists through hands-on experience in high-level healthcare settings.

## 3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The selected candidate will participate in an intensive clinical and observational training program focused on Mini-PCNL, under the supervision of a leading international expert in the field.

### **Duration of the Program**

The program will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 (inclusive), for a total of two weeks of full-time clinical immersion.

### **Training Location**

The program will be held at The First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University in Guangzhou, China, equipped with advanced technology and specialized units in endourological procedures.

### **Financial Coverage**

Devicare will cover the round-trip flight between Spain and Guangzhou. Any other remaining expenses incurred by the program shall be covered by the beneficiary.

Devicare reserves the right to determine all aspects related to air travel arrangements for participants. This includes, but is not limited to the flight itinerary, the class of travel, the choice of airline and the baggage allowance and any additional flight-related conditions.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Participation is open to all Spanish urologists.

Applicants must meet the following criteria at the time of submitting their application:

- Hold Spanish nationality.
- Possess an official medical specialisation degree in Urology, issued by a recognised institution in Spain or another EU member state, or provide proof of completion of the Urology residency (MIR) programme.
- Be actively practising in the field of Urology within Spain.
- Previous training or experience in PCNL.
- Have sufficient proficiency in English, both spoken and written, to effectively follow the training program.
- Commit to full participation in the training programme during the established dates.

Preference may be given to candidates with:

- Academic contributions (e.g., publications, presentations) in the field of endourology.
- Be member of International Alliance of Urolithiasis (IAU)

The participants who do not correctly communicate their personal or contact details during the registration process, those whose application forms are incomplete, those that contain manifestly incorrect or inaccurate data, those that are submitted through means other than those indicated in these rules and/or after the deadline required by the organization, or outside the duration of the program, or those that do not fulfil the stipulations of these rules, will not be considered valid, and will therefore be ineligible for the program. Likewise, candidates who have previously benefited from this program in past editions will not be eligible.

## 5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Participants must register on the website [www.miniperctraining.com](http://www.miniperctraining.com) and complete the registration form with the following sections:

- Name of professional
- Last name of the professional
- Email address
- Telephone number
- Hospital affiliation
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from Spanish experts in Mini-PCNL
- Motivation letter (in English) explaining your interest in the program
- A scanned copy of a valid National ID (DNI or NIE).
- Official certification of medical specialization in Urology, or alternatively, a provisional certificate confirming completion of the Urology residency program (MIR).

Applicants who do not meet the eligibility requirements outlined above will not be considered valid and will therefore be ineligible to benefit from the program.

## 6. TIMELINE AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection process will follow the timeline detailed below:

- **Call for applications opens:** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- **Application deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 (23:59 CET)
- **Evaluation of applications:** 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- **Notification of the selected fellow:** 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025

The final decision will be officially communicated to the selected candidate by email and will also be published on the official website: [www.miniperctraining.com](http://www.miniperctraining.com).

Applications received after the deadline or found to be incomplete will **not** be considered under any circumstances.

The selected candidate will have a maximum of **seven (7) natural days** from the date of notification to confirm their acceptance of the program. If the applicant does not confirm their acceptance of the grant by this deadline, they will lose their place, and an alternative candidate will be selected instead.

Once acceptance has been confirmed, any **cancellation or failure to attend the program**, regardless of the reason, will require the selected candidate to reimburse Devicare for the management and cost of the round-trip flight. This condition is binding and applies unless duly justified and accepted by the organising body.

## 7. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

For the knowledge of any dispute that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of these rules Devicare, as well as the participants of the program, expressly submit to the jurisdiction and competence of the courts and tribunals of Barcelona expressly waiving any other rights that may correspond to them or be their own if they have them.

Devicare excludes any liability for damages of any kind that may be due to the temporary lack of availability or continuity of the operation of telecommunications networks, as well as network failures, electrical failures, force majeure, etc. Furthermore, Devicare shall in no case be liable for any damage that may result from unauthorised access and/or use of said data by third parties because of computer attacks or illegal access.

Modifications and/or annexes: Devicare reserves the right to make modifications or add successive annexes to its procedures and requirements, if these are justified or do not harm the participants and are duly communicated to them.

Devicare assumes no responsibility for incidents, such as but not limited to, delays, losses, deterioration, theft, etc. or any other circumstance attributable to third parties that may affect the development of this program, which may occur during transfers, travel or attendance at any type of event or provision of service in which the program consists of.

In the event that the program cannot take place, either due to fraud detected in the procedure, technical errors or any other reason beyond the control of Devicare that affects the normal development of the program, Devicare reserves the right to cancel, modify or suspend the same, as well as the power to interpret these rules and the right to take legal action against those persons who may carry out any type of act that could be considered as manipulation or fraudulent participation.

## 8. MORE INFORMATION

For any questions related to the program or in the event of any technical issues during the registration process, please contact Devicare at the following email address: [medicalaffairs@devicare.com](mailto:medicalaffairs@devicare.com).