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Certificate of Completion

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has successfully completed the

Certificate in Community Engagement and Involvement for Surgical Research

from the NIHR Global Surgery Unit Education Centre

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Transcript: Certificate in Community Engagement and Involvement for Surgical Research

Type of award: Certificate of completion
Awarding body: NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Global Surgery
Intended learning time: 3 hours
Date of last course review: 01 August 2025

Assessment: The online course comprises seven modules, supplemented by two additional learning resources. Each module includes a formative self-assessment activity. To successfully complete the course, learners must engage with all required learning activities and achieve a minimum score of 70% in the final summative multiple-choice assessment. Learners are permitted a maximum of three attempts at the final assessment.

Course content: After completing all the course modules and reviewing each of the learning resource learners will be able to:

- Discuss the value of involving patients, carers and the community in your surgical research project
- Define what community engagement and involvement (CEI) is and differentiate it from the traditional view of patients and carers within research
- Define and identify what communities are in the context of surgical research, describe an example of community engagement and involvement in action, and evaluate its outcome
- Describe examples of CEI activities in various Global Health contexts
- Understand the different levels of Community Engagement and Involvement (CEI)
- Evaluate the level of Community Engagement and Involvement given surgical examples
- Assess the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of a planned CEI activity
- Differentiate participation, engagement and involvement in the context of surgical research
- Recognise ethical considerations associated with involving patients and the public in surgical research
- Understand how surgical site infections affect patients, carers and the community, especially when they develop outside the hospital.
- Understand common vocabulary associated with CEI and surgical research
- Recognise frequently asked questions and where to find their answers for CEI and surgical research

Quality assurance and academic review

The course was designed and developed by the Education and Training Faculty of the NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Global Surgery (https://www.globalsurgeryunit.org/). It was reviewed and quality assured by the Capacity Building Committee and formally approved as a quality-assured online training programme for independent study. The course is certificated, with learners receiving a certificate of completion upon successful fulfilment of requirements. This course was additionally reviewed for quality and approved by SURGhub is the United Nations Global Surgery Learning Hub (https://www.surghub.org/).

Claiming your CME credits

Learners who successfully complete this course may be eligible to claim three hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit. Eligibility requirements and application processes vary between countries and accrediting bodies, so learners are advised to check the specific criteria of their local or national authority. In most cases, learners will need to submit their certificate of completion as evidence of learning. If the certificate alone is not accepted as sufficient proof, additional documentation—such as a completed form or further evidence of engagement with the course content—may be required. It is the learner's responsibility to ensure that the appropriate documentation is submitted in accordance with their licensing or accreditation body's procedures.

Please note that eligibility for CME credits is determined by your local or national licensing or accrediting body, and acceptance is not guaranteed.