

COSECSA

The College of Surgeons of East, Central, and Southern Africa ([COSECSA](#)) is a regional accrediting body for general and specialty surgical training programs that has recently expanded to include neurosurgery. As neurosurgical services expand in Sub-Saharan Africa, the structure of training and accreditation has become a vital issue.

Henderson et al. reviewed the founding and current structures of COSECSA neurosurgical [training](#), identifying accomplishments as well as challenges facing the expansion of [neurosurgical training](#) in this region.

The COSECSA model has succeeded in several countries to graduate qualified neurosurgeons, but challenges remain. Programs must balance the long duration of training required to promote surgical excellence against an overwhelming clinical need that seeks immediate solutions.

Harnessing global [collaboration](#), rapidly expanding local infrastructure, and a robust multi-national [training curriculum](#), COSECSA has emerged as a leader in the effort to train [neurosurgeons](#), and is anticipated to dramatically improve upon the markedly unmet need for neurosurgical care in [Sub-Saharan Africa](#) ¹⁾.

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