



C-Gen 6

Guidelines for visiting surgeons conducting demonstration sessions

1. The visiting surgeon must obtain temporary registration in writing with the relevant Medical Board or Council, prospectively.
2. The surgeon should have a temporary appointment approved by the Credentialing Committee of the Hospital being visited. This must be obtained prospectively.
3. The visiting surgeon is to have an acknowledged reputation for the surgery to be performed.
4. The Credentialing Committee at the appropriate hospital should consider the visiting expert's curriculum vitae and it would be best if some independent referees could also speak to the surgeon's competence in their area.
5. Adequate medical indemnity cover for the planned procedure must be in place before the procedure is carried out. This should be provided by the institution where the procedure is being carried out. Adequate indemnity cover must be in place prospectively.
6. The visiting surgeon should meet and consult with the patient pre-operatively. He/she should outline in detail the proposed procedure. The visiting surgeon must ensure that appropriate consent has been obtained, acknowledging that it is a demonstration operation, that there will be others observing the operation, that a video and other photographic material may be obtained during the operation, and that the operation may be prolonged because of these requirements.
7. The visiting surgeon should undergo a thorough orientation to the Operating Theatre Suite, and the operating equipment. He/she should meet with the nursing and anaesthetic staff, and outline the procedure and any special requirements.
8. There should be a full list provided of instruments, sutures etc. required for the procedure. Any shortfall should be noted prior to the commencement of the procedure.
9. Any new equipment that is being used during the procedure should be demonstrated adequately for the theatre staff and any special requirements noted. A new machine should be shown to be safe by an independent body.
10. There should be reasonable agreement that the form of surgery to be performed is likely to result in benefits to patients although widespread acceptance may not yet have occurred.
11. The visiting surgeon is responsible for the operation and a local specialist would then be responsible for the post-operative care. Any financial arrangements between the visiting surgeon and the local specialist should be sorted out prospectively.

12. There should be a full briefing of the local specialist by the visiting surgeon prior to his/her departure. This should include written instructions (and an explanation if necessary). The visiting surgeon needs to be contactable should the need arise. The local specialist should provide a written report for the visiting surgeon at the end of the episode of care for the particular patient.
13. The surgery is to be performed under the supervision of a Fellow of the College who is responsible for case selection, suitability of the surgery, intra-operative performance of the surgery and post-operative care.

References

None provided

Links to other related College Statements

[C-Gen 2 Guidelines for consent and the provision of information regarding proposed treatment.](#)

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