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RE: Minimum Numbers

Below is the current list of pediatric urology operative experience minimums. The Review Committee has re-reviewed and determined that the following number of procedures is considered a minimum requirement for each fellow graduating from a pediatric urology fellowship.

Achievement of these minimum numbers of procedures is expected for the 2014 graduates. The Committee recognizes that while completion of a minimum number of cases does not imply competence, it is an indicator of experience. Evidence for procedural competence will be provided via the Milestone reports used in the ACGME's Next Accreditation System (NAS).

Minimums Effective July 1, 2013 for the 2014 Graduates

Category	Minimum Numbers
Endourology/Stone Disease	10
SWL/ureteroscopy/PCNL	5
Ureterocele incision	2
Posterior valve ablation	2
Scrotal/Inguinal Surgery	60
Hernia repair/Orchiopexy	50
Varicocelectomy	5
Penile Surgery	40
Distal hypospadias	30
Proximal hypospadias	5
Hypospadias complication repair	5
Epispadias	2
Bladder/Ureteral Surgery	30
Ureteroneocystostomy	15
Cysto with subureteric injection	5
Major Abd/Reconstructive Procedures	35
Pyeloplasty	10
Nephrectomy	4

Category	Minimum Numbers
DSD Surgery	3
Complex Bladder Reconstruction	10
Appendicovesicostomy	5
Enterocystoplasty	2
Exstrophy closure	tracked only
Urodynamic Studies	10
Total Laparoscopic	10
Total Robotic	tracked only
Total Index Cases	300

A pediatric urology fellow's participation in a surgical procedure will be credited as an index case whether the fellow functions as **surgeon**, **assistant**, or **teaching assistant**.

To be recorded as **surgeon**, a fellow must be present for all of the critical portions of the case, and must perform a significant number of the critical steps of the procedure. As a general principle, it is expected that over the course of their education, fellows will develop the skills necessary to perform progressively greater proportions of complex cases and will be given the opportunity to demonstrate those technical skills to the members of the program faculty. It is also important to remember that the Committee views involvement in pre-operative assessment and post-operative management of patients to be important elements of fellow participation.

Only one fellow or resident can claim credit as an **assistant** on a given case. Though it may well be valuable educationally, activity as "second assistant" should not be recorded, except for the special cases listed below. A fellow may also be given index case credit when he or she acts as a **teaching assistant**. To be recorded as the **teaching assistant**, the fellow acts as supervisor, directing and overseeing major portions of the procedure being performed by the more junior resident **surgeon**, while the supervising attending physician (staff) functions as a second assistant or observer.

For robotic procedures, the requirements for case recording as **surgeon** or **assistant** differ. In short, acting as a bedside assistant qualifies as **assistant** and any significant console time qualifies as **surgeon**. For the situation in which a fellow and a resident complete some portion of the case at the console, only one may log the case as **surgeon**. For robotic cases, both **surgeon** and **assistant** roles will be given index case credit for the "laparoscopic and robotic surgery" index categories.

Varicocelectomy

Pediatric urology fellows must log at least five varicocelectomy cases during their year of ACGME-approved education. These procedures may be done on adolescent or pediatric patients with pediatric urology faculty members affiliated with an ACGME-approved education site. Alternatively, varicocelectomy

procedures may also be logged if they are performed on adolescent or adult patients with adult urology faculty members, with or without a subspecialization in infertility/andrology. Procedures performed with adult urology faculty members may be arranged through an adult hospital associated with the ACGME-approved pediatric urology education site or through an ACGME-approved education site.

Epispadias

Pediatric urology fellows must at least log two epispadias cases during their year of ACGME-approved education. In order to meet this minimum number of cases, epispadias cases can be performed as surgeon, assistant surgeon, teaching assistant, or as an observational event (observational events should be recorded as “assistant” when logging the case). Additionally, observation of epispadias cases can take place at the pediatric fellow’s ACGME-approved education site or can be arranged to occur at another ACGME-approved education site if the primary education site has insufficient numbers of these cases.

Cystoscopy with subureteric injection

Pediatric urology fellows must log at least five cystoscopy with subureteric injection procedures for treatment of vesicoureteral reflux during their year of ACGME-approved education. In order to meet this minimum number of cases, cystoscopy with subureteric injection can be performed as surgeon, assistant surgeon, teaching assistant, or as an observational event (observational events should be recorded as “assistant” when logging the case). Additionally, observation of cystoscopy with subureteric injection can take place either at the pediatric fellow’s ACGME-approved education site or can be arranged to occur at another ACGME-approved education site if the primary education site has limited numbers of these types of cases.

Exstrophy closure

For tracking purposes, pediatric urology fellows must log at least one exstrophy closure cases during their year of ACGME-approved education. Given the rarity of this disease state, there are no set required minimums at this time; however, the ACMGE will track the logging of this procedure. In order to meet this minimum number of cases, exstrophy closure can be performed as surgeon, assistant surgeon, teaching assistant, or as an observational event (observational events should be recorded as “assistant” when logging the case). Additionally, observation of exstrophy closure can take place at the pediatric fellow’s ACGME-approved education site or can be arranged to occur at another ACGME-approved education site if the primary education site has limited numbers of these types of cases.

Robotic procedures

Currently, there are no set required minimums for robotic cases; however, the ACMGE will track the logging of robotic procedures in order to inform future case minimum requirements.