

ELLIOT HOSPITAL

CRITERIA FOR LASER PRIVILEGES

Basic Education: MD, DO, DPM, DMD, or DDS

Previous Experience: A physician requesting laser privileges must be a medical, dental or podiatry staff.

Minimum Formal Training: Physicians requesting laser privileges at the Elliot Hospital must have completed the following:

REQUESTING INITIAL LASER PRIVILEGES:

- A. Laser Course including documentation of a certificate of course completion and a course syllabus. The course must meet the following specifications:
1. must be an AMA approved course for Category I CME credits, as appropriate, or be deemed as meeting the educational needs of the requesting physician in the desired wave length; and
 2. must include Laser biophysics, physiology, safety and hazards of the specific laser wave length; and
 3. must have documented hands on experience of direct supervision by qualified personnel and/or representative with the specific wave length by the person providing the training.
- (Note: If laser safety training has not been completed within the previous 5 years, it can be completed utilizing the "Medical Laser Safety Education" found at <https://www.elliethospital.org/education/index.asp>)

OR

- B. Has laser training for the specific wavelength in the course of his/her residency to be verified and specifically described by the Residency Training Director. The training must satisfy criteria A2 and A3 above.

Current laser privileges at the Elliot Hospital - Requesting new wavelengths:

- C. Laser Course including documentation of a certificate of course completion. The course must meet the following specifications:
1. must be deemed as meeting the educational needs of the requesting physician in the desired wave length; and
 2. must include Laser biophysics, physiology, safety and hazards of the specific laser wave length; and
 3. documented hands on experience with the specific wave length by the person providing the training.

All requests for privileges will be handled in the manner prescribed in the Medical Staff Bylaws and related Credentialing Policies Manual. Physicians requesting new laser privileges not yet accepted and approved by the Elliot Hospital Board of Trustees must apply for these privileges to ensure that the Elliot Hospital has documentation for the need and the resources for such new laser privilege. All others are required to have a processed application and approval by the Board of Trustees, recommended by the Credentials Committee and Medical Executive Committee before laser privileges are granted.

Ongoing Clinical Competency:

Physicians granted laser privileges must submit documentation verifying completion of a laser safety training course prior to renewal of privileges.

Physicians granted laser privileges may be required to demonstrate ongoing clinical competency by documenting utilization of their laser privileges defined by the Chairman of the Department, and as approved by the Laser Safety Committee and accepted by the Credentialing Committee.

LASER PRIVILEGES APPROVED AT THE ELLIOT HOSPITAL

An inventory of the laser technology and equipment available at and maintained at Elliot Health System will be maintained by the EHS Laser Safety Committee and/or its designee. A physician will have access to use these lasers if they have initially obtained laser privileges, and the use of a laser is an extension of an existing privilege, and /or a new laser wavelength is of comparable tissue impact to an existing technique. The Laser Safety Committee will exercise judgment regarding any requested new laser technology, determine if specific privileges are required when a new wavelength or device is considered new technology, and then inform the credentials committee.

Credentialing process:

The Medical Staff Services Department will submit the following to the Clinical Laser Nurse.

- Information/items listed above
- Privilege form requesting "Laser privileges (For the list of specific lasers approved, please view the list in the "Laser Privileges" folder located on the "T" drive.
- Laser safety training (Note: If laser safety training has not been completed within the previous 5 years, they can complete the "Medical Laser Safety Education" at <https://www.elliotohospital.org/education/index.asp>)
- Caselogs
- Provider contact information

If Clinical Laser Nurse has additional questions or needs additional information, he/she will contact the provider directly.

Clinical Laser Nurse will consult with the Laser Safety Committee and respond to the Medical Staff Services Department with the recommendation i.e. approval, approval with proctoring, not qualified. The date the laser safety training was completed will also be included in that notification to allow the Medical Staff Services Department to track the 5-year laser safety renewal requirement.

Medical Staff Services Department will submit the Laser Safety Committees recommendation to the Department Chair, Credentials, and MEC.

Approved by:

BOT: 01/25/05; 07/18/06; 07/17/07; 03/18/08; 4/19/12; 8/15/13; 12/18/14; 12/18/15; 9/19/19