

ELLIOT HEALTH SYSTEM

CREREDENTIALING CRITERIA FOR SURGICAL ROBOTICS

Basic Education: MD or DO

General Principles:

- For the purposes of these privileges, “Surgical Robotics” shall refer to the use of the robotics equipment (includes fiberoptic scope surgery) as produced by Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (or similar devices which may be available in the future).
- Procedures performed shall only be those that are currently being performed via laparoscopic technique.
- These privileges shall be considered an extension of existing privileges (i.e. in order to be considered for privileges to perform a certain robotic procedure, it would be expected that the surgeon already have privileges to perform said procedure by “traditional” or open technique and/or laparoscopic technique).

To be eligible to request clinical privileges in ***Surgical Robotics***, an applicant must have demonstrated proficiency by documented evidence utilizing one of the following pathways as minimum threshold criteria.

Minimum Pathways

1. Formal Education/Training:

- a) Applicants must have completed an ACGME/AOA-accredited residency/fellowship with privileges that include surgical robotics and confirmation of successful completion of an Intuitive Surgical, Inc. – sponsored or authorized workshop.
- b) Letter must be received from program director attesting to competency.
- c) Submission of cases and outcomes in training identified as primary operator and assistant.

OR:

2. Ongoing Competence:

- a) All physicians must submit documentation of successfully completed education, as well as “hands-on” experience, with the robotic equipment at a manufacture-sponsored course.
- b) Possess privileges at another institution for identical surgical robotics as requested, with documentation of six (6) cases of such procedures including operative notes and patient outcomes.

OR:

3. Supplemental Education/Training:

- a) All physicians must submit documentation of successfully completed education, as well as “hands-on” experience, with the robotic equipment at a manufacture-sponsored course, and must apply for provisional privileges through the Medical Staff Office and be granted by the Board of Trustees prior to performing any procedures.
- b) The first three (3) procedures must be proctored with a proctor credentialed in surgical robotics. The proctor must then complete and return the proctoring forms to the Medical Staff Office prior to performance of the applicant’s procedure without a proctor. If the proctor feels that the competency has not been achieved after the first three (3) procedures, an additional three (3) or more proctored procedures must be performed in order to achieve clinical competence. The proctor must identify the specific number of additional cases required. Once clinical competence is achieved, the proctor must submit proctoring forms to the Medical

Staff Office indicating satisfactory completion prior to performance of the applicant's procedure without a proctor.

- c) A physician will be credentialed on an individual basis based on his/her qualifications.

Reappointment:

- a) Reappointments should be based on unbiased, objective results of care according to the organization's existing quality assurance mechanisms.
- b) Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have maintained competence by showing evidence that they have performed at least six (6) surgical robotics procedures over the 2-year reappointment cycle.

Approved by:

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