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**Accreditation of Gynaecological Laparoscopic Surgery**

**Working Principles and Rules (July 2006)**

**A. Eligibility for application**

All members of HKCOG or doctors with equivalent qualifications recognized by the College can apply for accreditation at Intermediate Level.

Gynaecologists who are FHKAM(Obs & Gyn) or holder of equivalent qualifications recognized by the College can apply for accreditation at Advanced Level.

Applicants should only submit application for either Intermediate or Advanced Level.

**B. Levels of gynaecological laparoscopic surgery**

The levels are based on the recommendation by the College as listed in Appendix I.

**C. Eligible Case List**

1. The applicant has to be the principle surgeon of the case submitted. Each case can only be submitted once irrespective of the number of surgeons involved and the number of different procedures performed. The College relies on the surgeons involved to agree on, and the verifying person (hospital or department medical administrator) to confirm, the “ownership” of the case. Subsequent further claims on case which has been accredited to a previous surgeon will be disregarded, and the action so taken will be conveyed to the applicant.
2. For operations performed from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000 onwards, the first name on the list of operators in the operation record will be regarded as the supporting evidence for the principle surgeon status.
3. Only the primary procedure performed will be counted towards the number of required cases and it has to be written down first on the specified column in the “operative laparoscopy case list”.

In cases of multiple procedures performed, the Gynaecological Endoscopic Surgery Subcommittee will decide on the primary procedure from the review of the operation notes when there is any dispute. For example, adhesiolysis / ovarian cystectomy will usually be considered as cystectomy. Ablation of endometriosis / ovarian cystectomy will usually be considered as cystectomy.



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4. The level of procedure performed for a particular case is based on the primary procedure performed and should be the highest level of the procedures carried out in that case.
5. Cases that resulted in conversion to laparotomy will not be counted unless the primary surgery has been completed before conversion.
6. Level 1 procedures (diagnostic or tubal occlusion procedures) and procedures for assisted reproduction (such as GIFT) should not be submitted.
7. All cases are to be submitted using the standardized form or format.

**D. Additional cases**

If the type and number of procedures submitted do not comply with the minimum requirements for the level applied, additional cases may be required for further assessment. These additional cases must be performed in chronological sequence with the cases already submitted, be it before or after, and must fall within the same five-year period chosen by the applicant. (Additional cases can only be submitted once). Resubmission fee: \$500 (non-refundable).

*The Working Principles and Rules may be reviewed in future when necessary. The final interpretation of this Working Principles and Rules rests with the College Council.*

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*endorsed by Council on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006*