

SPINAL SURGERY WITH INSTRUMENTATION CRITERIA

Gulf Coast Medical Center

Department of Surgery

Applicants **initially applying** for spinal surgery with instrumentation privileges (i.e., insertion of orthopedic devices such as pedicle screws and Harrington rods) must be able to demonstrate the following criteria:

1. Education and training consisting of:
 - (a) residency and/or fellowship training in lumbar stabilization, including fusion and use of orthopedic devices; OR
 - (b) post-residency training, including didactic and laboratory experience in a program affiliated with an ACGME-approved (Accrediting Council for Graduate Medical Education) orthopedic or neurological surgery residency training program of at least four (4) weeks duration.
2. Experience of having performed as primary operator at least 30 operative procedures on the spinal area, including at least 10 cases in which orthopedic instrumentation was used.
3. Provide a letter of reference from the program director responsible for training the applicant in the use of orthopedic instrumentation devices in the spinal region.
4. At the discretion of the Credentials Committee, the applicant may be asked to provide surgical case logs, and a reasonable number of operative notes indicating the applicant was the primary surgeon and demonstrating current clinical competence.

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