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Minimum surgical case number recommendations

SMALL ANIMAL CURRICULUM

The Small Animal Core Curriculum consists of a minimum of 400 procedures. These numbers refer to numbers of animals undergoing surgical procedures. Cases included in the Surgical Case Log to satisfy core curriculum requirements must be performed on live animals with spontaneously occurring disease. Animals undergoing bilateral procedures may be counted once per anesthetic period in the log. Animals undergoing separate anaesthetic episodes can be counted as undergoing separate procedures.

These recommended case numbers should be completed prior to applying to take the ECVS Certifying Examination. There is no upper time limit on the completion of the recommended case numbers. The 300 surgeries listed under specific categories must be performed as primary or assistant surgeon as defined in the ECVS Training Brochure. 160 surgical procedures out of the 400 should be performed as the primary surgeon, and the minimum number laid down for each category should be achieved. If the recommended case numbers are met or exceeded, the candidate can expect the Credentials Committee to approve the Case Log as being balanced. If a candidate falls short in some categories, passage through the process will be at the discretion of the CC.

All surgeries included in the Surgical Case Log should be specialist procedures of the type encountered in a surgical referral center. Minor and routine procedures like castrations, removal of minor skin tumors and cast changes should be omitted.

Category and (codes)	Numbers required (as primary surgeon in bracket		
Soft tissue surgery		150	(60)
Gastro-intestinal surgery (GI) Such as intestinal resection/anastom correction of gastric outflow obstruct gastrectomy, gastropexy, liver lobe e shunt ligation, cholecystectomy, cho perineal hernia	ion, partial excision, portosystemic	40	(16)
Urogenital Surgery (UG) Such as cystotomy, correction of ect urethrostomy, nephrectomy, ovarieh pyometra, prostatic surgery	•	30	(12)
Abdominal surgery (AB) Abdominal surgery not associated w such as adrenalectomy, splenectomy diaphragmatic hernia		15	(6)
Head and neck surgery (HN) Such as salivary gland removal, ear bulla osteotomy, rhinotomy, partial m maxillectomy, thyroidectomy, aryten ophthalmic procedures	nandibulectomy /	25	(10)



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Thoracic surgery (TC) Such as exploratory thoracotomy including sternotomy, ligation of PDA, lung lobectomy, esophagatomy, pericardectomy	15	(6)
Skin / reconstructive surgery (SR)	25	(10)

Such as skin graft, pedicle flap, axial pattern flap, degloving injury, removal of major superficial tumors, mastectomy.

Other soft tissue procedures (OS)

Orthopedic / neurosurgery	150	<u>(60)</u>
Osteosynthesis (SY) Such as fracture repair with external or internal fixation, correction of angular limb deformities, arthrodesis, TPO	50	(20)
Joint surgery (JS) Such as total hip replacement, femoral head and neck ostectomy, cruciate ligament repair, TPLO, arthrotomy	65	(26)
of which arthroscopic procedures (AR)	30	(12)
Neurosurgery (NE) Such as spinal cord decompression / fenestration after intervertebral disc disease, spinal fracture stabilization, atlantoaxial stabilization, lumbosacral disease	35	(14)
Other orthopedic / neuro procedures (OO)		
Subtotal of specified procedures	300	(120)

Minimum of additional procedures of any of the above types100In the case log, additional surgical procedures should be classified
under the categories listed above; if this is not possible use code (O).100

TOTAL SURGICAL PROCEDURES:	400	(160)

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