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ECVS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE:

Recognised Expert Rule

Supervision of an outrotation by a non-EBVS/AVMA certified specialist under the 'Recognised Expert' rule

Recognition of a Recognised Expert is for the sole purpose of supervising an ECVS surgery Resident outrotation during their residency training programme. The term 'ECVS Recognised Expert' may not be used in any other context. The ECVS does not approve any non-surgical qualifications for the purpose of advertising or endorsing expertise.

Definition

A Recognised Expert is an individual that is lead of a department or section in an EAEVE or AVMA approved faculty or private specialist facility (anaesthesia, pathology, clinical pathology, internal medicine, diagnostic imaging) and is intending to supervise a surgery Resident outrotation.

Recognition of a Recognised Expert

Recognition of a Recognised Expert is dependent on the submission of the following information and is at the discretion of the Board of Regents following advice from the Credentials Committee:

- A complete CV
- A separate description of education and experience in the specified discipline and the expected clinical material that a visiting Resident would be exposed to
- A statement on how much time is spent in clinically based activities of the discipline, with an indication that you will be available for 100% of the time of the surgery Resident placement.
- Confirmation statement that the guidelines for the Resident placement have been read and understood (see [ECVS Training Brochure](#), Chapter 8: Elements of the ECVS Training Programme, Elements 4-7, Supervised Training in Anaesthesia / Diagnostic Imaging / Pathology / Internal Medicine).
- The name of the Resident that will be completing the rotation with your facility/department OR the name of the Programme Supervisor who is supporting your application to provide outrotations for Residents in that programme.

The complete application should be submitted to the Credentials Committee (credentials@ecvs.org) by the submission deadline for the [CC meeting](#) (three times per year). The application should be submitted at least one year prior to the date of the expected outrotation of the surgery Resident, so that it is approved in advance.

The Recognised Expert status is usually approved to provide training on an outrotation for a specified surgery Resident and the status expires when the Resident has completed the outrotation. However, an application to become a Recognised Expert for a specific Residency training programme from one institution may also be approved by the CC and Board of Regents where it is considered appropriate. A Recognised Expert must reapply for approval every five years or at the time of programme recertification.

It is important to note that this approval relates to the supervision of a surgery Resident outrotation *by an approved individual* and it does not approve supervision of the surgery Resident by any other department/team member.