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Guidance on training experience acquired outside the UK

It is recognised that UK trainees, actively seeking certification for endoscopic procedures as part of their UK training programme, may visit centres outside the UK and continue to perform endoscopic procedures.

This guidance takes into account that other countries have started to adopt and use 'JAG accredited' systems of training and are able to produce high quality data metrics. At the current time there is variation across adopting countries as to how data sets are recorded. In the UK there is benchmarked quality assurance of all training centres, but currently there is no resource or mechanism to provide this for non-UK units. The JAG QA Training Working Group supported the following position;

1. JETS certification can only be applied for when working in a UK hospital
2. All procedures performed outside the UK can be recorded as being completed in a *non-UK hospital* in the baseline section of the JETS eportfolio.

If certification is applied for when working within the UK, then these '*baseline*' procedures will be counted towards the total lifetime number of endoscopies performed. The key performance indicators from procedures completed outside the UK will not be counted in the certification process.

3. DOPS / DOPyS observations (part of the process of quality assurance of training) relating to endoscopies performed in non-UK centres cannot be counted towards UK certification – such observations must be conducted in UK endoscopy centres.
4. When applying for UK certification it will be expected that the trainee will have performed a minimum of 25 procedures within the UK in the previous 3 months of training (i.e. trainees cannot complete certification whilst visiting a non-UK training centre).

This guidance applies to endoscopy trainees seeking JAG certification. Any endoscopist is entitled to complete all their training in a non-UK country and apply for the corresponding national certification (where this exists).

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