

# Da Vinci Residency/Fellowship Training Certificate of Training Equivalency Requirements and Letter

## Da Vinci Platforms

### Background

A growing number of surgical residency and fellowship programs now include the use of the da Vinci system as part of their curriculum. A resident or fellow who completes such a program and goes on to seek employment at a hiring hospital may find that the hiring hospital is interested in learning more about the resident's/fellow's da Vinci system experience. To help residents/fellows communicate this information, Intuitive has established a Certificate of Training Equivalency for qualifying residents and fellows.

The Certificate of Training Equivalency is not a replacement for any hospital's credentialing requirements and is not a representation of clinical competence, as Intuitive only trains on the use of the da Vinci system.

In order to qualify for a Certificate of Training Equivalency, a resident or fellow must satisfy all of the criteria listed below. Completion of each activity should be documented in a da Vinci Skills Tracker for Residents & Fellows worksheet (PN1024649). Upon completion of the activities below, the online assessment certificate, case log (recommended), and letter from program director or chief of surgery should be submitted to Intuitive for Certificate of Training Equivalency consideration.

In order to qualify for a Certificate of Training Equivalency, residents and fellows must complete all of the requirements listed:

### Certificate of Training Equivalency Requirements

#### 1. Technology Learning Plan and Assessment (Completed online in Intuitive Learning)

Online introduction to the da Vinci technology which covers topics such as:

- The basics of surgical energy use
- Da Vinci surgical system overview
- Da Vinci surgical system pre-operative use
- Da Vinci surgical system intra-operative use
- Da Vinci surgical system post-operative use
- Endoscope Plus training guide
- Da Vinci Handheld Camera training guide
- ConMed reference guide

#### 2. Da Vinci Technology Inservice

Hands-on introduction to the da Vinci system which covers topics such as:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| - Port placement                    | - Camera control                     | - Retraction      |
| - Patient Cart setup                | - Clutching                          | - Dissection      |
| - Docking and undocking             | - EndoWrist® instrument manipulation | - Suturing        |
| - Instrument insertion and exchange | - 3 <sup>rd</sup> arm control        | - Applying energy |
| - Surgeon Console settings          | - Range of motion                    | - Troubleshooting |
|                                     |                                      | - Communication   |

## Certificate of Training Equivalency Requirements Continued

### 3. Da Vinci Online Assessment

### 4. Documentation

- Learning plan assessment certificate
- Letter from the chief of surgery or equivalent verifying da Vinci technology training and the procedures in which the surgeon participated
- Case Log (optional). Performance of procedures using the da Vinci system in primary role of console surgeon

Once completion of the above requirements has been confirmed, a Certificate of Training Equivalency will be issued.

## Da Vinci System Additional Support Recommendations

### 1. Simulator

Practice skills with da Vinci simulator

### 2. Proctoring

Case support from surgeon experienced in using the da Vinci system

### 3. Additional Skills Practice

Hands-on practice with the da Vinci system

## Sample Letter

Hospital Name/logo  
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Contact number 1  
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Date:

RE: [Resident/Fellow/Surgeon name]

Dear Intuitive Training Staff:

Dr. [Resident/Fellow/Surgeon name] successfully completed a [residency/fellowship/console training] in surgery using the da Vinci platform in [specialty] at [institution] from [dates].

I certify that during this time, [resident/fellow/surgeon name] has performed an adequate number of cases as a patient-side assistant and console surgeon to demonstrate skill proficiency as assessed by the program director.

[Resident/Fellow/Surgeon name] has also received training on the following topics regarding da Vinci system use:

I certify that during this time, [Resident/Fellow/Surgeon name]:

Received training on the following topics regarding [da Vinci platform] use: port placement, Patient Cart setup, docking and undocking, instrument insertion and exchange, Surgeon Console settings, camera control, clutching, EndoWrist® instrument manipulation, 3rd arm control, range of motion, retraction, dissection, suturing, applying energy, troubleshooting and communication

Dr. [Resident/Fellow/Surgeon name] has met our requirements to perform minimally invasive procedures using the [da Vinci platform].

Sincerely,

[Name and title of Program Director/Chief of Surgery/Equivalent]

[Letter must be signed for approval]

Log procedures performed using the da Vinci system as assistant and console surgeon.

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## Disclosures

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