



# WORLD FEDERATION OF NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETIES

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### Guideline for the Certification of Post-Graduate Training Centers

#### Minimum Facility Requirements:

- Departments should be hospital based with designated neurosurgical beds.
- Departments should be in an institution with other related disciplines so that appropriate consultative services are available:
  - a) Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Pathology, Radiology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Urology, Orthopedics, Anesthesia, and Neurology.
- Radiology Units should have facilities for:
  - a) Angiography
  - b) CT and MRI
- Departments should have access to a Critical Care Unit.
- Operating Rooms should be equipped with:
  - a) Operating table / Head holder
  - b) Unipolar and bipolar coagulating units
  - c) General neurosurgical instruments
  - d) Microsurgical instruments
  - e) Magnification (operating microscope / endoscope)
  - f) Ultrasonic aspirator
  - g) High speed drill
  - h) Image Intensifier in the operating suite
  - i) Fibre-optic laryngoscope for difficult intubation
  - j) negative pressure operating room (desirable)
- Nurses should be trained in neurosurgical nursing in inpatient units including critical care and operating rooms.
- There should be easy access to a library and subscribed to reputable on-line e-libraries with current texts and journals for access to literature.
- Neurophysiologic diagnostic equipment:
  - a) EEG, EMG, evoked potentials, intra-operative neuro-monitoring facilities, intracranial pressure monitoring.

#### Other Requirements:

- The center that do not offer a salaries training position, should provide either a reasonable stipend or accommodation and vouchers for daily 3 meals at the hospital cafeteria
- A component of the training period should be dedicated to Research - A mentor should be allocated for each Trainee during the period of their training
- Access to a cadaver lab should be negotiated by the institution at an accessible facility, for use by the trainee, with appropriate arrangements through the Head of fellowship training (**optional if possible**)

#### **Important requirement:**

The Center has the obligation to offer the applicants coming from developing Countries some financial contribution to solve the minimum local expenses and lodging.

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