

## JAG Trainee Certification

### Guidance for Therapeutic Upper GI Endoscopy

#### SUMMARY

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JAG Certification is a two-part process, with **Provisional JAG Certification** followed by a shorter period of advanced, targeted training prior to **Full JAG Certification**.

To be certified for a procedure, an endoscopist must:

1. Register with the JAG (Form G)
2. Keep an endoscopy portfolio containing the following:
  - Certificates of courses attended and endoscopic development
  - A simple log of all procedures performed (date, procedure, whether performed with or without assistance)
  - All formative DOPS forms completed for that procedure
  - A running total of rates of:
    - a. Success
    - b. Sedation doses
    - c. Complications
    - d. Specific procedural data (e.g. visualises second part duodenum >95% cases)
3. Once the specific eligibility criteria, listed below under 'Criteria for provisional JAG Certification', for each procedure are met, and both supervisor and trainee feel it is appropriate, the endoscopist must undergo a Summative DOPS and meet the DOPS standards. **Neither assessor should be the usual trainer of the trainee.**
4. Submit to the JAG Office the following:
  - the portfolio
  - the summative DOPS assessment forms signed by both assessors
  - the declaration signed by the current endoscopy supervisor/trainer

#### Provisional JAG Certification

Satisfactory completion of 1 - 4 above will lead to Provisional JAG Certification in the specific procedure.

#### Full JAG Certification

To achieve Full JAG Certification, continue to collect data and follow the guidance laid down under 'Criteria for continued practise leading to Full JAG Certification' below. When complete, submit the declaration and data summary to the JAG Office.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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Endoscopists must be fully certified in diagnostic upper endoscopy before they are eligible for provisional or full JAG Certification in therapeutic endoscopy. This does not mean that, as they

become more experienced, they cannot start to perform therapies under close supervision during training for diagnostic endoscopy, once their endoscopic supervisor feels it is appropriate.

The use of DOPS for JAG Certification for endoscopists in training must be in partnership with audited performance data that are guaranteed by a relevant trainer at the time of the assessment. Performance data must be in line with the current national standards for therapeutic upper endoscopy. At present these are confined to:

### Eligibility Criteria: Performance Standards

1. Sedation levels in the under and over-70's ( $\leq 5$ mg midazolam in  $<70$  yrs;  $\leq 2.5$ mg midazolam in  $\geq 70$  yrs in those patients not having topical anaesthesia)
2. Successful application of appropriate therapy in  $\geq 90\%$  patients ( $\neq$  success of the therapy)
3. Significant and immediate complication rate  $\leq 10\%$  (or as deemed appropriate for that procedure)

## PROVISIONAL JAG CERTIFICATION

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1. Submission of monitored and certified/guaranteed data
2. Performance standards meet set criteria\*
3. Assessment by DOPS over two cases, by two consultant trainers in each therapeutic modality

*Criteria	Thresholds
Full Certification in diagnostic upper endoscopy	> 300 (recommended)
Lifetime serious complications	< 10%
Mean sedation rates under 70 yrs / 70+	Midazolam < 5 / <2.5 mg
Therapeutic procedures in previous 12 months	> 30 (recommended)
Data certified	Endoscopic supervisor

## CONTINUED PRACTISE

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### Continued monitoring of data

1. Performance standards meet set criteria\*\*

**Criteria	Thresholds
Serious complications	< 0.5%
Mean sedation rates under 70 yrs / 70+	Midazolam < 5 / <2.5 mg
Therapeutic procedures in previous 12 months	> 30 (recommended)
Data certified	Endoscopic supervisor

### Continued Professional Development

1. Trainer available within *endoscopy unit* to supervise next 30 "independent procedures"
2. Trainer available within *hospital* to supervise subsequent 30 procedures
3. Targeted training on difficult / complex cases
4. Peer review annually, using DOPS over four cases, by consultant trainers

## FULL JAG CERTIFICATION

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Meet the criteria above, with continued endoscopic continuing professional development.