

# da Vinci® Residency & Fellowship Training Equivalency Certificate Requirements

A growing number of surgical residency and fellowship programs now include the use of the *da Vinci* Surgical System as part of their curriculum. Upon program completion, hiring hospitals may require a certificate of *da Vinci* Surgical System training as part of their surgical credentialing process.

Intuitive Surgical has established a Training Equivalency Certificate training pathway for qualifying residents and fellows. This certificate is not a replacement for a hospital's credentialing requirements and is not a representation of clinical competence, as Intuitive Surgical only trains on the use of the *da Vinci* Surgical System.

In order to qualify for a *da Vinci* Training Equivalency Certificate, a resident or fellow must complete all of the requirements below.

## Complete *da Vinci* Surgical System Online Course and Assessment, for Residents and Fellows

Course topics include basic system terminology, functions, and safety features. A training certificate can be printed upon completion of the module.

- [www.davincisurgerycommunity.com](http://www.davincisurgerycommunity.com) training set associated with the corresponding system (e.g., *da Vinci Xi™* or *Si™* System)
- My Training Quick Reference Guide (PN 1005448)
- "How to Print a Certificate" Quick Reference Guide (PN 1015165)
- *da Vinci* Skills Tracker, for Residents & Fellows (PN 1024649)

## Complete *da Vinci* System Overview In-Service Training

Course topics may include system component overview, docking, port placement, *EndoWrist®* instrument overview, surgeon console overview, emergency procedures, and powering off the system.

- *da Vinci Si* System Overview In-service Guide (PN 210262) or *da Vinci Xi* System Overview In-service Guide (1007572)
- *da Vinci* Skills Tracker for Residents & Fellows (PN 1024649)

## Perform *da Vinci* Procedures in Primary Role of Console Surgeon (Minimum of 20) and Primary Role of Bedside Assistant (Minimum of 10)

The *da Vinci* Skills Tracker for Residents & Fellows can be used to record completion of all required training activities and procedures.

- *da Vinci* Skills Tracker, for Residents & Fellows (PN 1024649)

## Solicit Letter of Verification of *da Vinci* Technology System Training and Procedures Completed from Chief of Surgery or Program Director

## Submit Copy of Online Training Certificate, Case Log, and Letter of Verification to *da Vinci* Representative

### Disclosures

Training provided by Intuitive Surgical is limited to the use of the *da Vinci* Surgical System, instruments and accessories. It does not replace the necessary medical training and experience required to perform surgery. The *da Vinci* Surgical System should only be used by surgeons and staff who have received specific training in the use of the *da Vinci* Surgical System. Prior to using any training materials, refer to the *da Vinci* Online Community to ensure you are using the most up to date revision. For important safety information, indications for use, risks and full cautions and warnings, please also refer to the user manual(s), [www.davincisurgery.com/safety](http://www.davincisurgery.com/safety) and [www.intuitivesurgical.com](http://www.intuitivesurgical.com). © 2015 Intuitive Surgical, Inc. All rights reserved. Product names are trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective holders.

Date:

RE: **[Resident/Fellow's name]**

*Dear Intuitive Training Staff:*

***Dr. [Resident/Fellow's name] successfully completed a [residency or fellowship] in da Vinci® Surgery in [specialty] at [institution] from [dates].***

*I certify that during this time, [s/he]*

- *Participated in at least 10 minimally invasive da Vinci cases as a patient-side assistant and in at least 20 cases as the console surgeon (as documented in the attached procedure log which has been reviewed for accuracy).*
- *Received training on the following topics regarding da Vinci system 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, and Troubleshooting and Communication.*

*Dr. [Resident's /Fellow's name] is now qualified to perform minimally invasive procedures using the da Vinci Surgical System.*

*Sincerely,*

**[Name and title of Residency/Fellowship Director]**