



Operative Delivery and Maternal Care for General Surgeons

Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions

Who is eligible for this program?

Practicing surgeons, residents and fellows. Those who are not members of CAGS will be subject to higher program fees.

How long do I have to complete the Certificate of Recognition?

You have a total of 3 years from the start of your first component to complete your participation in the Case-based small group learning series (web-based), Simulation session at CSF (in person), and clinical training.

What order do the Certificate of Recognition components need to be completed in?

None! You can do the components in any order that works for you provided they are completed within 3 years of the start date of your first component.

Practicing Surgeons

I am a practicing surgeon, where can I get Clinical Training?

We encourage you to start by reaching out to specialty OB/Gyn colleagues in your local hospital/region to see what opportunities you can access locally to meet the case volume and evaluation goals. CAGS is in the process of developing Clinical Training opportunities we are hoping to formalize and make available soon; please contact us to be part of our waitlist if this is of interest to you.

I already do c-sections in practice and my previous experiences have met the case volume and learning goals of the Clinical Training requirement for the Certificate of Recognition, can I use these to apply for the certificate?

Thanks for engaging in CPD around a critical service you provide as a General Surgeon in supporting the health of our rural and global communities! Active learning that builds on the other course based components is a requirement for the Certificate. In place of a case log and evaluations, we ask that you undertake a local Quality Improvement (QI) project of your choosing, centred on your Operative Delivery and Maternal Care practice. Some ideas may include development and implementation of a cognitive aid or safety kit (i.e. – PPH kit and cognitive aid, impacted head cognitive aid), implementation of a quality care initiative (i.e. – ERAS program), process review of time to delivery “decision to incision time” with your local maternal care team. QI projects are now required by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for maintenance of certification, so if you live in Ontario you can apply your project to meet these requirements as well!

Which parts of the Certificate of Recognition are eligible for Section 3 MOC credits?

All of them! You will receive formal confirmation of participation certificates from CAGS for the case-based learning series and the simulation sessions. You can claim Section 3 credits for the clinical training component or a QI project in keeping with Royal College requirements (see information on your Mainport for more details).

Residents/Fellows

I am a resident/fellow, am I eligible for the Certificate of Recognition?

Yes! You have 3 years to complete the necessary requirements to achieve the certificate: the case-based small group learning series (Zoom), simulation session at CSF (in person), and the clinical training component.

I am a resident/fellow, am I eligible for the Clinical Training component?

Yes! Request the case log and evaluation forms from CAGS. Work with your Program Director to identify an elective rotation and/or teaching site to achieve the learning goals outlined and submit the case log and evaluations to CAGS to count towards your certificate.

I am a resident/fellow, can CAGS arrange a Clinical Training elective for me?

We recommend residents and fellows work with their local Program Director/Fellowship program to integrate the clinical training component into your training goals and learning opportunities within your training program. This is often achieved through elective or community hospital based rotations, though may also be possible through your core rotations depending on your training program. Large community hospitals often provide excellent opportunities to meet the volume requirements of the clinical training component with few other specialty residents compared to tertiary centres, and often have capacity to support combined General Surgery/OB training opportunities. Your Program Director is a valuable support in navigating these relationships and integrated learning goals.