

## Grandfathering in Urodynamics

Following on from the launch of the “Joint statement on minimum standards for urodynamic practice in the UK”, future trainees will go through a standardized training programme and will gain certification in Urodynamics on successful completion of that training.

It is also necessary for those who currently perform Urodynamics and have significant experience and expertise in this area to gain certification. This process of “Grandfathering” is intended to be inclusive, allowing the vast majority of practitioners to accredit without difficulty.

Some of these practitioners will have undertaken a formal training programme, such as the RCOG Special Skills Module in Urodynamics, but it is acknowledged that many people who currently perform Urodynamic studies have not been through such a system. They will need to seek recognition of their experience in order to gain certification in Urodynamics.

It is planned that applications for certification through the Grandfather Clause will run from May 2010 for a period of two years. This certification would last for three years, following which application for re-certification would be necessary. The conditions required for re-accreditation will be circulated well in advance of the need to re-certify.

All applications would have to be looked at and agreed on by the committee. It may be advisable for the applications to be divided into the appropriate branch eg. Nursing / Urology / Gynaecology; any applications from specialties not represented on the committee should be divided between the groups and appropriate advice sought from experts in that field if any discrepancies arose between those judging the applications.

It is recognised that there will be initial set-up costs before registration fees are received. These may be covered by a grant from industry. A charge of £30-50 for registration is suggested, possibly accompanied by an increase in the UKCS membership fee (currently £5 pa).

This document sets out the criteria by which a practitioner may claim accreditation in urodynamics through the Grandfather clause and the supporting evidence required to confirm this.

I claim accreditation in Urodynamics on the following basis:

- I have been doing Urodynamics for more than 5 years
- I have a lifetime experience of >500 cases
- I was trained by .....

Supporting evidence could include a job plan with specific urodynamic sessions at least fortnightly or a letter signed by the Clinical Director or Chief Executive or.

**OR**

- I have been performing Urodynamics for less than 5 years and/or have a lifetime experience of less than 500 cases:

AND

- I have completed the RCOG Urodynamic Special Skills module
- or
- I have completed a recognized course with a final assessment

**OR**

- I cannot claim accreditation under the above criteria but enclose the following evidence for consideration

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Certificates of completion of the relevant course should be included as evidence

I wish to apply for certification in the following modules:

- A1 female laboratory urodynamics
- A2 male laboratory urodynamics
- B1 female video-urodynamics
- B2 male video-urodynamics
- C urodynamics in neuropathic patients
- D ambulatory urodynamics
- E urodynamics in children