

Volume of Practice amendments approved by ETAEC for implementation from 2018 HEY

Regional and local anaesthesia

Volume of practice			
Case/procedure	Introductory training	Basic training	Advanced training
Central neuraxial blocks			
Epidural – thoracic		0	
Epidural –lumbar (may include obstetric epidurals)		70	
Spinal Must include 30 non-obstetric Note: Combined spinal epidural may count for volume of practice of both spinal and lumbar epidural		70	
Regional anaesthesia/analgesia			
Independent intra-operative management of procedure performed solely under central neural blockade ASA 1 or 2 patients, procedure of moderate complexity with distant supervision May be covered in volume of practice for central neuraxial blockade		1	–
Upper limb Must include 1 anaesthesia/analgesia for shoulder pathology Must include minimum 5 brachial plexus blocks		10	
Lower limb (non-neuraxial, including knee and hip)		15	
Thorax, abdomen or pelvis (non-neuraxial only) Must include five non-neuraxial		5	
Knee (must be non-neuraxial)		5	
Lower limb (must be non-neuraxial, not knee or hip)		5	
Hip (must be non-neuraxial)		5	

Total minimum VOP	171
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Paediatric anaesthesia

Volume of practice	
Case/procedure and inclusions or exclusions	VOP
Age =/ > 6 years and <16 years	405
Age =/ >2 and <6 years	20
Age =/ >6 months and <2 years	20
Age <6 months	5
Age 0 to <16 years which must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 20 where age is <= 2 years • Minimum 20 where age is >2 years and <6 years 	150
<p>These cases should include a minimum of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 minor emergencies cases • 20 minor elective procedures not including shared airway cases • 10 medical imaging procedures (for example, CT or MRI) • 20 shared airway procedures which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonsillectomy • Dental extraction • Removal of inhaled foreign body 	
Total minimum VOP for any age <16 years	150

Vascular surgery and interventional radiology

Volume of practice		
Case/procedure	Inclusions or exclusions	VOP
Carotid-endarterectomy	n/a	2
Open surgery for peripheral arterial-occlusive-disease	n/a	5
Major limb amputation	n/a	2
AV-fistula-formation	n/a	3
Abdominal-aortic-surgery	May include open-, endoluminal-, elective or acute	3
Interventional-radiological-procedures	Excludes:	40

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interventional neuroradiological proceduresInterventional cardiological procedures	
Vascular surgery or interventional radiological procedures	Must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum of 2 carotid endarterectomy3 abdominal aortic surgery (open or endoluminal, elective or acute)	25
Total minimum VOP		25