

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

Paediatric anaesthesia

Volume of practice	
Case/procedure and inclusions or exclusions	VOP
Age ≥ 6 years and <16 years	105
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interventional neuroradiological procedures Interventional cardiological procedures 	10
Vascular surgery or interventional radiological procedures	Must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 2 carotid endarterectomy 3 abdominal aortic surgery (open or endoluminal, elective or acute) 	25
Total minimum VOP		25