

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GYNECOLOGIC LAPAROSCOPISTS

**CREDENTIALING GUIDELINES FOR
OPERATIVE ENDOSCOPY**

*The AAGL Board of Trustees formally
adopted these guidelines at their
September 23-27, 1992 meeting.*

*The following guidelines are suggestive for departmental qualifications of
gynecologists requesting privileges to perform operative. Endoscopic
procedures:*

- 1) Each applicant must be a member in good standing of the Institution and Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.*
- 2) Each applicant should have extensive experience utilizing the laparoscope and hysteroscope for diagnostic or sterilization procedures or both. Experience should include the use of video monitors to direct procedures in addition to operating through the endoscope.*
- 3) Each applicant must have documented resident education and experience or didactic program experience, usually obtained by a course in operative endoscopy which has been approved for AMA category 1 credits or ACOG cognates. Training should include didactic sessions of 8-10 hours which cover theory, and review instruments and safety factors. Following didactic training a "hands-on" laboratory must be incorporated with each participant having at least 2 hours of actual experience. Tissue models should be used.*
- 4) The applicant should observe live surgery by other surgeons. Following this training experience, each surgeon should be supervised in the use of these techniques, preferably in the hospital where privileges are requested. The supervisor should make recommendations to the department in writing.*
- 5) Gynecologic surgeons should restrict their activities to equipment with which they are qualified and procedures for which they are credentialed.*