Laser Refractive Surgery Privilege Requirements

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1. This document details the privilege requirements to be fulfilled by Dubai Health Authority (DHA) licensed ophthalmologists who wish to practice laser refractive surgery in the Emirate of Dubai.

2. Refractive laser surgery predominantly includes the following procedures using excimer laser.
   2.1. Laser in-situ keratomileusis (LASIK)
   2.2. Laser epithelial keratomileusis (LASEK)
   2.3. Photorefractive keratectomy (PRK)

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

3.1. In determining the eligibility for a DHA licensed ophthalmologist to be given the privilege as Laser Refractive Surgeon, the following requirements apply:

   3.1.1. Current license or registration as ophthalmologist in country of graduation and/or country of last employment.

   3.1.2. Evidence of completion of ONE of the following training

      3.1.2.1. Certificate or Fellowship in Refractive Surgery not less than 1 year duration from an accredited training institution.

      OR

      3.1.2.2. Evidence of inclusion of Laser refractive surgery in postgraduate ophthalmology speciality training programme curriculum for a minimum of 6 months duration.

      OR

      3.1.2.3. Evidence of completion of structured training in laser refractive surgery from an accredited training institution for a minimum of 6 months duration.

   3.1.3. Valid Good Standing Certificate from the regulatory body.

   3.1.4. Log book with evidence of completion of 100 supervised laser refractive cases and a minimum of 20 laser refractive cases as first or only operator. The logbook should be signed by the supervisor and/or training director and/or medical director.
3.1.5. Letter from the Medical Director covering laser refractive surgery experience.

3.1.6. Documented evidence of completion of training in the safe clinical use of laser equipment.

4. COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

4.1. All ophthalmologists pursuing privilege as Laser Refractive Surgeon license shall attend and pass an oral assessment in order to attain the privilege.

REFERENCES


Fellowship in Cornea and Refractive Surgery retrieved on 21 Jan 2014 http://www.snec.com.sg/education/fellowship-programme/Pages/home.aspx#3