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Guideline for Incorporating Surgeon Specific Volumes In the Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

Medical Staff Policies & Procedures	
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Introduction/Purpose:

Accumulating evidence has linked institutional and surgeon volume to outcomes for certain surgical and invasive procedures. To insure the highest level of care for patients treated at JSUMC, surgeon-specific procedures should be taken into account during the credentialing and re-credentialing process

Scope:

All departments that perform invasive procedures. Each department will select the most appropriate procedures for which a minimum volume guideline shall be applied including, at a minimum, those procedures listed in Appendix 1. Minimum volume guidelines will be based on evidence-based recommendations in the recent medical literature with the input of the departmental subject matter experts.

Guideline:

- ❖ Surgeons/Proceduralists must meet minimum annual volume expectations as delineated in Appendix 1. Volumes may be calculated annually or be averaged over 24 months.
- ❖ Volumes may include cases done at other institutions but at least 10% of the cases must be performed at JSUMC to insure familiarity with equipment and team processes.
- ❖ New or existing members of the medical staff initiating a new procedure who have been deemed competent by their training program director or other reliable source in one or more of these procedures may be granted privileges for those procedures and shall have 24 months to achieve the minimum volume expectations.
- ❖ Should a practitioner not meet the necessary volume expectations, the Chair may allow the practitioner an additional 12-24 months to meet these expectations providing outcomes have been favorable.
- ❖ If a member of the medical staff falls short of the specified volume, but has had consistently favorable outcomes, the volume expectation may be waived by the department chair.
- ❖ Each department that performs procedures shall monitor the proceduralist-specific volumes for the selected procedures and annually report the results to the QI&O committee.

APPENDIX 1.

PROCEDURE	MINIMUM ANNUAL VOLUME
1. Carotid Endarterectomy	10
2. MV Repair and Replacement	20
3. Lung Resection	15
4. Esophageal Resection	7
5. Pancreatic Resection	10
6. Rectal Cancer Surgery	6
7. Bariatric Surgery	20
8. Cardiac Catheterization	50
9. Cardiac Intervention	75