

## Accreditation from the Royal College of Surgeons of England

**Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng)** Centre Accreditation has been awarded to Smith+Nephew and is the highest level of accreditation. It is seen as a kite-mark of excellence and demonstrates external validation of the Medical Education training that we provide.

Selected content on our Education Unlimited is accredited and allocates CPD points for Continuing Medical Education purposes, which are recognised internationally, with conditions. Full completion of accredited online medical education activities is required to receive certificate. Your feedback is highly appreciated as Smith+Nephew Medical Education focuses on continuous improvement.

### RCSEng Accreditation

Kite mark for surgical education and training

The Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng) leads the world on surgical accreditation. They operate across the globe, working in China, India, the Middle East and Europe, providing a comprehensive range of accreditations:

- CPD recognition of Continuing Medical Education purposes
- Centre Accreditation at an institutional level for surgical training centres. This recognises the entire education portfolio of an organisation, relevant to multisite operations such as universities and commercial providers.

The Centre Accreditation, as awarded to Smith+Nephew, is the highest level of accreditation and recognises the quality of the training for the provider as a whole. The accreditation is a kite-mark of excellence and demonstrates external validation of the training provided.

The standards the RCSEng uses to assess the training are the same as the ones applied to the training they develop for their own training. This is why an accredited training activity has the rights to use the RCS Accreditation logo, proving that the course meets the thresholds for quality assurance.

#### Benefits

Receiving Accreditation from the RCSEng enables course providers to join a very select group of centres that have demonstrated excellence in surgical education provision. As a delegate participating in an accredited educational activity, you can be reassured that you are partaking in something that is recognised for its quality.

The benefits of Centre Accreditation include:

1. Rigorous clinical and professional QA review

The accreditation review process includes a multidisciplinary team of experts from surgical specialists from within the Specialist Advisory Committees, Surgical Tutors and the RCSEng Council. These represent the surgeons who are elected by the membership are operating at the very elite of the profession. In addition to the accreditation panel members, the RCSEng seeks expert advice and support from a Quality Assurance Operational Group which is also comprised of Council members from the range of specialities.

2. Multiple tier review

The process begins with a desktop assessment by a panel of experts. At this stage the RCSEng panel identify any areas that require further clarification and/or development. If successful, it then involves sampling of the content including a visit to the institution involving, where possible: a visit to the course, interviews with teaching Faculty, Clinical and Education leads, Programme Administrators and delegates.

3. Independent verification

Many of Commercial centres require external validation for their programmes to ensure integrity and benchmarking against an internationally accepted standard. It also demonstrates that the training is balanced and not designed to promote any products without sound scientific principles.

4. Compliance and risk management

The RCSEng recognise that a significant proportion of consultants' training is likely to involve industry or commercially developed training. The accreditation has helped a number of providers with their compliance and risk management requirements. Having leading experts from outside the organisation helps provide a critical review and the reassurance of alignment to a standards framework from a recognised body.

5. Quality improvement

The accreditation journey does not stop at the point of approval. It represents the beginning of a continuous improvement journey. The clinical visits and the monitoring of the feedback supports this conversation.

6. Continuous Professional Development

All accredited courses are allocated CPD points for Continuing Medical Education purposes, which are recognised internationally. The RCS has an understanding with similar organisations in other countries, especially in pan-European countries where there is a recognition of CPD activities In line with the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) recommendations, one CPD/CME point can be claimed per hour of educational activity up to a maximum of six CPD/CME points per day. The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (of which the RCSEng is a constituent member) is the national awarding body for the medical sector in the UK and has adopted this recommendation.