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Guideline for the Certification of Post-Graduate Training Centers

Minimum Facility Requirements:

- Departments should be hospital based with designated neurosurgical beds.
- Departments should be in an institution with other related disciplines so that appropriate consultative services are available:
  - Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Pathology, Radiology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Urology, Orthopedics, Anesthesia, and Neurology.
- Radiology Units should have facilities for:
  - Angiography
  - CT and MRI
- Departments should have access to a Critical Care Unit.
- Operating Rooms should be equipped with:
  - Operating table / Head holder
  - Unipolar and bipolar coagulating units
  - General neurosurgical instruments
  - Microsurgical instruments
  - Magnification (operating microscope / endoscope)
  - Ultrasonic aspirator
  - High speed drill
  - Image Intensifier in the operating suite
  - Fibre-optic laryngoscope for difficult intubation
  - Negative pressure operating room (desirable)
- Nurses should be trained in neurosurgical nursing in inpatient units including critical care and operating rooms.
- There should be easy access to a library and subscribed to reputable on-line e-libraries with current texts and journals for access to literature.
- Neurophysiologic diagnostic equipment:
  - EEG, EMG, evoked potentials, intra-operative neuro-monitoring facilities, intracranial pressure monitoring.

Other Requirements:

- The center that do not offer a salaries training position, should provide either a reasonable stipend or accommodation and vouchers for daily 3 meals at the hospital cafeteria
- A component of the training period should be dedicated to Research - A mentor should be allocated for each Trainee during the period of their training
- Access to a cadaver lab should be negotiated by the institution at an accessible facility, for use by the trainee, with appropriate arrangements through the Head of fellowship training (optional if possible)

Important requirement:
The Center has the obligation to offer the applicants coming from developing Countries some financial contribution to solve the minimum local expenses and lodging.

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