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# Cutaneous, Subcutaneous and Osseous Surgeries Standard

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## Introduction

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Registrants must make every effort to ensure a satisfactory post-operative result and reduce the risk of complications when performing nail and cutaneous soft tissue surgery and subcutaneous and osseous surgery.

This practice standard establishes the requirements registrants must meet when performing surgery.

## General Requirements

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1. The operating environment must be prepared in accordance with the **Infection Prevention and Control standard** of practice.
2. Clean equipment and sterile instruments must be used.
3. An appropriate pre-operative work up must be done prior to surgery and appropriately documented in the patient record.
4. Patients must be informed of the purpose and nature of treatment and the risks involved, in such a way as to be able to decide whether or not to undergo the recommended surgery
5. Informed consent must be obtained from a patient in accordance with the the *Healthcare Consent Act, 1996*, prior to surgery, and before any pre-operative medication is administered.
6. Where medications are indicated, registrants are only permitted to administer medication within their scope of practice and in accordance with the Administration of Injectable Substances practice standard.
7. All surgical fees must be discussed, recorded and fully explained to the patient prior to the surgery. Any related services that require an additional fee must be listed, and any time limit on inclusive post-operative visits should be outlined. (**Records and Fees, Billing and Accounts Guideline**).
8. The patient shall be given a post-operative instruction sheet which must be reviewed verbally so that any misinterpretation can be avoided.
9. Registrants are required to do appropriate post-surgery follow-up with the patient.
10. Registrants must have the requisite education and experience to perform the procedure.
11. Registrants must be prepared for an emergency situation and must comply with the Office Medical Emergencies Guideline.

## **Additional Requirements for Subcutaneous and Osseous Surgery**

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1. Sterile drapes must be used around the operative site and to cover all non-sterile areas within a reasonable distance of the operative site.
2. Pre and post-operative x-rays must be taken for osseous surgery.

## **References**

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[Administration of Injectable Substances](#)

[Records Practice Standard](#)

[Health Care Consent Act, 1996](#)

[Consent Practice Standard](#)

[Competence Practice Standard](#)

[Office Medical Emergencies Guideline](#)

[Fees, Billing and Accounts Guideline](#)

[Patient Relations practice standard](#)

[Infection Prevention and Control Practice Standard](#)

[Guideline to the Healthcare Consent Act for Chiropractors and Podiatrists](#)

[Surgical Competencies Standard](#)