

### Draft SAVC Guideline on Supervision in Progress

The general approach adapted on 5 May 2010:

- ***“Minimum Requirements for Specialisation: Resident Supervisor: The supervisor of the resident shall be a specialist in the relevant discipline, actively involved in the speciality and registered with the South African Veterinary Council as a specialist in the discipline or shall at least hold an equivalent qualification which will allow registration as a specialist in the discipline in the country of origin and be appropriately accredited/authorized by the SAVC.***

***The resident supervisor shall not supervise the clinical training of more than 3 (three) residents at the same time. The resident supervisor shall be responsible for the resident’s***

- ***training programme;***
- ***clinical/experiential supervision and instruction; and***
- ***research project (a separate research supervisor may be appointed in liaison with the resident supervisor to guide the trainee in the research project as required), as well as for the coordination of assessment.***

***The resident supervisor will also be required to confirm the correctness of the resident’s activity/procedure record and case logbook every 6 (six) months and to prepare a final written report on the training programme of all residents supervised by him/her for monitoring purposes as required.”***

- to guide and supervise a candidate directly in the operating room until surgical competence was attained in all the various categories of surgery and then to tailor the level of supervision according to the needs / imperatives of the specific case and the previous experience and competence of the candidate;
- to provide guidance on all cases (not directly supervised) by way of pre- and post operative case discussions, including pre-operative diagnostics, surgical planning and post-operative management;
- to facilitate extensive case discussions at morning and afternoon rounds with the post graduate candidate and final year students;
- to be available for consultations at all times for logged cases;
- to allow candidates only to log cases for which they were the Primary Surgeon under direct supervision of a specialist surgeon; and
- indirect supervised cases can only be logged if the post graduate student was the Primary Surgeon and if the supervisor (specialist surgeon) is satisfied with the pre-operative, intra-operative planning and post-operative treatment of the specific patient.

**Where the requirements regarding supervision as per the minimum standards cannot be met:**

- **Transition standards should be offered;**

- Supervisors, who are regarded as competent but who are not specialists in the field/ or specialists, should in the interim be allowed to supervise candidates on approval by the SAVC until such time that there is a sufficient number of specialists available to supervise candidates;
- Each speciality where there are shortages currently should rephrase the requirements for those specialities. Availability should be taken into consideration when shortages are identified; and
- A time limit should be determined.

**ANNEXURE 2**  
**[ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT**  
**CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT]**