

Guidelines for performing gynaecological endoscopic procedures

This statement has been developed by the Women's Health Committee. It has been reviewed by the Endoscopic Surgery Advisory Committee (RANZCOG/AGES) and Women's Health Committee and approved by the RANZCOG Board and Council.

A list of Women's Health Committee and Endoscopic Surgery Advisory Committee (RANZCOG/AGES) Members can be found in [Appendix A](#).

Disclosure statements have been received from all members of this committee.

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Consensus statement of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) and the Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy & Surgery Society (AGES).

Objectives:

To describe the guidelines for performing gynaecological endoscopic procedures.

Target audience: All Australasian registered health practitioners who perform gynaecological endoscopic procedures.

Values: The evidence was reviewed by the Endoscopic Surgery Advisory Committee (RANZCOG/AGES) and Women's Health Committee, and applied to local factors relating to Australia and New Zealand.

Background: This statement was first developed by the RANZCOG Women's Health Committee in July 1993. It was recently updated by the Endoscopic Surgery Advisory Committee (RANZCOG/AGES) and Women's Health Committee in April 2019.

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1. Introduction

Endoscopic surgery, encompassing laparoscopic, robot-assisted laparoscopic (see Robotic statement) and hysteroscopic approaches, is an appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic intervention for a range of gynaecological conditions.

RANZCOG Training Pathway

Level 6 competency may be achieved by the completion of the RANZCOG Subspecialist Training Program or another accredited advanced training program, such as the AGES Fellowship Accredited Training Program.

Inclusions

Level 6-B (benign gynaecological surgery): Procedures at this level include laparoscopic excisional surgery for ASRM stage 4 endometriosis necessitating bowel or urological resection, ureterolysis, removal of residual cervix, removal of residual ovaries with significant distortion of the anatomy and

ii. Declaration of interest process and management

Declaring interests is essential in order to prevent any potential conflict between the private interests of members, and their duties as part of the Endoscopic Surgery Advisory Committee (RANZCOG/AGES).

A declaration of interest form specific to guidelines and statements was developed by RANZCOG and approved by the RANZCOG Board in September 2012. The Endoscopic Surgery Advisory Committee (RANZCOG/AGES) members were required to declare their relevant interests in writing on this form

