### JCI Hospital Standard FAQ: Surgical Site Marking by Trainees

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| IPSG.4.1 | Site marking by trainee | The question is whether medical students can perform the actual site marking on a patient while the surgeon who is performing the procedure is actually doing direct observation of the student (student is acting as an extension of the hand of the surgeon). | The intent of IPSG.4 and IPSG.4.1 states that while there are circumstances where a trainee can perform the site marking, they must require minimal supervision and perform the entire surgery/procedure. Therefore, a medical student would not be able to perform the site marking. The intent of IPSG.4 and IPSG.4.1 further states that the following people can perform the site marking:  
* The responsible surgeon  
  - Different titles used are attending or consulting surgeon  
* Trainee  
  - The trainee must require minimal supervision and must perform the entire procedure  
  - Based upon the structure of surgical residency programs, the following two roles can perform the site marking if they are performing the entire procedure  
    o Chief (most senior) surgical resident  
    o Surgical Fellow |

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