



## Educational events incorporating 'live' surgery

Following detailed consideration of the potential benefits and risks involved in live broadcasting of surgical procedures and a detailed review of the policies in other jurisdictions, the Council of RCSI have determined that live broadcasts of surgical procedures outside the operating theatre suite should not be used for educational purposes as part of scientific meetings, as part of the education of medical or other students, or for the general public. Broadcast includes closed link systems, internet (including social media platforms) and other similar modalities.

All the educational benefits for students and trainees can be obtained using pre-recorded material and the use of such recorded material is encouraged.

All such recording should be made with the patient's consent as set out in the HSE National Consent Policy.

Further details on the policy and on the background are available from the Department of Surgical Affairs on request.

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