



# SRS Global Outreach Program Site Assessment Checklist

## Host's anticipations of the program

1. What do the hosts want this program to accomplish?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1a. What are the program goals?

- A. Educational role
- B. Direct patient care including surgical management
- C. Financial Support/Implant support
- D. All of the above

1b. Do the hosts want the volunteers to:

- A. Evaluate and manage patients directly
- B. Serve as teachers and educators only (no surgical work, no direct patient contact)
- C. Serve as "Primary surgeons" or "assistants" in operative procedures

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How many trips do the hosts feel will be necessary to achieve the program goals?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Do the hosts desire the development of a sustained training program?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is the appropriate frequency of these trips?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What is the ideal length of stay for each trip at this site?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What local funding solutions are in place for this site?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What do the hosts feel is their responsibility to developing and maintaining this program?

- A. Financial support
- B. Pre-operative/post-operative care
- C. Clinical support
- D. Administrative support

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What do they think they can offer to us as a site for development?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What does the evaluator see as the positive aspects of this site?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. What does the evaluator see as the negative aspects of this site?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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11. What types of surgeons do the hosts require/prefer?

- A. Pediatric ortho spine
- B. Adult spine
- C. Neurosurgeons
- D. Other support staff: (i.e., nurses, orthotists, implant supply personnel, OR support staff, general medical physicians)

12. What level of experience do the hosts desire of the volunteers?

- A. Retired
- B. Senior/experienced
- C. Candidate/developing

12a. Will the hosts accept individuals in training as volunteers?

- A. Spine fellows
- B. Orthopedic residents
- C. Medical students

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Do the hosts desire training for other disciplines that support spine surgery? (i.e. anesthesia, pain management, ICU, nursing, SC monitoring, Rep support)

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Patient Population Anticipated

1. Will the patient population be mainly
  - A. Pediatric
    1. Optimal number of patients to be seen in clinic? \_\_\_\_\_
    2. Optimal number of patients for surgery? \_\_\_\_\_
    3. Anticipated pathologies:
      - i. Deformity
      - ii. Infection
      - iii. Trauma
      - iv. Degenerative
      - v. Cervical Thoracic
      - vi. Lumbar

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- B. Adults
        1. Optimal number of patients to be seen in clinic? \_\_\_\_\_
        2. Optimal number of patients for surgery? \_\_\_\_\_
        3. Anticipated pathologies:
          - i. Deformity
          - ii. Infection
          - iii. Trauma
          - iv. Degenerative
          - v. Cervical Thoracic
          - vi. Lumbar

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Politics

1. Who wants this program?
  - A. Government
  - B. Hospital Administration
  - C. Physicians

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Are there people or institutions that would not want us here?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Is the country safe for foreign travelers?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Are there any State Department recommendations on travel in the country?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Are there other outreach organizations currently there?

A. Yes

B. No

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

5a. If yes,

A. Will they be allies?

B. Can we learn from them?

C. Are they providing similar resources?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Funding**

1. Who will fund it on a continuing basis?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Are there local private funds that can be tapped?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Is government funding available?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Is hospital funding available?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Visiting GOP Team Needs**

1. How many surgeons are needed per trip?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. How many OR's will you need?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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3. How many cases do you anticipate doing?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. What other team members will be accompanying you:

- A. Nursing
- B. Monitoring personnel
- C. Equipment reps

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What do you anticipate the travel/transportation costs to be?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What are the housing arrangements?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Will meals be provided?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Is there entertainment close by?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Available "On-Site" Personnel willing to participate:

1. Are there attending surgeons trained in spine surgery?

- A. Yes
- B. No

1a. If yes, who?

- A. Orthopedic surgeons (Pediatric, Adult)
- B. Neurosurgeons

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Are there surgeons there who can/will take care of the patients when you are not there?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Are there orthopedic and/or neurosurgical residents?  
A. Yes  
B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Is a formal training program in spine surgery desired or is the point to train one or two interested individuals?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Will there be Nursing in the OR and on the floor?  
A. Yes  
B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Is there a Pain management team?  
A. Yes  
B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Who will be the on-site coordinator/program leader(s)?  
A. Yes  
B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. What is their vision for the program?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Are there cardiac, pulmonary, medical and pediatric intensivists willing to participate?  
A. Yes  
B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Are there cardio-thoracic and general surgeons there to support the spine program?  
A. Yes  
B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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11. Are there neurologists there to support the spine program?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Are there genetics there to support the spine program?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Are there pediatric intensivists there to support the spine program?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Hospital infrastructure**

1. How many hospital beds?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the typical hospital census?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the typical length of stay for patients undergoing “major” surgery?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the number of ORs running through the day?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the level of nursing?

- A. Able to handle any level of spine surgery
- B. Able to handle moderate posterior fusions
- C. Able to handle simple posterior procedures (e.g. in situ fusions & discectomies)

6. What is the number of anesthesiologists on staff?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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6a. What is the anesthesiologist's training:

- A. Local
- B. Residency
- C. Abroad
- D. Fellowship training

6b. Pediatric anesthesia?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Type of Hospital:

- A. Community
- B. Private
- C. Government
- D. Military
- E. University
- F. Teaching

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Do they do other major surgeries?

- A. Yes
- B. No

8a. If yes, what?

- A. Heart
- B. Organ transplants
- C. Major trauma

9. Is spinal surgery currently being done at hospital?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Is there a Blood Bank for ease of obtaining blood, Platlets FFP?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Are the ORs clean, functional with good lighting?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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12. Are the sterile techniques acceptable?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Are ICUs available?

- A. Yes
- B. No

12a. Who staffs them?

- A. In house staff
- B. Pediatric ICU

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Does the hospital support this effort?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Do physicians in the hospital support this effort?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

16. Is the hospital actively engaged in building other programs?

- A. Yes
- B. No

15a. If yes, what other programs?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. Is there space for a "Spine Clinic"?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Are there in- and out-patient rehab services?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. How many ORs can be utilized per trip?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

20. What is the ICU capability? (spines/week)

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OR Equipment Available:**

1. Is there a Jackson table?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Are there Cell Savers?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Is the anesthesia compatible with SC Monitoring?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. SC Monitoring:

- A. SSEP
- B. MEP
- C. Trans cranial MEP
- D. NR monitoring

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5. Do they have a Mayfield frame, tongs, halos?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do they have rudimentary spine tools (e.g. Cobbs, curettes, Kerrisons, etc.)?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do they have microscopes?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Can they do intra-op fluoroscopy?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ancillary Hospital Equipment for spine patients?**

1. Are there cast techs/supplies for Risser casting?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do they have bed and wheelchair halos?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do they have Orthotists for brace manufacturing?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Do they have X-ray capabilities?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

5. Do they have the ability to obtain intraoperative x-rays?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Do they have MRI scanning capabilities?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Do they have CT scanning capabilities?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Do they have Myelography?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_