



# SRS Global Outreach Program Site Assessment Checklist

## Host's anticipations of the program

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

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Politics

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

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Are there people or institutions that would not want us here?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Funding**

1. Who will fund it on a continuing basis?

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

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

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Do they have MRI scanning capabilities?

A. Yes

B. No

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

7. Do they have CT scanning capabilities?

A. Yes

B. No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Do they have Myelography?

A. Yes

B. No

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