



# Professional Performance Assessment Post Fellowship Education and Training in Neurosurgery – Spinal Surgery

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**Name of Fellow:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assessment Period:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Assessment Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

The assessment of performance by the supervisor is fundamental to advancement of the fellow and the accreditation of the PFET Program. Each PFET position has an approved supervisor. The supervisor is responsible for the supervision and assessment of the fellow in that position.

Please return the completed form to the address below.

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Supervisors are asked to assess the Fellows performance in comparison to the following competence statements.

- Competent (C) – Meets the expected standard
- Progressing (P) – Working well towards the expected standard
- Not progressing (B) – Below the standard

Competency Statement	Current Assessment	Feedback
An advanced level of scientific knowledge relevant to complex spinal conditions		
The ability to critically appraise new techniques		
The application of scientific knowledge to the diagnosis and treatment of complex spinal conditions		
Advanced procedural experience and surgical skill relevant to the safe and effective treatment of complex spinal conditions		
Advanced judgement and clinical decision making in the diagnosis, pre and post operative management of patients with complex spinal conditions		
Appropriate clinical decision making in identifying those patients amenable to surgical treatment for complex spinal conditions		
Advanced communication skills with patients, their families and the health team to achieve an optimal and collaborative clinical management environment		
Effective management of administrative procedures and responsibilities		
Effective use of the resources available to prioritise patient and health care system needs in order to maximise patient outcomes		
Advocacy for the interests of spinal surgery and appropriate health resource allocations		
A recognition and commitment to the		



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maintenance of surgical knowledge through self directed learning		
The application of research to clinical practice in spinal surgery		
An understanding of unique ethical and medico-legal issues relevant to the practice of spinal surgery and apply them in clinical practice		
Adherence to, and appreciation of, the required standards of professionalism		
Appreciation of the importance of peer reviewed audit		
Employ a critically reflective approach to spinal surgery and their own clinical performance		

Fellow's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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