

Volunteer Management Policy: Anesthesia Team for Operation Smile

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This document provides information regarding the education and training required to earn the credential, the minimum requirements to qualify to volunteer for an Operation Smile (OS) program in the specific category, and volunteer privileges/scope of practice accompanying each position.

Specialty Roles

- 1- Anesthesiologist (AN)
- 2- Pediatric Anesthesiologist (PED AN)
- 3- Non-Physician Anesthesia Providers
 - a. Anesthesia - Clinical Officer (AN)
 - b. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)

1 – Anesthesiologist

I. Anesthesiologist Qualifications

- Graduate of medical training resulting in highest level of degree/diploma available as a physician/Doctor of Medicine.
- Graduate with specialty training in anesthesia and achieved the highest level of certification available.
- Current certification and/or license to practice medicine/anesthesia in home country without restrictions.
- Currently practices anesthesia a minimum of 20 hours a week (adults and pediatrics).
- Provide anesthesia with a minimum of 20 cases per year for children less than 5 years of age.
- Certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or equivalent course required.
- Certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or equivalent course is recommended.

II. Anesthesiologist Credentialing Pathways

Application Process - Submit:

- Completed Operation Smile Application form.
- Curriculum vitae (resume) detailing current experience.
- Certificate/degree for physician/medical doctor training.
- Specialty diploma, degree, or fellowship in anesthesia.
- Specialty diploma, degree, or fellowship in Pediatric Anesthesia, if applicable.
- Current board certification and/or license to practice medicine/anesthesia in home country without restrictions.
- Current PALS or equivalent (required).
- Current ACLS or equivalent (recommended).

NOTE: An additional Interview may be required with the Foundation Volunteer Management Team and/or Operation Smile Council member or chair.

Continuous Participation on programs is dependent upon:

- Positive skills evaluation on the first program.
- Continuous positive written evaluations and/or observation with a credentialed, experienced anesthesiologist or anesthesia team leader.
- Maintaining current licensure, certifications, and documents as applicable.
- Having PALS or an equivalent (within 2-years of date issued).

III. Anesthesiologist Credentialing Statuses

Anesthesiologist Credentialing Status Options	
Please refer to MO-P005 for credentialing status definitions.	
Provisional (LMIC Only)	Only to be assigned/approved by Foundation office and/or local Medical Advisory Council or Medical Director. Volunteer participates on in-country programs under an assigned Operation Smile credentialed mentor.
In-Training (LMIC Only)	Meets some qualifications and/or has limited clinical practice experience.
International	Meets all qualifications and placement will be based on language proficiency.

IV. Anesthesiologist Growth Pathway

Changing Credentialing Status	
Moving from In-Training → International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets all qualifications and placement will be based on language proficiency.

2 – Pediatric Anesthesiologist

I. Pediatric Anesthesiologist Qualifications

- Graduate of medical training resulting in highest level of degree/diploma available as a physician/Doctor of Medicine.
- Graduate with specialty training in anesthesia and achieved the highest level of certification available.
- Current certification and/or license to practice medicine/anesthesia in home country without restrictions.
- Currently practice anesthesia a minimum of 20 hours a week.
- Provide anesthesia with a minimum of 100 cases per year for children less than 5 years of age.
- Provide anesthesia with a minimum of 40 cases per year for infants (0-1 year of age).
- Certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or equivalent course required.
- Certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or equivalent course is recommended.

II. Pediatric Anesthesiologist Credentialing Pathways

Application Process - Submit:

- Completed Operation Smile Application form.
- Curriculum vitae (resume) detailing current experience.
- Certificate/degree for physician/medical doctor training.
- Specialty diploma, degree, or fellowship in anesthesia.
- Specialty diploma, degree, or fellowship in Pediatric Anesthesia, if applicable.
- Current board certification and/or license to practice medicine/anesthesia in home country without restrictions.
- Current PALS or equivalent (required).
- Current ACLS or equivalent (recommended).

NOTE: An additional Interview may be required with the Foundation Volunteer Management Team and/or Operation Smile Council member or chair.

Continuous Participation on programs is dependent upon:

- Positive skills evaluation on the first program.
- Continuous positive written evaluations and/or observation with a credentialed, experienced anesthesiologist or anesthesia team leader.
- Maintaining current licensure, certifications, and documents as applicable.
- Having PALS or an equivalent (within 2-years of date issued).

III. Pediatric Anesthesiologist Credentialing Statuses

Anesthesiologist Credentialing Status Options	
Please refer to MO-P005 for credentialing status definitions.	
Provisional (LMIC Only)	Only to be assigned/approved by Foundation office and/or local Medical Advisory Council or Medical Director. Volunteer participates on in-country programs under an assigned Operation Smile credentialed mentor.
In-Training (LMIC Only)	Meets some qualifications and/or has limited clinical practice experience.
International	Meets all qualifications and placement will be based on language proficiency.

IV. Pediatric Anesthesiologist Growth Pathways

Changing Credentialing Status	
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3 – Anesthetist (Non-Physician)

I. Anesthetist Volunteer Qualifications

- Graduate of medical training resulting in highest level of degree/diploma available in-country.
- Graduate with medical training in anesthesia and achieved highest level of certification available.
- Current certification and/or license to practice anesthesia in home country without restrictions.
- Currently practices anesthesia a minimum of 20 hours a week (adults and pediatrics).
- Provide anesthesia with an average of 10 cases per month for children less than 5 years of age.
- Certified in PALS or equivalent course required.
- Certified in ACLS or equivalent course is recommended.

II. Anesthetist Credentialing Pathways

Application Process - Submit:

- Completed Operation Smile Application form.
- Curriculum vitae (resume) detailing current experience.
- Certificate/degree for medical/nursing training.
- Further diploma or fellowship in anesthesia training.
- Current license to practice medicine/anesthesia in home country without restrictions.
- Current PALS or equivalent (required).
- Current ACLS or equivalent (recommended).

NOTE: An additional Interview may be required with the Foundation Volunteer Management Team and/or Operation Smile Council member or chair.

Participation on programs is dependent upon:

- Following verification of documents, applicants must receive positive skills evaluations by a credentialed, experienced anesthesiologist or anesthesia team leader on a minimum of 3 programs.
- Maintaining current licensure, certifications, and documents as applicable.
- Having PALS or an equivalent (within 2-years of date issued).

III. Anesthetist Credentialing Statuses

Anesthesiologist Credentialing Status Options	
Please refer to MO-P005 for credentialing status definitions.	
Provisional (LMIC Only)	Only to be assigned/approved by Foundation office and/or local Medical Advisory Council or Medical Director. Volunteer participates on in-country programs under an assigned Operation Smile credentialed mentor.
In-Training (LMIC Only)	Meets some qualifications and/or has limited clinical practice experience.
International	Meets all qualifications and placement will be based on language proficiency.

IV. Anesthetist Growth Pathways

Changing Credentialing Status	
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