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Hi,

Is it possible for a newly graduated doctor to successfully complete internship and be registered as a medical practitioner without undergoing a surgical term and assisting in exposure prone procedures? This is the elephant in the room question that does not seem to be addressed in the notes or questions of the draft you have put out for consultation, yet it is the most important question facing every student and doctor who discover a student to be HepB DNA positive when tested as you have recommended upon commencement of medical school. I have been in this situation before and there was no guideline available to follow. The answer to my question needs to be explicitly presented in any new guideline and I would be interested to know.

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