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I am a semi-retired Gynaecologist, who continues to some surgical assisting for colleagues , all of whom i have either trained, &/or worked with. I have retired from my Public appointments, having been Head of a Gynaecological Unit at the royal Womens Hospital. I closed my private practice some years ago, and so have no primary care responsibilities. Thus it seems impossible to me that it would be impossible to fulfil the CPD requirements regarding performance, and outcomes. Experienced surgical assistants are a necessary part of the surgical team, and this role cannot always be filled by full time specialists, trainees etc. I know that at times, theatre nursing staff fill in as assistants when a medical practitioner cannot be found. This is not ideal. I cannot imagine that this is not a problem shared by other surgical assistants. A CPD programme that is appropriate to the skills needed as a surgical assistant is needed, or there will be a dearth of experienced semi retired surgeons available to cover this necessary role thanks Dr Geoffrey Clarke MBBS, FRANZCOG(ret) FRCOG(ret)