MASTER SURGEON IN GENDER AFFIRMATION SURGERY

In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Master Surgeon in Gender Affirmation Surgery (MSGAS) program. The MSGAS program identifies surgeons who provide excellent gender affirmation surgery and are dedicated to continuously improving healthcare quality and patient safety.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE
The applicant surgeon performs at least 125 qualifying gender affirmation surgeries annually and has performed at least 150 qualifying gender affirmation surgeries in their lifetime.

2. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS
The applicant surgeon performs gender affirmation surgery in a facility that has a full line of equipment and surgical instruments to provide appropriate perioperative care for their patients. The applicant’s facility must have documented training for appropriate staff in the safe operation of this equipment.

3. SURGEON DEDICATION
The applicant surgeon has privileges in gender affirmation surgery at the facility, is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification in gender affirmation surgery and has call coverage. Each applicant completes at least 12 hours of CME focused on gender affirmation surgery every three years.

4. CLINICAL PATHWAYS AND STANDARDIZED OPERATING PROCEDURES
The applicant formally develops and implements clinical pathways that facilitate the standardization of perioperative care for gender affirmation surgery procedures. The applicant surgeon performs each surgical procedure in a standardized manner and uses a template for operative note dictation that ensures proper collection of data for surgical procedures.

5. SURGICAL TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF
The applicant surgeon has nurses and/or physician extenders and an operative team trained to care for gender affirmation surgery patients and provides ongoing, regularly scheduled staff education in-services.

6. PATIENT EDUCATION
The applicant surgeon must provide all gender affirmation surgery patients with preoperative patient education, have a process for obtaining informed surgical consent and selecting procedures that are most appropriate for each patient’s condition.

7. CONTINUOUS QUALITY ASSESSMENT
All applicant surgeon must collect outcomes data on all patients who undergo gender affirmation surgery procedures in SRC’s Outcomes Database (or a similar qualifying database).

This is a summarized list of program requirements which is subject to change. For additional information, please contact SRC by emailing businessdevelopment@surgicalreview.org or calling 919.614.2623.