



Improved Outcomes and Decreased Costs

Participant data indicates that surgeons and facilities that achieve center of excellence (COE) designation through one of the programs administered by SRC will experience improved care quality and patient outcomes, which can translate into cost savings.

A bariatric surgical practice working with a prominent hospital in Virginia, for example, compared the three years prior to COE designation (2003-2005) to the three years after (2006-2008). During this period, total surgical volume increased 53%, and for gastric bypass alone, reoperations declined 71%, readmissions dropped 57% and mortality decreased ninefold. Each of these improvements resulted in significant cost reductions for the center.¹

	3 Years Before COE Designation	3 Years After COE Designation	% Change
Patients	1,582	2,445	53%
Complications	11.10%	3.10%	-22%
Reoperations	5.70%	1.10%	-71%
Readmissions	9.80%	3.10%	-57%
30-day mortality	0.56%	0.00%	9-fold decrease

To learn more about the COE programs SRC manages and the benefits of designation, visit www.surgicalreview.org.

¹ Hatcher, NE. The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence Designation Improves Bariatric Surgery Outcomes. Presented at: 24th Annual IFSO International Congress: August 2009; Paris, France.