

# CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN METABOLIC & BARIATRIC SURGERY

In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Center of Excellence in Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (COEMBS) program. The COEMBS program identifies surgeons and facilities worldwide performing metabolic and bariatric procedures and achieving defined standards for patient safety and care quality.



## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### 1. INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

The applicant facility is committed to excellence in metabolic and bariatric surgery and has credentialing and privileging guidelines in bariatric surgery separate from general surgery guidelines.

### 2. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant facility performs at least 80 metabolic and bariatric surgeries annually. Each applicant surgeon performs at least 50 qualifying surgeries annually and has performed at least 125 qualifying metabolic and bariatric surgeries in their lifetime.

### 3. PHYSICIAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The applicant facility must appoint a Physician Program Director (or Co-Directors) for the COEMBS program who is accredited or in the process of becoming accredited.

### 4. CONSULTATIVE SERVICES

The applicant facility must have a full complement of consultative services required for the routine and intensive care of bariatric surgery patients and their potential complications including: anesthesiologist or CRNA, ACLS-certified physician or team, critical care specialist, interventional radiologist and a physician capable of performing endoscopies.

### 5. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant facility must maintain a full line of equipment and surgical instruments to provide perioperative care for bariatric surgery patients and have documented training for appropriate staff in the safe operation of this equipment.

### 6. SURGEON DEDICATION AND QUALIFIED CALL COVERAGE

Each applicant surgeon has privileges in general and bariatric surgery at the applicant facility, is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification in metabolic and bariatric surgery and has qualified call coverage. Each applicant completes at least 24 hours of CME focused on metabolic and bariatric surgery every three years.

### 7. CLINICAL PATHWAYS AND STANDARDIZED OPERATING PROCEDURES

Applicants formally develop and implement all required clinical pathways that facilitate the standardization of perioperative care for bariatric surgery procedures. Applicants perform each surgical procedure in a standardized manner and uses a template for operative note dictation that ensures proper collection of data for surgical procedures.

### 8. SURGICAL TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

The applicant facility employs a program coordinator, nurses and/or physician extenders and an operative team trained to care for bariatric surgery patients and provides ongoing, regularly scheduled staff education in-services.

### 9. PATIENT EDUCATION

The facility and each applicant surgeon provide all bariatric 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 and provides organized and supervised support groups for bariatric surgery patients.

### 10. CONTINUOUS QUALITY ASSESSMENT

All applicants must collect prospective outcomes data on all patients who undergo bariatric 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](mailto:businessdevelopment@surgicalreview.org) or calling 919.614.2623.

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