

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN PEDIATRIC & ADOLESCENT BARIATRIC SURGERY

In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Pediatric Adolescent Center of Excellence program (PACE). The PACE program identifies surgeons and facilities worldwide performing Pediatric Adolescent Bariatric Surgery 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 overweight, obese, and morbidly obese pediatric and adolescent patients and has credentialing and privileging guidelines bariatric surgery.

2. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant facility performs at least 80 qualifying metabolic and bariatric surgeries annually. Each applicant surgeon performs at least 30 qualifying procedures for pediatric/adolescent obese/morbidly obese patients annually and has served as the primary surgeon for at least 125 qualifying metabolic and bariatric surgeries in their lifetime. Patients qualify as adolescents that are 20 years of age or younger.

3. PHYSICIAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The applicant facility must appoint a Physician Program Director for the PACE 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 pediatric/adolescent bariatric surgery patients and their potential complications including: Anesthesiologist or CRNA, ACLS-Certified Physician or team, Critical care specialist/intensivist, Interventional radiologist or other physician capable of performing inferior vena cava filter placement and percutaneous drainage of intra-abdominal abscess, Physician capable of performing endoscopies, Cardiologist, Pediatrician, Nutritionist/dietitian, Psychiatrist/mental health provider, Pulmonologist, Endocrinologist, Infectious Disease Specialist.

5. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant facility must maintain a full line of equipment and surgical instruments to provide perioperative care for pediatric/adolescent 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, bariatric surgery or pediatric surgery at the applicant facility, is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification in their surgical specialty 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 pediatric/adolescent 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 pediatric/adolescent bariatric surgery patients and provides ongoing, regularly scheduled staff education in-services.

9. PATIENT EDUCATION

The facility and each applicant surgeon provide all pediatric/adolescent bariatric surgery patients and families with preoperative patient education and have a process for obtaining informed surgical consent and selecting procedures that are most appropriate for each patient's condition.

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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 or calling 919.614.2623.

