

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN UROLOGY

In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Center of Excellence in Urology (COEU) program. The COEU program identifies surgeons and facilities worldwide performing urologic surgical 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 urology and has credentialing and privileging guidelines in urology.

2. APPLICANT EXPERIENCE

The applicant facility performs at least 200 urology procedures annually. Each applicant urologist serves as the primary urologist for at least 125 qualifying procedures annually.

3. PHYSICIAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The applicant facility must appoint a Physician Program Director for the Center of Excellence in Urology (COEU) 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 urology patients and their potential complications including: anesthesiologist or CRNA, ACLS-certified, general urologist, interventional radiologist, vascular urologist, cardiologist, oncologist and a mental health professional.

5. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

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

6. UROLOGIST DEDICATION AND QUALIFIED CALL COVERAGE

Each applicant urologist has privileges in urology 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 12 hours of CME focused on urology 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 urology surgeries. 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 the urology patients and provides ongoing, regularly scheduled staff education in-services.

9. PATIENT EDUCATION

The facility and each applicant urologist provide all urology patients with comprehensive preoperative patient education and have a process for obtaining informed surgical consent and selecting procedures that are most appropriate for each patient's condition.

10. CONTINUOUS QUALITY ASSESSMENT

All applicants must collect outcomes data on all patients who undergo urology 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.