

MASTER ENDOSCOPIST

In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Master Endoscopist (ME) program. The ME program identifies endoscopists who provide excellent endoscopic procedures and are dedicated to continuously improving healthcare quality and patient safety.



1. ENDOSCOPIST EXPERIENCE

The applicant endoscopist has served as the primary endoscopist for the minimum annual and lifetime volumes for at least one of the procedures listed below. The annual and lifetime volumes for each individual procedure apply if the endoscopist performs any of that specific procedure.

Endoscopist annual volumes (including fellowship as primary procedurist)

Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD):	175
Colonoscopy:	175
Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP):	24
Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS):	20

Endoscopist lifetime volumes (including fellowship as primary procedurist)

Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD):	250
Colonoscopy:	200
ERCP (including 80 sphincterotomies and 20 stent placements):	150
EUS:	150

2. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant endoscopist performs endoscopic procedures in a facility that has a full line of equipment and 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. ENDOSCOPIST DEDICATION

The applicant endoscopist has full privileges in gastroenterology/endoscopy at a facility, is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification and has call coverage. Each applicant completes at least 24 hours of CME focused on gastroenterology/endoscopy every three years.

4. CLINICAL PATHWAYS AND STANDARDIZED OPERATING PROCEDURES

The applicant endoscopist formally develops and implements clinical pathways that facilitate the standardization of perioperative care for endoscopic procedures. The applicant endoscopist 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.

5. ENDOSCOPIC TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

The applicant endoscopist has nurses and/or physician extenders who provide education and an operative team trained to care for endoscopy patients. The applicant endoscopist ensures appropriate staff are provided with ongoing, regularly scheduled staff education in-services.

6. PATIENT EDUCATION

The applicant endoscopist must provide all endoscopy patients with comprehensive preoperative patient education, have a process for obtaining informed endoscopic consent and selecting procedures that are most appropriate for each patient's condition.

7. CONTINUOUS QUALITY ASSESSMENT

All applicant endoscopist must collect outcomes data on all patients who undergo endoscopy 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.