

# MASTER SURGEON IN HERNIA SURGERY

In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Master Surgeon in Hernia Surgery (MSHS) program. The MSHS program identifies surgeons who provide excellent Hernia Surgery and are dedicated to continuously improving healthcare quality and patient safety.



## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### 1. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant surgeon performs at least 90 qualifying hernia surgeries annually with 15% being complex (ventral, stoma, hiatal, component separation or recurrent) and has served as the primary surgeon for at least 160 qualifying hernia surgeries in their lifetime.

### 2. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant surgeon performs hernia surgery in a facility that has a full line of equipment and surgical 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. SURGEON DEDICATION

The applicant surgeon has privileges in hernia surgery at the facility, is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification and has call coverage. Each applicant completes at least 12 hours of CME focused on hernia surgery every three years.

### 4. CLINICAL PATHWAYS AND STANDARDIZED OPERATING PROCEDURES

The applicant surgeon formally develops and implements clinical pathways that facilitate the standardization of perioperative care for hernia surgery procedures. The applicant surgeon performs 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. SURGICAL TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

The applicant surgeon has nurses and/or physician extenders and an operative team trained to care for hernia surgery patients and provides ongoing, regularly scheduled staff education in-services.

### 6. PATIENT EDUCATION

The applicant surgeon must provide all hernia 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.

### 7. CONTINUOUS QUALITY ASSESSMENT

All applicant surgeon must collect outcomes data on all patients who undergo hernia 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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