

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN ENDOSCOPY

In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Center of Excellence in Endoscopy (COEE) program. The COEE program identifies endoscopists and facilities that provide excellent care and are dedicated to continuously improving health care quality and patient safety.



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

The applicant facility is committed to excellence in gastroenterology and endoscopy and includes having specialty-specific credentialing and privileging guidelines in gastroenterology and endoscopy.

2. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant facility performs at least 500 endoscopic procedures annually. Each applicant has served as the primary endoscopist for at least the minimum in each of the procedure listed below.

	Annual	Lifetime
Upper Endoscopy:	120	250
Colonoscopy:	120	200
Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP): (including 80 Sphincterotomies and 20 stent placements)	24	150
Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS):	20	150

Applicants perform each surgical procedure in a standardized manner and use a template for operative note dictation to ensure proper data collection for surgical procedures.

3. PHYSICIAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The applicant facility must appoint a Physician Program Director for the COEE 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 endoscopy surgery patients and their potential complications including: Anesthesiologist or CRNA, ACLS-Certified Physician or team, critical care specialist, interventional radiologist, general surgeon and intensivist.

5. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant facility must maintain a full line of equipment and surgical instruments to provide perioperative care for endoscopy 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 gastroenterology and endoscopy surgery at the applicant facility, is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification and has qualified call coverage. Each applicant completes at least 24 hours of CME focused on gastroenterology/endoscopy 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 endoscopy procedure. Clinical pathways are supported by standardized preoperative, postoperative and discharge physician order sets.

8. SURGICAL TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

For each department seeking accreditation, the facility is required to have a designated program coordinator, along with nurses, physician extenders, and a consultative team. This team must be committed to providing high-quality patient care and participate in ongoing, regularly scheduled in-service education sessions to uphold accreditation standards.

9. PATIENT EDUCATION

The facility and each applicant surgeon provide all endoscopy 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.

10. CONTINUOUS QUALITY ASSESSMENT

All applicants must collect prospective outcomes data on all patients who undergo endoscopic 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 919.438.2156.

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