

# MASTER SURGEON IN METABOLIC & BARIATRIC SURGERY

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



## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### 1. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant surgeon performs at least 70 qualifying metabolic and bariatric surgeries annually and has served as the primary surgeon for at least 125 surgeries in their lifetime. 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.

### 2. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant surgeon performs bariatric surgeries 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 bariatric surgery at the facility, is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification in general surgery and has call coverage. Each applicant completes at least 24 hours of CME focused on metabolic and bariatric 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 bariatric surgery separate from general surgery.

### 5. SURGICAL TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

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

### 6. PATIENT EDUCATION

The applicant surgeon must provide all bariatric surgery patients with comprehensive preoperative patient education and organized and supervised support groups.

### 7. CONTINUOUS QUALITY ASSESSMENT

The applicant surgeon must collect outcomes data on all patients who undergo bariatric surgery separate from general surgery guidelines 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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