

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN GYNECOLOGIC SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Center of Excellence in Gynecologic Surgical Oncology (COEGSO) program. The COEGSO program identifies surgeons and facilities worldwide performing women's health surgeries 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 gynecologic surgical oncology and has credentialing and privileging guidelines in gynecologic oncology surgery

2. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant facility performs at least 100 qualifying open, laparoscopy, hysteroscopic (with fluid management system) or robotic gynecologic oncology surgeries annually. Each applicant gynecologist performs at least 60 qualifying gynecologic oncology surgeries annually and has served as the primary surgeon for at least 200 qualifying gynecologic oncology surgeries in their lifetime.

3. PHYSICIAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The applicant facility must appoint a Physician Program Director (or Co-Directors) for the COEGSO program who is accredited or in the process of becoming accredited.

4. CONSULTATIVE SERVICE

The applicant facility must have a full complement of consultative services required for the routine and intensive care of women's health patients and their potential complications including: anesthesiologist or CRNA, ACLS-certified physician or team, critical care specialist/intensivist, hospitalist, cardiologist or pulmonologist, general surgeon, gynecologist skilled in open procedures (may be a minimally invasive gynecologic surgeon, radiologist, urologist, vascular surgeon, colorectal surgeon, pathologist, oncologist, radiation oncologist, endocrinologist, mental health provider, interventional radiologist, infectious disease specialist, wound care specialist and genetic counseling.

5. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant facility must maintain a full line of equipment and surgical instruments to provide perioperative care for gynecologic oncology 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 gynecologic oncology surgery at the applicant facility, is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification in their gynecology and has qualified call coverage. Each applicant completes at least 12 hours of CME focused on gynecologic oncology 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 gynecologic oncology procedures. 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 gynecologic oncology 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 gynecologic oncology 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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