

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN ENDOSCOPIC BARIATRIC PROCEDURES

In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Center of Excellence in Endoscopic Bariatric Procedures (COEEBP) program. The COEEBP 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 endoscopic bariatric procedures and includes having specialty-specific credentialing and privileging guidelines in endoscopic bariatric procedures.

2. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant facility performs at least 125 qualifying endoscopic bariatric procedures annually. Each applicant endoscopist performs at least 75 qualifying endoscopic bariatric procedures, including 30 endoscopic suturing procedures annually and has served as the primary endoscopist for at least 150 qualifying endoscopic bariatric procedures in their lifetime.

3. PHYSICIAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The applicant facility must appoint a Physician Program Director for the COEEBP 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 endoscopic bariatric surgery patients and their potential complications including: Anesthesiologist or CRNA, ACLS-Certified Physician or team, physician capable of performing endoscopies to diagnose complications, physician with critical care credentials to manage complications, specifically a critical care physician/intensivist, hospitalist, cardiologist or pulmonologist, general surgeon, endocrinologist, infectious disease specialist, nutritionist/dietitian, psychiatrist/mental health provider, pulmonologist, internal medicine/primary care physician and an interventional radiologist.

5. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant facility must maintain a full line of equipment and surgical instruments to provide perioperative care for endoscopic bariatric procedure patients and have documented training for appropriate staff in the safe operation of this equipment.

6. ENDOSCOPIST DEDICATION AND QUALIFIED CALL COVERAGE

Each applicant endoscopist has privileges in gastroenterology/endoscopy 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 endoscopic bariatric procedure.

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 endoscopist provide all endoscopic bariatric procedure 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.

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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