



ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS GENERAL REQUIREMENTS



In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed Center of Excellence and Master Surgeon accreditation programs.

SRC is a nonprofit, patient safety organization. We accredit the top facilities, surgeons and medical professionals worldwide that meet our proven standards. Look for our seal, expect excellence.

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CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Our Centers of Excellence (COE) program recognizes facilities (hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers) and specific medical professionals from their service lines committed to achieving defined standards for patient safety and care quality.

SRC's Center of Excellence accreditation programs are unique because they credential both the facility and only those medical professionals who meet our rigorous standards.

View a complete list of our COE programs, pricing and volumes, [here](#).

MASTER SURGEON

Our Master Surgeon (MS) program identifies surgeons and medical professionals worldwide who treat patients, perform surgery and achieve defined standards for patient safety and care quality.

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CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

REQUIREMENTS



1. Institutional Commitment to Excellence

The applicant facility is committed to excellence and has credentialing and privileging guidelines for the co-applicant medical professionals in their specific specialty department.

2. Experience

The applicant facility and each co-applicant medical professional must perform a required number of qualifying procedures annually. Co-applicant medical professionals must have performed a specific number of qualifying procedures during their lifetime.

3. Physician Program Director

The applicant facility must appoint a Physician Program Director (or co-directors) for the specialty department seeking accreditation.

4. Consultative Services

The applicant facility must have a full complement of consultative services necessary for the routine and intensive care of their patients and potential complications specific to the department seeking accreditation.

5. Equipment and Instruments

For each department seeking accreditation, the applicant facility must maintain a full line of equipment and instruments necessary to provide appropriate care for their patients.

6. Dedication of Medical Professionals and Qualified Call Coverage

For each department seeking accreditation, the co-applicant medical professional has active, full privileges at the applicant facility and is board-certified by the highest certifying authority available.

Co-applicant medical professionals must have qualified call coverage and complete between 12-24 continuing medical education hours (depending on their specialty) every three years.

7. Clinical Pathways and Standardized Operating Procedures

The applicant has implemented the required clinical pathways and standard operating procedures to facilitate the standardization of patient care within the department seeking accreditation.

8. Team and Support Staff

For each department seeking accreditation, the applicant facility employs a program coordinator, nurses and/or physician extenders and a consultative team trained to treat and care for their patients and provides ongoing, regularly scheduled staff education in-services.

9. Patient Education

For each department seeking accreditation, the facility and each co-applicant medical professional must provide their patients with comprehensive patient education and maintain 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 each patient they treat.

For specific COE program requirements, [please complete this form.](#)

MASTER SURGEON REQUIREMENTS



1. Experience

The applicant must perform a minimum number of qualifying procedures annually and a specified number of qualifying procedures in their lifetime.

2. Equipment and Instruments

The applicant performs procedures in a facility that has a full line of equipment and surgical instruments to provide appropriate care for their patients.

3. Dedication

Each applicant has active, full privileges at the applicant facility, is board certified or an active candidate for board certification by the highest certifying authority available. Qualified call coverage is required. The applicant must complete between 12-24 hours of continuing medical education (depending on their specialty) every three years.

4. Clinical Pathways and Standardized Operating Procedures

The applicant has formally developed and implemented the required clinical pathways and standard operating procedures to facilitate the standardization of patient care.

5. Team and Support Staff

The applicant has nurses and/or physician extenders and a team trained to care for their patients and provides ongoing, regularly scheduled staff education.

6. Patient Education

The applicant must provide all patients with comprehensive preoperative patient education and have a process for obtaining informed consent and selecting procedures that are most appropriate for each patient's condition.

7. Continuous Quality Assessment

The applicant must collect prospective outcomes data on each patient they treat.

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