

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN KIDNEY STONE MANAGEMENT



In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Center of Excellence in Kidney Stone Management (COEKSM) program. The COEKSM program identifies surgeons and facilities worldwide performing kidney stone management procedures 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 urology and kidney stone management and has credentialing and privileging guidelines in urology.

2. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant facility performs at least 200 kidney stone management procedures annually. Each applicant surgeon serves as the primary surgeon for at least 100 qualifying kidney stone management procedures annually. 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 COEKSM 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 kidney stone management patients and their potential complications including: anesthesiologist or CRNA, ACLS-certified physician or team, critical care specialist, general surgeon, interventional radiologist, vascular surgeon, cardiologist and nephrologist.

5. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant facility must maintain a full line of equipment and surgical instruments to provide perioperative care for kidney stone management 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 urology at the applicant facility, is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification in their surgical specialty and has qualified call coverage. Each applicant completes at least 12 hours of CME focused on kidney stone management 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 urology patients with stone disease related 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 must provide all kidney stone management 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 kidney stone management 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.