

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY

In partnership with key leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Center of Excellence in Mohs Micrographic Surgery (COEMMS) program. The COEMMS program identifies surgeons and facilities worldwide performing Mohs Micrographic Surgery 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 Mohs Micrographic Surgery.

2. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant facility performs at least 1,000 Mohs procedures per year for each applicant surgeon or 1,500 Mohs procedures in a two-year period for each applicant surgeon. Each applicant surgeon performs at least 1,000 qualifying Mohs procedures 12 months prior to the application or at least 1,500 qualifying Mohs procedures 24 months prior to the application. The applicant surgeon will have performed at least 5,000 Mohs procedures 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.

3. PHYSICIAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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

4. CONSULTATIVE SERVICES

The applicant facility must be able to handle medical emergencies during time of treatment. This includes an Advanced Cardiac Life Support-certified (ACLS) physician, protocol for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, monitoring and a transfer agreement to a hospital.

5. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant facility's clinical lab must be Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) certified and approved for high complexity testing. Outside the United States, the equivalent of a CLIA laboratory certification is also accepted. This includes the ability to collect, map, prepare specimens, view and document clinical findings.

6. SURGEON DEDICATION AND QUALIFIED CALL COVERAGE

Each applicant surgeon spends a significant portion of their efforts in the field of Mohs surgery. The Mohs surgeon must be fellowship trained in a program approved by the American College of Mohs Surgery (or outside the United States equivalent). Each applicant surgeon must complete at least 12 hours of continuing medical education (CME) focused on Mohs surgery 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 Mohs surgeries. 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 Mohs surgery 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 Mohs surgery 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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