

MASTER ANESTHESIOLOGIST IN SPECIALIZED ANESTHESIA - OBESITY



In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Master Anesthesiologist in Specialized Anesthesia - Obesity (MASA-O) program. The MASA-O program identifies anesthesiologists who provide anesthesia to obese surgical patients and are dedicated to continuously improving healthcare quality and patient safety.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant anesthesiologist provides general anesthesia care for at least 150 qualifying surgical patients with a BMI > 30 kg/mg² annually.

2. EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

The applicant anesthesiologist performs appropriate anesthesia care for obese surgical patients in a facility that has a full line of equipment and surgical instruments to provide appropriate perioperative care for their patients. The applicant's facility must have documented training for appropriate staff in the safe operation of this equipment.

3. ANESTHESIOLOGIST DEDICATION

The applicant anesthesiologist has privileges in anesthesia at the facility and is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification. Each applicant completes at least 12 hours of CME in anesthesia with a focus on the needs of obese patients every three years.

4. CLINICAL PATHWAYS AND STANDARDIZED OPERATING PROCEDURES

The applicant anesthesiologist formally develops and implements clinical pathways that facilitate the standardization of perioperative anesthesia care for obese surgical patients. The applicant delivers anesthesia in a standardized manner and uses a template for anesthesia note dictation that ensures proper collection of data for procedures.

5. SURGICAL TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

The applicant anesthesiologist has nurses and/or physician extenders who provide education and an operative team trained to care for obese patients. The applicant anesthesiologist ensures appropriate staff are provided with ongoing, regularly scheduled staff education in-services.

6. PATIENT EDUCATION

The applicant anesthesiologist must provide all obese surgical patients with comprehensive preoperative patient education including their anesthesia options, have a process for obtaining informed surgical consent and selecting procedures that are most appropriate for each patient's condition.

7. CONTINUOUS QUALITY ASSESSMENT

The applicant anesthesiologist must collect outcomes data on all obese surgical patients who undergo anesthesia 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 919.614.2623.

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