CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN SPECIALIZED COSMETIC SURGERY – FACE & NECK

In partnership with key opinion leaders and industry professionals, SRC developed the Center of Excellence in Specialized Cosmetic Surgery -Face & Neck program (COESCS-FN). The COESCS-FN program identifies surgeons and facilities worldwide performing cosmetic 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 cosmetic surgery procedures "encompassing all body regions" and has credentialing and privileging guidelines in cosmetic surgery. The facility must be accredited by a recognized accrediting organization for either or both inpatient and/or outpatient surgery.

2. SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant facility performs at least 400 qualifying face and neck cosmetic surgeries annually. Each applicant surgeon performs at least 250 qualifying face and neck cosmetic surgeries annually and has served as the primary surgeon for at least 400 qualifying face and neck cosmetic surgeries in their lifetime. The applicant surgeon must be in the clinical practice of cosmetic surgery a minimum of three years prior to application.

Minimum annual regional case volumes for each of the programs:
COESCS-FN Minimum Annual Volumes

a-	Face/neck lift	100
b-	Rhinoplasty	50
c-	Chin	30
d-	Oculoplastic	20

3. PHYSICIAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The applicant facility must appoint a Physician Program Director for the COESCS-FN 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 cosmetic surgery patients and their potential complications including: Anesthesiologist or CRNA, ACLS-Certified Physician or team, Protocol for transfer to higher level facility (written transfer agreement) for unanticipated emergencies.

5. EQUIPMENT & INSTRUCTIONS

The applicant facility must maintain a full line of equipment and surgical instruments to provide perioperative care for cosmetic surgery patients. Facilities must 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 cosmetic surgery or plastic surgery with an emphasis on cosmetic surgery at the applicant facility, is board-certified or an active candidate for board certification in cosmetic or plastic surgery and has qualified call coverage. Each applicant completes at least 12 hours of CME focused on cosmetic 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 cosmetic surgery procedures. Applicants perform each surgical procedure in a standardized manner and uses a template for operative note dictation that ensures proper collection of data for surgical procedures.

8. SURGICAL TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

The applicant facility employs a program coordinator, nurses and/or physician extenders and an operative team trained to care for cosmetic surgery patients and provides ongoing, regularly scheduled staff education in-services.

9. PATIENT EDUCATION

The facility and each applicant surgeon provide all cosmetic 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 cosmetic surgery 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.