

Title:	Adherence to MBSAQIP Credentialing Standards for Physicians		
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SECTION 1 – POLICY

1.1 Policy Statement

All physicians performing metabolic and bariatric surgery at Hendrick Health must meet and maintain the credentialing standards established by the MBSAQIP. Compliance with these standards is essential for maintaining accreditation and ensuring the delivery of safe and effective surgical services.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the requirement for all physicians affiliated with Hendrick Health to adhere to the credentialing standards set forth by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP). This is to ensure the highest quality of care in metabolic and bariatric surgery practices and to promote patient safety and positive surgical outcomes.

1.3 Scope

This policy applies to all physicians who perform metabolic and bariatric surgical procedures within Hendrick Health including but not limited to surgeons, anesthesiologists, and any other relevant medical staff.

SECTION 2 – STANDARDS

2.1 Credentialing Requirements

All physicians performing metabolic and bariatric surgery at Hendrick Health must meet and maintain the following credentialing requirements:

- A. Possess a valid medical license and board certification in their respective specialty.
- B. Completion of an accredited general surgery residency.
- C. Formal didactic training in bariatric surgery, which includes completion of an accredited bariatric surgery fellowship and/or documentation of previous bariatric surgery experience. Supporting documentation, including an operative log or bariatric surgery training certificate, must be provided to allow the credentialing body to assess the applicant surgeon's bariatric surgery experience.
- D. Participate within a structured metabolic and bariatric center that provides or coordinates comprehensive, multidisciplinary care of metabolic and bariatric patients.
- E. Commitment to use bariatric surgery clinical pathways.
- F. Maintain privileges to perform gastrointestinal surgery.

- G. Maintain privileges to perform advanced laparoscopic procedures if laparoscopic bariatric surgery privileges are being requested.
- H. Maintain privileges to perform endoluminal therapeutic procedures, if endoluminal privileges are being requested.
- I. Actively participate in the MBSAQIP and adhere to its Standards by implementing changes in practice in accordance with feedback from the MBSAQIP or an equivalent regional or national quality improvement program.
- J. Physicians must complete a minimum number of bariatric procedures as specified by MBSAQIP.
- K. Physicians must participate in ongoing education and training relevant to metabolic and bariatric surgery.

2.2 Quality Improvement

- A. Physicians are required to engage in quality improvement initiatives as part of the MBSAQIP standards, including data collection and participation in peer review processes.
- B. Participation in multidisciplinary team meetings is encouraged to enhance collaborative care approaches.

2.3 Documentation and Compliance

- A. All physicians must provide documentation of compliance with MBSAQIP standards during the credentialing process.
- B. Regular audits will be conducted to ensure ongoing adherence to these standards.

2.4 Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with MBSAQIP credentialing standards may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of privileges to perform metabolic and bariatric surgery at Hendrick Health.

SECTION 3 - Review and Revisions

This policy will be reviewed annually and revised as necessary to remain compliant with the latest MBSAQIP standards and to reflect any changes in organizational practices or regulations.

This policy framework ensures that all physicians are aligned with the standards necessary for delivering quality care in the field of metabolic and bariatric surgery while promoting a culture of safety and continuous improvement within the organization.

I, _____, acknowledge and agree to follow the Adherence to MBSAQIP Credentialing Standards for Physicians Policy. I commit to the bariatric surgery clinical pathways established by the MBS Committee at Hendrick Medical Center.

Signature

Date