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Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology Announces **Recipients of 2024 SOAP Center of Excellence Designation**

April 3, 2025 – The Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) is pleased to announce the following institutions and obstetric anesthesia programs have attained the prestigious SOAP Center of Excellence (COE) designation:

- St. Luke's International Hospital – Tokyo, Japan
- Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center - Los Angeles, CA, USA
- Memorial Regional Hospital – Hollywood, FL, USA
- University of California San Diego San Diego, CA, USA
- Maternity Hospital- Ministry of Health Kuwait – Kuwait, Kuwait
- Newport Harbor Anesthesia Consultants - Hoag Hospital Irvine - Irvine, CA, USA
- Newport Harbor Anesthesia Consultants - Hoag Hospital Newport Beach - Newport Beach, CA, USA

The designation was awarded January 31, 2025, to the institutions and programs listed above and will remain valid for four years.

The following institutions and obstetric anesthesia programs have renewed the prestigious SOAP Center of Excellence (COE) designation initially granted in 2020:

- Clinica Universitaria Bolivariana – Antioquia, Colombia
- George Washington University - Washington DC, USA
- Loma Linda University - Loma Linda, CA, USA
- Long Island Jewish Medical Center Northwell Health / Hofstra University School of Medicine – Queens, NY, USA
- Mother Baby Center at Abbott Northwestern Hospital Minneapolis Anesthesia Partners - Minneapolis, MN, USA
- National Center for Child Health and Development - Tokyo, Japan
- Sidra Medicine – Doha, Qatar
- Stony Brook University Medical Center - Stony Brook, NY, USA
- Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento - Sacramento, CA, USA
- UC Davis Health - Sacramento, CA, USA
- University of Alabama at Birmingham – Birmingham, AL, USA
- University of Chicago – Chicago, IL, USA
- Yale University - New Haven, CT, USA

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The following institutions and obstetric anesthesia programs have renewed the prestigious SOAP Center of Excellence (COE) designation initially granted in 2019:

- University of Michigan Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital - Ann Arbor, MI, USA

The designation was awarded January 31, 2025, to the institutions and programs listed above and will remain valid for four years.

The following institutions and obstetric anesthesia programs have renewed the prestigious SOAP Center of Excellence (COE) designation initially granted in 2018:

- NYU Langone Health-Tisch Hospital - New York, NY, USA
- Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center – San Francisco, CA, USA

The designation was awarded January 31, 2025, to the institutions and programs listed above and will remain valid for four years.

The SOAP Center of Excellence designation recognizes institutions and programs that demonstrate excellence in obstetric anesthesia care, sets a benchmark level of expected care to improve the standards nationally, and provides a broad surrogate quality metric of institutions providing obstetric anesthesia care.

The criteria for the COE designation cover various domains including personnel and staffing; equipment, protocols, and policies; simulation and team training; obstetric emergency management; cesarean delivery and labor analgesia care; recommendations and guidelines implementation; and quality assurance and patient follow-up systems. The criteria for the SOAP COE designation, which covers all aspects of obstetric anesthesia care, were generated by expert consensus and incorporate evidence-based recommendations.

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