



SOCIETY FOR OBSTETRIC
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Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology Announces Recipients of 2023 SOAP Center of Excellence Designation

April 12, 2024 – 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:

- Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center – Charlotte, NC
- Hospital e Maternidade Santa Maria - São Paulo, Brazil
- MetroHealth Medical Center – Cleveland, OH
- Oregon Health & Science University – Portland, OR
- Prisma Health Upstate-Greenville Memorial Hospital – Greenville, SC
- St. Luke’s University Health Network – Anderson Campus – Coopersburg, PA

The designation was awarded March 31, 2024, 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 2019:

- British Columbia Women's Hospital - Vancouver, BC
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, PA
- Kaiser Permanente, Women & Children's Hospital - Roseville – Roseville, CA
- Mayo Clinic - Rochester, MN
- Medical College of Wisconsin - Froedtert Birth Center – Milwaukee, WI
- Missouri Baptist Medical Center - St. Louis, Missouri
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) – Little Rock, AR
- University of Maryland Medical Center – Baltimore, MD
- University of Utah- Salt Lake City, UT
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center – Nashville, TN

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

- University of Washington – Seattle, WA
- Albany Medical Center – Albany, NY

The designation was awarded March 31, 2024, to the institutions and programs listed above and will remain valid for three years.



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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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