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Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) Announces Recipients of 2018 SOAP Center of Excellence (COE) Designation

Center of Excellence Designation

The Center of Excellence (COE) designation is to recognize institutions and programs that demonstrate excellence in obstetric anesthesia care, to set a benchmark level of expected care to improve the standards nationally, and to provide a broad surrogate quality metric of institutions providing obstetric anesthesia care. The criteria for the Center of Excellence designation covers 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 Center of Excellence designation, which covers all aspects of obstetric anesthesia care, were generated by expert consensus and incorporate evidence-based recommendations.

2018 SOAP Center of Excellence (COE) Designees

Congratulations to the following institutions and obstetric anesthesia programs on attaining this prestigious designation:

- Stanford University
- Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- Columbia University
- University of New Mexico
- Colorado Fetal Care Center, Children’s Hospital Colorado
- North Shore University Hospital
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Saddleback Memorial Medical Center
- Albany Medical Center
The designation was awarded on March 25, 2019 to the institutions and obstetric anesthesia programs listed above and will remain valid for four years.

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