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Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) Announces Recipients of 2019 SOAP Center of Excellence (COE) Designation

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

- University of Michigan - Michigan Medicine
- Kaiser Permanente - Roseville Women & Children’s Hospital
- University of Maryland Medical Center
- Virtua Voorhees Hospital - West Jersey Anesthesia Associates
- UAMS College of Medicine
- Vanderbilt University
- Missouri Baptist Medical Center
- BC Women’s Hospital
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Hackensack University Medical Center
- The Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Froedtert Hospital Birth Center
- Mayo Clinic
- Miller Women's and Children's Hospital
- University of Utah

The Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) 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 SOAP COE designation, which covers all aspects of obstetric anesthesia care, were generated by expert consensus and incorporate evidence-based recommendations.

The designation was awarded on March 25, 2020 to the institutions and obstetric anesthesia programs listed above and will remain valid for four years. For more information about the SOAP COE, please contact Delaney Mielke at 414/389-8611 or delaney@soap.org.