

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT BARIATRIC SURGERY PROGRAM BUILDING OFFERINGS

One -hour Zoom Consultation:

The first step would be a one hour virtual face-to-face consultation to get a sense of your program and its current state. It would also be an opportunity for the client to discuss goals and objectives for the consultation, and where the client would like to see their program be in 5 years. This discussion can include any aspect of program development for children with severe obesity.

Initial Visit:

Should the client decide to engage our services, the team would schedule a one or two-day visit (depending on what is required to get the full picture of your program) to your hospital to evaluate all aspects of your program. We need to meet not only your clinical team, but also your hospital administrators so we can help you make your case for the expansion of the program. Whether your program's goal is to become accredited or not, we would use the MBSAQIP guidelines to evaluate your program needs including but not limited to: current protocols; equipment; facility infrastructure; personnel; program design; billings and collections (if your hospital will share them); and possibilities for optimization. Using the MBSAQIP guidelines provides a structure to program building, but getting accredited may not be right for your program. We can help you make that decision. Within 2 weeks, your program will receive a formal review of our assessment including a business plan and pro forma to help you take the next steps.

Follow-Up Visit:

Depending on the client and their experience with treating children with severe obesity, a follow up visit may be recommended. The follow up visit would be designed to allow for proctoring of surgical cases, participating in bariatric surgery clinic, or both. A follow-up visit could also be used to do a mock MBSAQIP site visit to ensure a successful full review if that is the desire of the program. Follow up visits can be arranged at any time once you are engaged as a client, and can be used regularly (e.g. yearly) if the client desires. Once you are signed on with us, we are there to support you in any way we can help.