

Summary of Updates to the ACS BSCN Accreditation Program Manual

Topic	Effective Date	Location in Manual	Summary
Minimum surgeon requirement for Outpatient and Outpatient-New	04/06/2009	Chapter 5, page 19 (version 2-11.01.08)	<u>Clarification</u> At least one bariatric surgeon must have performed or supervised at least 100 weight-loss operations over the previous 24 months. Additional bariatric surgeons are encouraged, but not required, to meet this standard.
Revisional surgery	11/01/2008	Chapter 4, page 13 (version 11.01.08)	<u>Clarification</u> Level 2 centers are not approved for elective revisional operations for failed weight loss.
New category of accepted standard bariatric surgery procedure	11/01/2008	Chapter 8, page 25 (version 11.01.08)	<u>New Standard</u> Urgent or Emergent Surgery Due to Complications from Bariatric Operations (e.g., internal hernia) may now be counted in facility and individual surgeon volume requirements.
Discharge and follow-up plan	11/01/2008	Chapter 8, pages 12, 16, 21 (version 11.01.08)	<u>Clarification</u> The words “for example” were inserted to denote that time intervals listed (e.g., two weeks, etc.) are examples of the definition of frequent.
Sleeve gastrectomy	07/01/2008	Chapter 8, 8A., page 25 (version 07.01.08)	<u>New Standard</u> Sleeve gastrectomy will be considered a standard ACS BSCN procedure that may be counted in facility and individual surgeon volume requirements.
Revisional surgery	07/01/2008	Chapter 8, 8A., page 25 (version 07.01.08)	<u>New Standard</u> Revisional surgery will be considered a standard ACS BSCN procedure that may be counted in facility and individual surgeon volume requirements.

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Allowable non-standard bariatric surgery procedures	07/01/2008	Chapter 8, 8A., page 25 (version 07.01.08)	<u>New Standard</u> For Level 1 and 2 centers, Any nonstandard initial operation is considered experimental and may be counted toward the annual volume requirement, provided the center receives, and presents to ACS, an IRB approval for each type of nonstandard procedure that will be counted toward the annual volume.