

Surgeon Champion / Alternate Surgeon Champion *Roles and Requirements*

Surgeon Champion

Each hospital is required to have a lead Surgeon Champion (SC), a designated *surgeon* chosen to oversee the implementation and administration of the MSQC program at your institution. Your hospital should select your Surgeon Champion based on their ability to fulfill the following *Roles and Requirements*.

Roles of Surgeon Champion:

- Initial and ongoing support of the Surgical Clinical Quality Reviewer (SCQR)
- Promotion and advancement of the MSQC program through activities directed at improving surgical quality and sharing of best practices
- Regular attendance at MSQC Quarterly Meetings, Annual Conference and Surgeon Champion Conference Calls

Requirements of Surgeon Champion:

- Must be an attending surgeon
- Must be a general, vascular or gynecological Surgeon (*Current lead Surgeon Champions who are not general, vascular or gynecological surgeons may remain in the role, however, if they vacate the position, they will be required to be replaced by a general, vascular or gynecological surgeon.*)
- Can be the lead Surgeon Champion for only one site (*Each individual hospital is required to have its own dedicated Surgeon Champion.*)

Notes:

- If your Surgeon Champion is unable to attend a required participation event and your hospital does not have a designated Alternate Surgeon Champion, another surgeon, anesthesiologist or executive level physician (such as VPMA, CMO, Director of Physician Quality, etc.) may attend as a Surgeon Champion proxy. If a physician other than the designated lead Surgeon Champion or alternate Surgeon Champion will be attending, please notify the MSQC Coordinating Center of their name so your hospital will receive “credit” for their attendance.
- Each hospital is required to have its own surgeon/physician (lead Surgical Champion, alternate Surgical Champion, or designated physician proxy) in attendance at the MSQC Quarterly Meetings and Annual Conference. A surgeon/physician may not attend for more than one hospital.

Alternate Surgeon Champion

Although not mandatory, your hospital may designate an alternate Surgeon Champion to stand in at the request of the lead Surgeon Champion and fulfill his/her role (see *Roles of Surgeon Champion* above) at times when he/she is unable or unavailable. Alternate Surgeon Champions should be selected based on the following *Requirements*.

Requirements of Alternate Surgeon Champion :

- Must be a surgeon, anesthesiologist or surgical resident
- May be of a surgical specialty other than general, vascular or gynecological

Please see *Notes* above for detailed specifications regarding attendance at required participation events.