



PANCREATITIS CRITERIA

Designated Core Personnel

Must have a multidisciplinary approach to patient care with on-site access to the following core personnel:

- Program Director (as described below)
- Gastroenterologists
 - At least two with one experienced in therapeutic endoscopy, including EUS and ERCP (One must have min. 5 years' experience)
- Pathologist with expertise in gastrointestinal disease
- Interventional Radiologist
 - Gastroenterology expertise in Interventional Radiology
- Pancreatobiliary surgeon
 - At least two with experience/expertise in Distal pancreatectomy, Whipple's resection, Total pancreatectomy, and drainage procedures for pseudocysts and pancreatitis - Puestow and cyst-enterostomies. (One must have min. 5 years' experience)

Special Expertise and Services

Must have access to 80% of the following personnel via on-site access or an established and ongoing referral relationship

- Dietitian / nutrition support
 - Registered Dietitian Nutritionist with credentials of RD or RDN available
- Pain and symptom control specialist/service
- Psychosocial support/social work
 - Ideal: Medical Psychiatrist
 - Acceptable: Patient support network which may including support groups, social worker access, and/or psychiatric back-up.
- Pancreatic function testing
 - Acceptable: Endoscopic pancreatic function testing
- Clinical trials
 - Ideal: Have clinical trials available for pancreatitis and have access to an IRB (Institutional Review Board) for research
 - Acceptable: Have a referral program and patient education for clinical trials
- Prevention program to include alcohol and smoking education and cessation programs
- Endocrinology/understanding of type III diabetes
 - Endocrinologist interested in pancreatic diabetes, lab testing available to assess endocrine function
- Islet autotransplantation program
 - Have an in-house program or an appropriate referral program
- Specific imaging requirements
 - MRI, and CT with a radiologist interested in pancreatic diseases
- Electronic Medical Records
 - Ideal: EMRs including imaging, labs, prescriptions

- Acceptable: EMR

Other

- If an institution does not have a special expertise or service, a referral plan or detailed description of their programs and services can be submitted for consideration. The institution must have the designated core personnel.
- The institution should be in good standing by The Joint Commission
- Patients should be provided access to the NPF Animated Pancreas Patient
- Strongly consider the formation of or support/partnership with an existing NPF State Chapter
- The institution should have interdisciplinary meetings

Reporting Capabilities & Responsibilities

- There must be a designated point of contact with the NPF. This can be the Program Director or a designee.
- Agree to participate in NPF surveys in an effort to improve patient care and outcomes
- Agree to participate in the NPF's National Patient Registry
 - Ideal: The institution actively participates in NPF Registry by developing means to consent patients and transfer EMR's or develops mechanism to enter patient data.
 - Acceptable: Educates patients about NPF Registry, distributes brochure to patients, and encourages them to enter their information through the patient portal
- Agree to the minimal NPF reporting standards
- Agree to co-market the program
 - Ideal: The institution agrees to highlight the certification on their website with mutual links to the NPF website
 - Acceptable: Distribution of NPF brochures to patients
- Sign Letter of Agreement and consent to an initial audit either electronically or in person and a 3-5 year follow up

Program Director Qualifications and Responsibilities

Qualifications

- i. The Program Director should be board certified through the ABIM (American Board of Internal Medicine) in Gastroenterology or board certified in Surgery.

Responsibilities

- ii. Provides quality assurance and oversight for all aspects of patient care and operation of the NPF Center Program.
- iii. Assures the institution is providing adequate facilities and ancillary support to the NPF Centers Program.
- iv. Assures that all NPF Centers Program team personnel (physician and non-physician) are of the highest quality and continually strive to improve their expertise in the area of pancreatic disease.
- v. Assures that all aspects of the agreement with the NPF Center are met.
- vi. Assures that the personnel time allotted to the care of patients with pancreatic disease is appropriate for the patient population.
- vii. Coordinates plans with other Program Directors or appropriate personnel when it is necessary for emergency, tertiary care, or care that is out of the scope of the center.