

PREPARING FOR JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION

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Achieving Joint Commission accreditation status means your ASC has high standards for patient care and safety. For an ASC to obtain accreditation, it must be compliant with more than 100 standards set forth by The Joint Commission.

The best way to pass an audit
is to be Prepared !



Leadership Involvement & Documentation

- The Governing Board should be involved in all aspects of your ASC facility operations.
- Communication between your PI Committee, Medical Advisory Board and Governing Board should be well documented.

BE FOCUSED

- Annually:
 - Engage facility leaders/management
 - Create a schedule to review all JC standards
 - Assign each section to team members for review
 - Set aside 1-2 hours weekly to review each chapter as a group (15 chapters = 8-12 weeks)
 - Read each standard and discuss how you meet the standard, be prepared to cite policy or practice to support your position.

Readiness Surveys

- Conduct Facility Wide Audits
- Use TJC standards, tracer forms and CMS Infection Control Worksheet
- Document deficiencies on a grid indicating the Standard, Deficiency Findings and Recommended Corrective Action (including person responsible and date completed)
- Conduct follow up audits of problem areas as needed and full readiness survey every 6 months.

Education

- Continually educate staff
 - Monthly staff meetings
 - Communicate results of audits
 - Corrective Action Plans – staff role
 - How to answer questions from surveyors
 - Post informational signs throughout facility

The Joint Commission Resources

- The Joint Commission Connect
 - E-dition
 - Survey Process – Survey Activity Guide
 - Continuous Compliance – Intracycle Monitoring
 - Focused Standards Assessment Tool (formerly PPR)
 - Priority Focus Areas
 - Statement of Conditions
 - Targeted Solutions Tool

Surveyor Guidebook

- When a surveyor arrives, they will present you with a list of documents they would like to see and review. Having these documents already compiled and ready shows a surveyor you are organized and pay attention to detail.
- You may have multiple manuals/logs they would like to see. Always keep your paperwork up to date. Today could be THE day!!

5 Most Difficult-to-Achieve Joint Commission Standards for ASC's

- The organization grants initial, renewed or revised clinical privileges to individuals who are permitted by law and the organization to practice independently (HR.02.01.03) — 50%
- The organization safely stores medications (MM.03.01.01) — 38%
- The organization reduces the risk of infections associated with medical equipment, devices and supplies (IC.02.02.01) — 37 %
- The organization identifies risks for acquiring and transmitting infections (IC.01.03.01) — 28%
- The organization safely manages high-alert and hazardous medications (MM.01.01.03) — 23%
