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New and Revised Requirements: Joint Commission International Accreditation Standards for Laboratories, 3rd Edition

Our new manual Joint Commission International Accreditation Standards for Laboratories, Third Edition, was published 1 July 2016 and will be effective for on-site surveys starting 1 January 2017. A list of major changes to the laboratory standards is [available here](#).

JCI's Vice President, Accreditation, Standards, and Measurement, Dr. Paul Chang will deliver the closing keynote address at [HIMSS Asia Pacific 2016](#). His presentation, titled "The Role of Technology in Transforming Hospitals towards High Reliability Organizations," will discuss the part technology plays in eliminating common health care challenges in health care organizations. Don't miss this exciting session, 25 August, 16:45 - 17:30, in Bangkok, Thailand.

You have the opportunity to complete a field review of proposed new and revised standards for JCI's 6th edition Hospital Standards. The purpose of this review is to examine the new and updated standards to determine if they are reasonable for hospitals to come into compliance with the requirements. The field review deadline is Sunday, 7 August, 23:00 GMT - 6, and you can access the survey at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JCI6thHosp>

Register for our 2016 [International Practicum](#) and [Foundations of Accreditation](#) events. Also, read the August edition of JCInsight for information on 6th edition Accreditation Update education events. See the education matrix below to determine which event is best for you and your staff.

Joint Commission International (JCI) 2016 Education Programs for Hospitals and Academic Medical Centers



JCI education programs offer the ideal opportunity for your organization to learn about the JCI philosophy of patient safety and continuous quality improvement. You will learn the concepts necessary to help you begin your organization's journey, achieve accreditation, and maintain the prestigious Gold Seal of Approval.

START HERE	Foundations of Accreditation	International Practicum on Accreditation and Quality Improvement	Accreditation Update for 5th edition Hospital Standards
	 Discover your path to the Gold Seal of Approval. This 3-day program is ideal for unaccredited hospitals and academic medical centers considering JCI accreditation.	 Begin your accreditation journey here. This 5-day program is ideal for unaccredited hospitals and academic medical centers preparing for an initial survey and for JCI-accredited organizations who need to train new staff.	 Your pathway to continuous compliance. This 2-day program is ideal for accredited hospital and academic medical centers.
What will I learn?	Through informative lectures and small group workshops you will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How JCI standards and the JCI survey process can help your organization improve the quality and safety of patient care How to structure your organization's pursuit of accreditation Leading practices for achieving accreditation How JCI standards can help you address common quality improvement challenges 	Through informative lectures, small group workshops, and simulated survey trace exercises in a local accredited hospital, you will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading methods of JCI survey preparation from our experienced consultants and clinical leaders JCI accreditation process and methodologies to evaluate compliance and quality improvement strategies 	Through small group sessions and roundtable sharing of leading practices with your JCI-accredited peers, you will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tips to meet the common challenges of achieving accreditation under the current 5th edition standards About new and substantially changed standards Present your most difficult questions to JCI experts—both consultants and surveyors
Who should attend?	Health care leadership, decision-makers, executive directors, vice presidents, and board members of unaccredited health care organizations.	Quality managers and appointed survey process team leaders of unaccredited health care organizations, JCI-accredited health care organizations who need to train new staff.	Quality managers and appointed survey process team leaders of JCI-accredited organizations.
Where and when is the event?	Jakarta, 10-12 August 2016 Mandla, 15-17 August 2016 Prague, 17-19 October 2016 More cities to be announced. Visit jointcommissioninternational.org for details.	Tokyo, 12-16 September 2016 Shanghai, 10-14 October 2016 Santiago, 12-16 December 2016 More cities to be announced. Visit jointcommissioninternational.org for details.	Accreditation Update education programs for the 5th edition Hospital Standards will begin March 2017. More cities to be announced. Visit jointcommissioninternational.org for details.
What is the cost of registration?	US\$1,000	US\$5,400	US\$1,200

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Safety Tip of the Month: Controlling pandemic infections

Research findings confirm that health care worker fatigue poses a serious threat to patient safety. Fatigue diminishes staff's capacity to recognize important, but subtle changes in a patient's condition.



Studies have confirmed a correlation between health care worker fatigue and actual and near-miss medical errors. The United States-based Joint Commission requires that organizations identify conditions and practices that may contribute to health care worker fatigue, implement processes to identify fatigue that poses a threat to patient safety, and take action to minimize that risk. While this is not a Joint Commission International requirement, this is an important concept that crosses borders.

Work-hour requirements may be met with skepticism. Some clinicians and health care leaders worry that increasing the number of transfers and hand offs, as well as adding “night float” or “day float” clinicians, risks fragmenting care and thus increases patient safety risks. However, studies have shown that work-hour rules can improve patient care. To combat the effects of worker fatigue, do the following:

- Whenever possible, come to work well rested
- Recognize when you are tired and acknowledge the limits of human memory and performance.
- Ask team members for help with interventions when you are feeling the effects of fatigue.
- During the end of your shift, when you are most likely to be very tired—especially if work-hour requirements have resulted in an increased number of transfers—pay special attention to policies and procedures for hand offs

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