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JCI's 6th ed Hospital Standards are on the way

The Joint Commission International (JCI) Standards Advisory Panel met 16-17 May in Madrid to discuss the upcoming 6th edition hospital standards. The panel comprises 13 global health care experts. The group reviewed and provided guidance on potential changes to the standards in several areas, including, but not limited to:

- Information technology (IT) requirements related to security planning, protection of patient data (e.g., mobile device use), and downtime planning
- Supply chain management standard revisions including clarification or deletion of terms (e.g., critical supplies, diversion, substitution) and possibly requirement of prospective and retrospective tracing of supplies in a health care organization
- Infection control requirements such as a basic program for antibiotic stewardship, recognition of and response to global infections, and strengthening staff vaccine programs

The group also discussed integrated care and chronic disease management, health care staff compassion fatigue and fatigue management, health care staff as second victims in adverse and sentinel events, and musculoskeletal injuries related to moving patients. (Visit the [JCI website](#) to see the list of JCI Standards Advisory Panel members.)

The 6th edition hospital standards will publish 1 January 2017 and become effective 1 July 2017. For timely updates and other JCI news, see your monthly issue of JCInsight and follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), or [Twitter](#).



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Safety Tip of the Month: Controlling pandemic infections

A pandemic is a worldwide threat, often times with no known vaccine. Experts agree that a pandemic is likely to occur, though it is unclear what its epidemiology will be. Pandemic preparedness is essential to reduce adverse effects of potentially devastating outbreaks. Organizations should form a multidisciplinary pandemic planning committee that includes the following:

- Technical experts (infection control, infectious disease)
- Decision makers (administration)
- Developmental variance and ongoing development
- A public information officer
- A response coordinator
- A core response group

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