

Library of Measures Requirements

The Accreditation Participation Requirement (APR) section of the new 5th edition accreditation manual consists of specific requirements for participation in the Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation process and for maintaining an accreditation award. The JCI Accreditation Standards for Hospital Manual 5th edition, APR.7 was amended effective 1 July 2015. The JCI APR.7 has changed the hospital participation requirement for the Library of Measures **from a mandatory requirement to a voluntary requirement.**

IMPORTANT: If the hospital **elects in E-App to participate** in the Library of Measures, **they are required to follow all Library specifications, without deviation.** If the hospital does not follow the specifications **and references publicly that they are participating in the Library**, then the hospital will be considered At Risk for Denial of Accreditation and a focused survey may be conducted if the hospital is found not to be in compliance with [APR.7](#)

Please refer to the table below for the **Library of Measure requirement details:**

Current Requirements	Accreditation Participation Requirement (APR).7 Library of Measures	Applicable to:	Start date/effective date
Minimum number of selected measures	The hospital's <i>leadership selects five measures</i> from the Library of Measures that are applicable to the organization's patient population and clinical service areas.	Initial, Triennial, and Focused Surveys	Retired 1 July 2015
Minimum number of selected measures	The hospital's leadership may select one or up to 36 individual measure; and/or they may select one or up to 10 measure sets.	Initial, Triennial, and Focused Surveys	Starts 1 July 2015
Measure Selection	The hospital's leadership is <i>required to select measures aligned with their patient population clinical service areas.</i> Hospitals are encouraged to select all measures provided within the specific patient population Measure Set. Example: select all I-Acute Myocardial Infarction measures or all I-Perinatal Care measures	Initial, Triennial, and Focused Surveys	Starts with 1 July 2015 patient discharges
Specifications and supporting resources used to develop measurement plan and implementation	The hospital applies the <i>current Library of Measure Specifications, version 2.0</i> and supporting data collection resources as indicated on the <i>Library of Measures</i> web page in the development of the organization's measurement plan and implementation process. NOTE: JCI accredited and central-office approved applicant hospitals are provided direct access to the Library web resources.	Initial, Triennial, and Focused Surveys	1 January, 2013 - continued
Data collection and aggregation	A JCI accredited hospital collects data for the selected Library measures and at minimum aggregates data quarterly and according to the measure specifications. EXCEPTION: An organization who elects to participate in the Library of Measures, that is under-going its initial JCI survey is temporarily exempt from the Library measure data collection requirement. Data collection is required to begin when an organization is granted initial JCI Accreditation.	Triennial and Focused Surveys	1 October, 2011 - continued

Submission of Library measure data to JCI	“To be determined and announced at a later date”	“To be determined”	“To be determined”
Proposed non-Library measures	For “special patient population” hospitals that do not provide clinical services that are addressed in the Library of Measures, hospitals notify JCI Measurement Associate Director through the JCI Measurement mailbox link below. Hospitals are required to meet the “five measure” requirements by proposing evidence-based replacement measures for JCI approval.	Initial, Triennial, and Focused Surveys	Retired 1 July 2015
Measure data availability	Library data is evaluated through all phases of accreditation and available upon request by surveyors on-site and during the continuous accreditation process.	Triennial and Focused Surveys	1 October 2011 - continued
Library of Measures data validation	Hospitals utilize one of the two following validation comparison/calculation methodologies found in the specifications, Appendix G, to assess inter-rater reliability.	Triennial and Focused surveys	1 January 2013 -continued