



## New Hospital Standard FAQ: Creation of the Hospital's Comprehensive, Facility-wide Risk Assessment

Joint Commission International (JCI) recognizes the importance of consistent interpretation of accreditation standards. A table of Frequently Asked Questions is also published on The Joint Commission International website:

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To continuously support our accredited organizations in meeting JCI requirements, tabled below are new Frequently Asked Questions from the *Joint Commission International Accreditation Standards for Hospitals, 7th Edition*.

Standard	Subject	Interpretation Question	Response
FMS.3	Creation of a comprehensive, facility-wide risk assessment	Are hospitals expected to combine all of the eight FMS program risk assessments into one large document or create a separate risk assessment from the highest risks in each of the eight programs?	<p>JCI does not specify any particular method for identifying, combining, and ranking risks. Leadership needs to be able to review the integrated risk assessment plan and determine which risks from the overall combined risk assessments have the greatest priority.</p> <p><b>For example,</b> leadership in the FMS program may take the top three identified risks from each of the eight program risk assessments and combine them into one overall risk assessment. Next, the leadership would re-prioritize the top three risks from each program against each other. For instance, the top three risks from the construction program risk assessment may all be deemed a lower priority than the top three risks from the security program.</p> <p>Note: The plan should cover all eight FMS programs and be performed annually.</p>
FMS.3	Creation of a comprehensive, facility-wide risk assessment	What should be included in the organization's risk assessment plan for each of the eight programs?	<p>Prioritized areas for improvement for each program should be included in the comprehensive, facility-wide risk assessment based upon the potential impact of care, treatment, or services.</p> <p>Note: If risks identified in the eight program risk assessments are not included in the comprehensive, facility-wide risk assessment, they should remain in their program-specific risk assessment.</p>

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