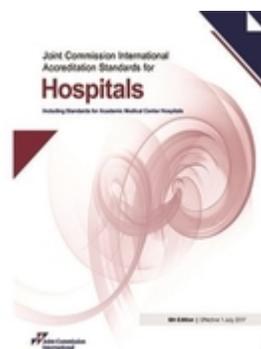


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## 6th Edition In-Depth: Revisions to the Track Period (Look-back Period)

*Each month we highlight a section of the new 6th edition hospital standards. This series of articles provides a closer look at areas of concern for JCI-accredited hospitals and any health care organization focused on patient safety and quality improvement.*

The new requirements for the organization track record (look-back period) for initial and triennial surveys went into effect 1 January 2018. The changes are intended to encourage organizations that are starting on the JCI accreditation journey to be well prepared. At the same time, JCI expects organizations that have already received JCI accreditation to implement policies, procedures, and processes that support continuous compliance with the standards as well as year-round data collection and recordkeeping.

What does this mean?

- Hospitals and academic medical center (AMC) hospitals that undergo an **initial** survey on 1 January 2018 or later are now required to have a six-month track record (increased from the current requirement of four months).
- For hospital and AMC hospital **triennial** surveys conducted between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2020, the 12-month look-back requirement remains in effect. This means that for any surveys that take place between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2020, surveyors will look back over the previous 12 months for compliance data.
- Starting 1 January 2021, the 12-month look-back period for **triennial** surveys will be retired. Instead, the look back period will extend to the last day of the organization's previous full or follow-up survey. This means that for any triennial survey conducted on or after 1 January 2021, JCI surveyors may look as far back as the date of the organization's previous survey for compliance data.

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## Upcoming JCI Education Events



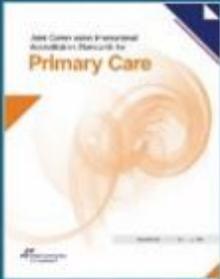
An [International Practicum in Tokyo](#) (3-7 December) and an [Accreditation Update in Singapore](#) (15-16 October) are the latest additions to the JCI 2018 education schedule. They join the [Singapore Practicum](#) (2-6 April) as events currently taking reservations now via the JCI website. Use the event links above to find out more or to reserve your spot for these events.

Also, mark your calendar for a special advanced tracer program in Singapore 17-19 October. Participants will complete a three-day program that hones their tracer skills under the supervision of JCI experts. Click [here](#) for more details.

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## JCI Middle East Leadership Forum



JCI-accredited organizations in the Middle East were celebrated in a special program held 28 January 2018 at the St. Regis in Dubai, UAE. JCR and JCI President and CEO Paula Wilson and The Joint Commission President and CEO Dr. Mark Chassin received special guests from more than a hundred health care organizations in 11 countries. Each JCI accredited organization was presented with a special commemorative award to launch “The Year of 1,000,” a year-long celebration of 2018 as the moment when JCI will achieve the milestone of 1,000 Gold Seal organizations. Pictured with Wilson and Chassin are Dr. Ashraf Ismail, Middle East Office Managing Director; Ossama Salamah, Middle East Office International Sales Manager; and several JCI consultants and administrators.

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