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6th Edition In-Depth: JCI Accreditation Updates

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 6th edition of Joint Commission International's hospital accreditation standards represents the next evolution of leading patient safety practices. Organizations that meet these standards are counted among the best hospitals in the world. As we all know, meeting new standards and improving your performance on existing standards is difficult. That is why JCI is pleased to offer our Accreditation Update series of educational programs.

These programs provide a concise yet comprehensive look into the new and challenging standards, focusing on what they require, how surveyors will assess them, and how you can most efficiently meet them. Continuously improving and meeting our new standards is a challenge, but understanding our requirements does not need to be. Let JCI help you start your 6th edition preparation efforts as you seek to maintain your position as one of the best hospitals in the world.

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2017 TOKYO PRACTICUM

(11-15 September)

Prepare for accreditation with JCI's most comprehensive education program

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FREE Online Course: Influenza Pandemic Preparedness and Response in Ambulatory Settings

Flu season is occurring now in many places around the world. To help you combat this virus, JCI is offering a free tool to JCI-accredited and non-accredited organizations. In collaboration with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), The Joint Commission is hosting a free online self-paced course that focuses on how to effectively respond to an influenza pandemic by developing a preparedness and response plan.

This course will help you:



Learn how to effectively respond in the face of a pandemic
 Learn how to develop an influenza pandemic preparedness and response plan following a four-step guide
 Understand how to differentiate the virologic, epidemiologic, and clinical features of pandemic influenza from seasonal influenza
 Understand how laboratory testing and diagnosis, patient management and treatment, and team training are essential components of the pandemic preparedness and response plan

Click [here](#) to register. Don't miss an opportunity to take this FREE open access course from The Joint Commission, offered by JCI to our global audience.

JCI-accredited Organizations Shine at IFQSH London

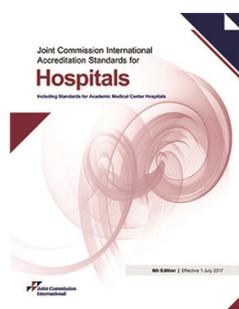
Members of JCI recently attended the International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare (IFQSH) in London, England, held in April. This conference was filled with health care leaders and practitioners from all over the world dedicated to improving patient care and safety.

JCI-accredited organizations had a strong presence at the poster sessions. We would like to acknowledge our accredited organizations that participated. Listed here are some of the poster presentations we were fortunate to observe during the conference:

Antwerp University Hospital (UZA), Belgium
 Sociedade Beneficente Israelita Brasileira Albert Einstein, Brazil
 Children's Cancer Hospital, Egypt
 Academic Medical Center (AMC), Netherlands
 Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Singapore
 Singapore General Hospital (SGH), Singapore
 Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore
 Thye Hua Kwan Hospital, Singapore
 Hamad General Hospital, Qatar
 Heart Hospital, Qatar
 Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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New 6th Edition JCI Hospital Manual Goes into Effect Soon



The new 6th edition of the JCI Accreditation Standards for Hospitals manual is now available in both hard copy and electronic formats. Click [here](#) to order your copy.

The effective date of the new hospital manual is 1 July 2017, which means all hospital and academic medical center surveys that begin on or after this date will utilize this new set of standards. The 6th edition includes a detailed summary of the major changes between the 5th and 6th editions (see "Summary of Changes to the Manual" near the beginning of the book) and other user-friendly features.

Currently, the 6th edition is available in [English](#) and [Chinese](#) only. Additional translations are planned in Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian in 2017. See the JCI website for availability and pricing.

If the hospital manual is not available in your language, individual JCI-accredited health care organizations and organizations preparing for JCI accreditation are allowed to translate the manual for internal accreditation preparation purposes only. Any such translation cannot be disseminated, shared, or sold externally to any other health care organization or other party

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SafeCare Standards Reaccredited by ISQua

In sub-Saharan Africa, many health care clinics do not have the resources to apply for or achieve accreditation—resources such as a consistent supply of medication or the infrastructure to keep patient records safe and secure. SafeCare provides these clinics an option to improve care for their patients with quality improvement standards they can comply with even under restricted conditions.

SafeCare accreditation standards cover a full range of clinical services and management functions, as well as infrastructural aspects and ancillary services, for example, kitchen, cleaning, and laundry services. This approach supports a holistic view of the components required for safe and efficient provision of health care services.

SafeCare is a multinational nonprofit foundation and a collaboration of [PharmAccess](#) in the Netherlands; Joint Commission International in the United States; and the [Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa](#) (COHSASA) in South Africa.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

JCI Education Goes to South America

A South American Accreditation Update and two Practicums highlight the upcoming JCI Education calendar.

On 2-3 August 2017 JCI experts will present an Accreditation Update in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Site and other details are not yet final; check the [JCI Accreditation Update webpage](#) for details as they are available.

The five-day JCI Practicum comes to [Tokyo \(11-15 September\)](#) and [Dubai \(5-9 November\)](#) this fall. The Practicum offers a full immersion in the JCI accreditation process and includes tracer methodology demonstrations at local JCI-accredited hospitals.

For more information on these and other JCI Education events, go to the [JCI Education webpage](#).

Now Available! New JCI Survey Process Guides for Hospitals and Laboratories

JCI is pleased to announce the publication of the new 6th edition of the JCI Survey Process Guide for Hospitals, a companion to the 6th edition JCI hospital standards manual that goes into effect 1 July 2017. This survey process guide is designed to help hospitals and academic medical center hospitals learn about and prepare for the JCI on-site survey process. [Click here](#) to purchase your copy.

JCI also announces the release of the new 3rd edition Survey Process Guide for Laboratories, a companion to the 3rd edition JCI laboratory manual that went into effect 1 January 2017. [Click here](#) to purchase your copy.

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