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### 6th Edition In-Depth: Appropriateness Review

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.



Standard MMU.5.1: *Medication prescriptions or orders are reviewed for appropriateness.*

New language has been added to the intent and to several of the measurable elements to help clarify the requirements of the appropriateness review.

The goal of an appropriateness review is to improve the quality and safety of adding a new medication to the patient's treatment plan and to reduce the risk of an adverse medication event. The process for the clinical medication review was first defined by Zermansky et al. as "... the process where a health professional reviews the patient, the illness, and the drug treatment ... ."

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) has identified that every medication order should be reviewed by a pharmacist to ensure appropriate selection of drug, dose, route, and frequency, as well as to check for interactions with other medications.

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



### Why Report Sentinel Events to JCI?

JCI-accredited organizations are encouraged—but not required—to self-report sentinel events and severe adverse events. Careful evaluation of these types of patient safety events includes conducting a comprehensive analysis of the event at the system and process level, as well as developing and implementing appropriate corrective actions that may reduce the probability of similar events from occurring in the future. A thorough and credible analysis is essential to identify contributing factors and opportunities for improvement to reduce risk and prevent patient, visitor, or staff harm.

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A unique two-part educational program is scheduled for [Shanghai](#) in November. Named Foundations of Accreditation Parts I and II, registrants can choose to augment a three-day classroom curriculum with two days of on-site instruction on tracer methodology (a central element of JCI accreditation surveys) in JCI-accredited hospitals. Find out more or register [here](#).

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We are currently seeking papers on studies of strategies to improve pain management, particularly improving judicious prescribing and safe use of opioids. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Pain assessment methods
- Patient and family engagement in goal-setting to set realistic expectations of pain control
- Control of postoperative pain with opioid-sparing techniques
- Strategies to identify patients at high risk of respiratory depression during inpatient treatment
- Patient and family education to minimize post-hospitalization use of opioids and proper disposal of opioids
- Audit and feedback of providers' opioid prescribing behavior to decrease prescribing inappropriately high dose or long durations of opioids
- Use of protocols for managing pain in patients in recovery from opioid addiction

We invite submissions from all types of health care organizations.

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Also, don't miss the JCI poster presentations on Monday, 2 October, during the conference:



### Compliance to JCI's 5th Edition Hospital Program's Decision Rules

The objective of this study was to review overall and regional compliance with decision rules for all hospitals undergoing a full accreditation survey under JCI's 5th Edition Hospital Program, which was in effect from 1 April 2014 to 30 June 2017, and to use accreditation performance data to focus on opportunities for improvement.

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### Lessons from Sentinel Events

A sentinel event (SE) is an unexpected patient safety event involving death or serious physical or psychological injury. Accredited organizations conduct a root cause analysis for each SE and voluntarily report SEs and root cause data. The JCI team mapped the most frequent types of root causes of sentinel events to standards from the JCI Accreditation Standards for Hospitals, 6th Edition. Standards that address the causes, trends, settings, and outcomes of sentinel events may help accredited organizations identify potential

systems risks. Through identifying potential systems risks, organizations can develop and implement strategies to provide safer care for their patients in a safer environment.

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