

**Accreditation Announcement: JCI 7th Edition of International Accreditation for Hospitals
Available 1 April 2020 and Become Effective 1 October**

JCI is excited to announce the publication of 7th Edition of International Accreditation Standards for Hospitals. JCI international standards are the basis for the accreditation of hospitals and academic medical centers throughout the world. The standards define the performance expectations, structures and functions that must be in place to be accredited by JCI and reflect the most up-to-date scientific evidence on patient safety as well as input from our current JCI accredited organizations and other expert stakeholders.

The 7th edition includes changes to both the patient-centered care and health care organization management sections of the manual. Specific enhancements include new or revised standards in these areas:

- International Patient Safety Goals including changes and expanded requirements to high-alert, look-alike/sound-alike medications and concentrated electrolytes, in addition to a new goal related to reducing the incidence of hospital-acquired infections.
- Care of Patients Chapter that addresses the management of clinical alarm systems, patients at risk of suicide or self-harm and lasers.
- Prevention and Control of Infections Chapter that covers environmental cleanliness for laundry, linens and scrubs, as well as the protection of patients and staff from bloodborne pathogens.
- Facility Management and Safety Chapter that includes fire safety, including the use of interim measures, clarification of expectations for availability of critical utilities and hemodialysis water quality.
- Management of Information Chapter that reviews data access controls, protecting data and information, education and ongoing training of staff who use electronic medical records and the use of scribes.

Other enhancements include the clarification of sentinel events, adverse events and near misses, an expanded and unified glossary, and updated references and revised chapter overviews.

Organizations Seeking Accreditation or Reaccreditation

Beginning 1 October 2020, all hospitals and academic medical centers seeking accreditation or reaccreditation from JCI will need to comply with the updated set of accreditation standards, as they will be surveyed under the 7th edition. Organizations undergoing initial or triennial accreditation surveys that begin on or before 30 September 2020 will be surveyed under the 6th edition.

Pre-order the JCI 7th Edition of International Accreditation for Hospitals by visiting our [website](#).

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