



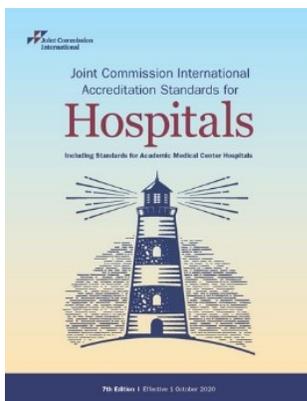
# JCI Insight

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## **NEW: 7th Edition of JCI Accreditation Standards for Hospitals Manual**

**Available 1 April 2020 and Effective 1 October 2020**



JCI is excited to announce the publication of the 7th Edition of the JCI 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.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the new manual.

Click [here](#) to pre-order your copy today!

## **Top Scored Measurable Elements (ME) for JCI Accreditation Standards for Hospitals, 6th Edition**



The April 2019 issue of JCI Insight identified the top scored measurable elements for the Joint Commission International Accreditation Standards for Hospitals and Academic Medical Centers (AMC), 6th edition for surveys conducted in 2018. The frequently cited measurable element in eighth place was PCI.7ME1 “The hospital follows professional practice guidelines for sterilization techniques that best fit the type of

situations for sterilization and devices and supplies being sterilized.” Improper cleaning and sterilization has been shown as a major risk for the transmission of infection. Sterilization is defined as a validated process used to render a product free of all forms of viable microorganisms. Devices that must be sterilized are devices that contact sterile tissue or the vascular system and are classified as critical devices by the Spaulding Classification. Examples of equipment requiring sterilization are surgical instruments, dental instruments, implants, and cardiac catheters.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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## **Important Update: Upcoming JCI Accreditation Updates**

JCI has made the difficult decision to postpone its upcoming Accreditation Updates in Bangkok, Singapore, and Tokyo due to the COVID-19 situation. We apologize for the inconvenience and the disappointment. JCI made this decision after learning that medical staff in many parts of the region are under great pressure, and we are respectful that many individuals wish not to take part in large group meetings or unnecessary travel at this time. However, please be assured that we are working to secure new dates for these events soon.

Registration is now open for our Accreditation Updates in Amsterdam, Riyadh, and Dubai on these dates:

### **Europe**

[14-15 May in Amsterdam](#)

### **Middle East**

[14-15 June in Riyadh](#)

[17-18 June in Dubai](#)

Click [here](#) to learn more about these Accreditation Updates.

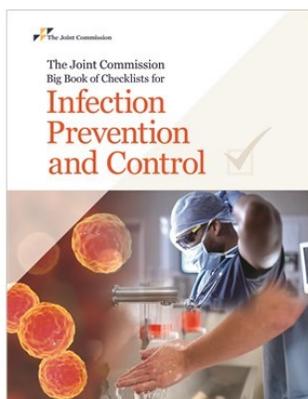
If your organization is ready to move to the next level of quality and patient safety, consider joining us for our Foundations of Accreditation three-day course in Amsterdam (11-13 May 2020). Here you'll discover what makes JCI the world's leader in health care accreditation and how our standards and survey process help organizations all over the world improve the quality and safety of patient care.

Click [here](#) to learn more about our Foundations of Accreditation course.

Please check our website as final plans are being made for our Advanced Tracers program to be held in Prague in September and our International Practicum on Accreditation and Quality Improvement to be held in Barcelona, Spain, in October. More details are to follow!

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## **NEW: The Joint Commission Big Book of Checklists for Infection Prevention and Control**

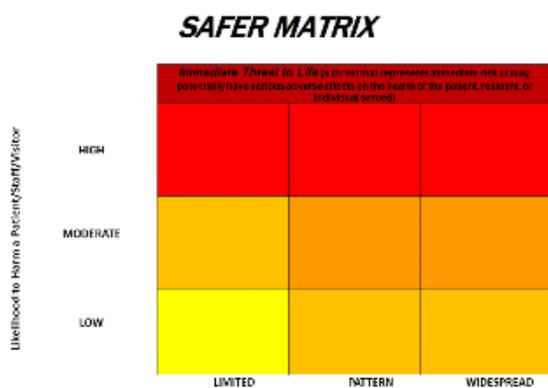


*The Joint Commission Big Book of Checklists for Infection Control* provides a compilation of downloadable and customizable checklists designed to help organizations across a range of settings build their own sustainable and program-specific infection prevention and control policies. Topics include standard and transmission-based precautions, occupational health safeguards, environmental hazards and risks, CDC guidelines, Joint Commission and JCI standards, and more. In addition, the clinically sound checklists are specific enough for use by frontline clinical staff responsible

for preventing and controlling the spread of infection.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

## JCI Survey Analysis for Evaluating Risk<sup>®</sup> (SAFER<sup>™</sup>) Matrix: Enhanced Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) Process



As announced in the January 2020 edition of JCI Insight, we are excited to launch the SAFER Matrix on 5 April 2020. As part of the launch, we have enhanced our Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) process. While the SAFER Matrix provides your organization with an illustration of potential risks to help you prioritize areas for improvement, we have aligned our SIP process so that SIPs you will be asked to provide are in areas that need your

attention first.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

## How Ready Are You in the Event of a Major Epidemic?

Facing challenges in the health care industry are not new. However, how we confront these challenges in a way that minimizes risk and does not compromise patient safety requires planning and ability to control. For example, the current challenge that is on top of everyone's minds across the globe is the spread of Coronavirus, or COVID-19. We have confronted threats like this before – the communicable disease outbreaks such as the 2009–2010 H1N1 (swine flu) pandemic, 2003 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), and 2012 Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV), are a few that impacted the global health care arena just in the last decade. What is new is the rapid pace in which these communicable diseases are spreading across international borders, especially given how globally dependent we are. This clearly results in the need to anticipate emergency situations that may be compounded by people who are infectious, or infections, themselves.

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