



# WHY SHOULD AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS SEEK JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION?



“Any reputable center should be accredited. It sends a message to our employees about the standard of care and the recognition of patients’ rights that we expect at all times.”

*Rebecca Gooding, Administrator  
Pikes Peak Endoscopy & Surgery Center  
Colorado Springs, CO*

**Joint Commission** accreditation demonstrates to your patients that you are committed to the highest level of patient safety and care. The requirements for accreditation reflect realistic and achievable standards for ambulatory care.

Accreditation is a visible demonstration to patients and the community that your organization is committed to improving patient care and quality. The standards focus on patient safety – the key elements and potential hazards

that put your patients at risk. Accreditation provides the tools to manage these risks, assuring that patient safety concerns are continuously addressed.



The Joint Commission Ambulatory Care Accreditation program provides your ambulatory surgery center with:

## **Three-Year Full Accreditation Program**

Our accreditation process provides you with immediate results of your survey. You also receive a 40% pricing reduction during the first year – your costs are spread throughout your entire accreditation cycle.

The program provides your ASC with self-assessment tools that serve as educational opportunities that allow your organization to develop plans of action, measures of success and unique processes to your organization.

## **A Benchmark of Quality**

Demonstrating compliance with national standards may help obtain contracts from insurance companies, networks, buyers of care and other industry purchasers. Accreditation also helps your ASC stand apart from your competitors.

"We preferred the new tracer survey process. It enabled looking at systems vs. paper policies and ultimately focused on the patient care process."

*Wendy Biggar, RN  
Kerlan/Jobe HealthSouth Surgery Center  
Los Angeles, CA*

## Experienced Surveyors

Our surveyors are a valuable resource for your ASC. Each surveyor has extensive ambulatory experience and participates in 50 to 150 surveys annually. This experience allows them to bring valuable insight and provide practical tips during your on-site survey.

Working with the surveyors throughout the survey allows your questions to be answered by these skilled professionals and provides you with the tools to skillfully manage your organization, assuring that patient safety concerns are continuously addressed.

## Knowledgeable Account Representatives

Your ambulatory surgery center will be assigned a single account representative who will guide you through the accreditation process, from the application development, to preparing you for your on-site survey experience, assisting with your annual self-assessment, and much more.



Your account representative will be your main contact person for all your questions related to your accreditation. Communication with your account representative occurs throughout the entire accreditation cycle.

## Ability to Recruit Top Quality Staff

Your organization can use Joint Commission accreditation to attract personnel who seek employment with an ASC that adheres to national patient safety standards. Through accreditation, your center indicates your commitment to improving processes and procedures as well as staying abreast of the newest advances.

“Our survey was very eye-opening and actually proved to be more educational than anything else. The surveyor was superb; he was an excellent resource for us and was extremely helpful.”

*Alexander Gellman, MD  
New Jersey Center for Urologic Care  
Denville, NJ*



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**Learn more** about how Joint Commission accreditation can help your organization. Email us at [AHCquality@jointcommission.org](mailto:AHCquality@jointcommission.org) to learn why your organization should pursue Joint Commission accreditation! Please check below what would be most helpful to your organization:

- Call me to set up a 15 minute conversation with an Ambulatory Care Specialist
- Send me more information

What is your intended timetable to complete accreditation?

- Within 6 months
- In 6-18 months
- More than 18 months
- Not Determined

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