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Laboratory Accreditation Update

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Joint Commission Advantages 2009 Updates



Joint Commission Advantages

- ▶ Continuous Improvement
 - “Gold Seal Approval”™
- ▶ Public Health Care Advocacy
 - Quality Initiatives
- ▶ Survey Process
 - Tracer activity supports patient care focus

Joint Commission Advantages

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- ▶ All laboratory services surveyed at one time.
 - Main lab; POC; Respiratory therapy; off-site labs
 - ▶ Core standards.
 - Common requirements in all accreditation programs
 - ▶ Part of the Whole
 - Laboratory is an integral component of an organization and not a stand alone department.



- ▶ New 2009 Scoring and Decision Model
- ▶ Policy Updates

Scoring and Decision Model



Four Levels of Criticality

- ▶ Indirect Impact Requirements
“Planning” and “Evaluation” Based Requirements
- ▶ Direct Impact Requirements
“Implementation” Based Requirements
- ▶ “Situational” Decision Rules
- ▶ Immediate Threat To Life

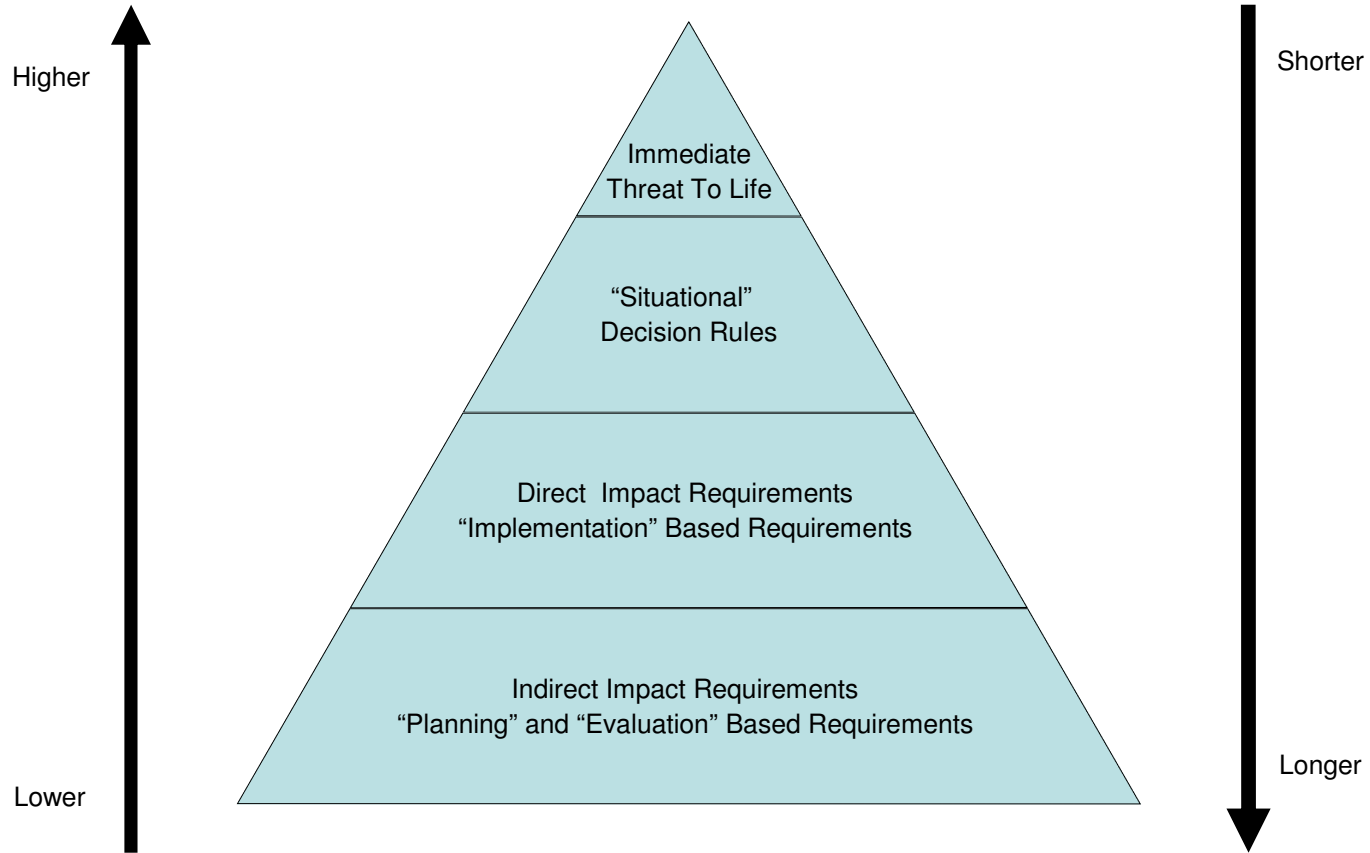
New 2009 Scoring/Accreditation Decision Model



Immediacy of risk to patient care and the organization's accreditation status

"Sharp End"

Timeline for resolution of non-compliant findings



"Blunt End"

Policy Updates



- ▶ Bandwidth Screening for Direct Impact Standards
- ▶ Adverse Laboratory Decision No Longer Directly Affect Hospitals
- ▶ Observed but Corrected-on-Site
- ▶ Standards Improvement Initiative (SII)

Resources

- ▶ For general program information or to request an application for survey (new customers), email Evelyn Choi, Business Development at echoi@jointcommission.org
- ▶ For existing customers of The Joint Commission who have questions or want an application, call your Account Rep directly or at the main number 630-792-3007.
- ▶ For standards-related questions, visit <http://www.jointcommission.org/Standards/OnlineQuestionForm/> to complete the standards online question form.



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