



# WHY SHOULD OFFICE-BASED SURGERY FACILITIES SEEK JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION?

*“Adhering to a well thought-out set of policies makes a difference in our organization, and accreditation helped us develop that standardization. You don’t see the same consistency in non-accredited organizations.”*

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

## Joint Commission

accreditation demonstrates you are committed to quality patient safety and care. The requirements for accreditation reflect realistic and achievable standards for office-based surgery.

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 Office-Based Surgery Accreditation program:

### CAN HELP MAKE YOUR PRACTICE STRONGER

Gain easier access to managed care contracts and patient referrals. Managed care companies and your patient referral sources know exactly what it means to attain Joint Commission accreditation:

- You have gone through a dedicated risk management self-assessment
- You have voluntarily invited outside scrutiny of your organization
- You are committed to quality and safety at every level

These and many more reasons are why managed care contractors, referral sources and regulatory agencies insist on Joint Commission accreditation.

### PROVIDES A CAREFULLY STRUC- TURED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The on-site accreditation survey uses our unique Tracer Methodology to follow actual patients through your facility and assess how your staff provides care to meet accreditation standards. Our surveyors are trained to recognize educational opportunities, so you can expect timely and targeted examples of good practices that will help you improve your patient care and services.

*“The best value we’ve seen is that The Joint Commission doesn’t just approve us and walk away. We receive constant updates to help us improve on a continuous basis.”*

*Adam Spector, DPM  
Montgomery Foot & Ankle Associates  
Silver Springs, MD*

## ESTABLISHES 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 facility stand apart from your competitors.

## UTILIZES EXPERIENCED SURVEYORS

Our surveyors are a valuable resource for your facility. Each surveyor has extensive experience and participates in 20 to 50 surveys annually. This experience allows them to bring focused insights 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 manage your facility, assuring patient safety concerns are continuously addressed.

## AWARDS THREE-YEAR FULL ACCREDITATION

Our accreditation process provides you with immediate results of your survey. Our fees are based on the on-site survey fee billed during the year of the facility's on-site survey and an annual fee billed each year of the accreditation cycle. This allows your costs to be spread over the three-year cycle.

## ASSIGNS DEDICATED ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVES

Your facility will have a single account representative who will guide you through the accreditation process, from the on-line electronic application, to preparing you for your on-site survey experience, and ongoing follow-up activities.

## INCREASES YOUR ABILITY TO RECRUIT TOP QUALITY STAFF

Your facility can use Joint Commission accreditation to attract personnel who seek employment with a respected facility that adheres to national patient safety standards. Through accreditation, your facility indicates your commitment to improving processes and staying abreast of the newest advances.



*“Joint Commission accreditation makes us distinctive. It shows our patients that we have taken extra time and effort to look at quality. Patients comment that they’re glad to see the Joint Commission seal in our office.”*

*Mary Blackwell  
Suncoast Surgery Center  
Ft. Myers, FL*

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THE GOLD SEAL OF APPROVAL™**



**OFFICE-BASED SURGERY  
FACILITIES**

*“Joint Commission accreditation works for The Centre for Plastic Surgery. The standards keep our surgeon and staff on track guiding us as we provide our patients the very best care possible.”*

*Leigh Anderson, MA, BS, RN, Administrator  
The Centre for Plastic Surgery, San Bernardino, CA*

**Learn more** about how Joint Commission accreditation can help your facility. Email us at

**AHCquality@jointcommission.org** to learn why your facility 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 Office-Based Surgery Specialist
- Send me an Office-Based Surgery Accreditation standards sampler

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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