Accreditation for Your Freestanding Imaging Center

Learn why The Joint Commission compares to no other accreditor

The Joint Commission
Accreditation
Ambulatory Care
Why choose The Joint Commission?

Recognition – Earning the Gold Seal of Approval™ provides a competitive edge in the marketplace. The Joint Commission is considered the premier accrediting body in the nation and referral sources, payors, employees and savvy consumers seek out organizations meeting the high standards of The Joint Commission.

Improved business operations – Whether implementing a disaster plan for a real-life emergency or using the experience and insight of seasoned surveyors, Joint Commission customers have time and again commented on the invaluable learning opportunities gained through their accreditation experience.

Risk management – By adopting leading practices and meeting Joint Commission standards, providers are focused on better patient outcomes and improved business processes.

Efficient accreditation process – Whether you are one site with a single imaging modality or multiple sites with several modalities, you can obtain Joint Commission accreditation with one application, one survey, one cost.

How? Keep reading.
One Application

Apply for accreditation one time

Accreditation with The Joint Commission requires only one application, regardless of amount of modalities or sites. Using a web-based platform, you document the details of your center, and your survey is customized from that information.

Features of the application include:

- Electronic access
- Ability to indicate ready date (time of year you expect to be prepared for survey)
- Your application is good for one year. However, we recommend applying by July 2011 to meet the Advanced Diagnostic Imaging mandate by January 2012.

Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Providers

All Advanced Diagnostic Imaging option-selected surveys are unannounced.
One Survey

More than modalities

The Joint Commission accreditation survey is a comprehensive review of your facility and process of care, not just your technology.

The Joint Commission’s unique “Tracer” survey method follows the patient experience from admission to release to review standards compliance as defined by your imaging center.

According to customers, Joint Commission accreditation:

- Offers invaluable lessons from surveyors during the onsite survey process
- Demonstrates commitment to safe, high quality care
- Improves visibility with networks and payors
- Reduces a company’s risk to exposure
- Provides consistent and educational feedback
- Sets customers apart from competition

Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) Providers

The Joint Commission has added imaging-specific standards and survey processes specific to ADI. A single survey covers:

- Full accreditation by evaluation against imaging center standards
- Meeting mandate of CMS requirements for ADI providers
- ADI option can be identified for specific sites
One Cost

Pay by the accreditation, not the modality

Based on number of sites and volume of patients, the average cost of accreditation for an imaging center is $10,000 for a three-year accreditation term. Once you’ve identified the cost of accreditation for your center, that is what you pay, and your cost is spread over a 3 year accreditation term.

With your investment you will also receive:

- A dedicated account executive to assist you through entire accreditation process
- Access to additional staff resources and tools to prepare for accreditation
- Perspectives – monthly publication featuring latest updates to standards and survey process
- Electronic and print versions of the standards manual and their updates on an annual basis

Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Providers
The cost of accreditation for the Advanced Diagnostic Imaging option is determined by the amount of sites and modalities. There are no additional hidden fees or requisite purchases.
Take the Next Step to Accreditation

Request an application and trial version of our standards.

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