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Most challenging requirements in 2013

The top five Joint Commission requirements that were most frequently identified as "not compliant" in 2013 have been released. Data is collected on organizations' compliance with standards, National Patient Safety Goals (NPSGs), the Universal Protocol for Preventing Wrong Site, Wrong Procedure, Wrong Person Surgery™, and Accreditation and Certification Participation Requirements. Read more.

Dr. Chassin's Media Planet column

In an online column published by Media Planet, "Zero patients harmed: The promising future of healthcare," Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission, urges health care organizations to commit to becoming a "high reliability" institution. The Joint Commission has developed a framework for hospitals that integrates high-reliability science and our considerable experience working with the thousands of health care organizations that we accredit or certify.

Cleveland Clinic first hospital to earn Primary Care Medical Home certification

Cleveland Clinic is the first hospital in the U.S. to earn The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Primary Care Medical Home certification for hospitals. Cleveland Clinic underwent a rigorous on-site survey in September 2013. Joint Commission surveyors evaluated Cleveland Clinic on how effectively primary care clinicians and interdisciplinary teams work in partnership with patients to provide comprehensive, coordinated and patient-centered care. In total, 39 practices at 29 sites - involving 230 primary care physicians and advanced practice nurses - received PCMH certification at Cleveland Clinic. Read more.

Resources

Free resources to help hospitals improve Perinatal Care core measure performance. The new PC measures became mandatory starting with January 1, 2014 discharges for hospitals with 1,100 or more births annually.

"Leading improvement: Go to the gemba." Erin DuPree, M.D., CMO and VP, the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare, advises leaders to go where the real work is taking place before making decisions.

"The ABCs of medical gas safety." Understand The Joint Commission's requirements in the ambulatory setting.

"Understanding transitions of care." With Ron Wyatt, M.D., medical director in the

"Confronting infection prevention and control." Lisa Waldowski, R.N., infection control specialist, provides insight into IC challenges due to the many moving parts and people involved. (Podcast - 7:22)

New Certification Matters newsletter. Information about The Joint Commission's Disease-Specific Care certification, advanced certification, or Health Care Staffing Services certification programs. Sign up or see the first issue.

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