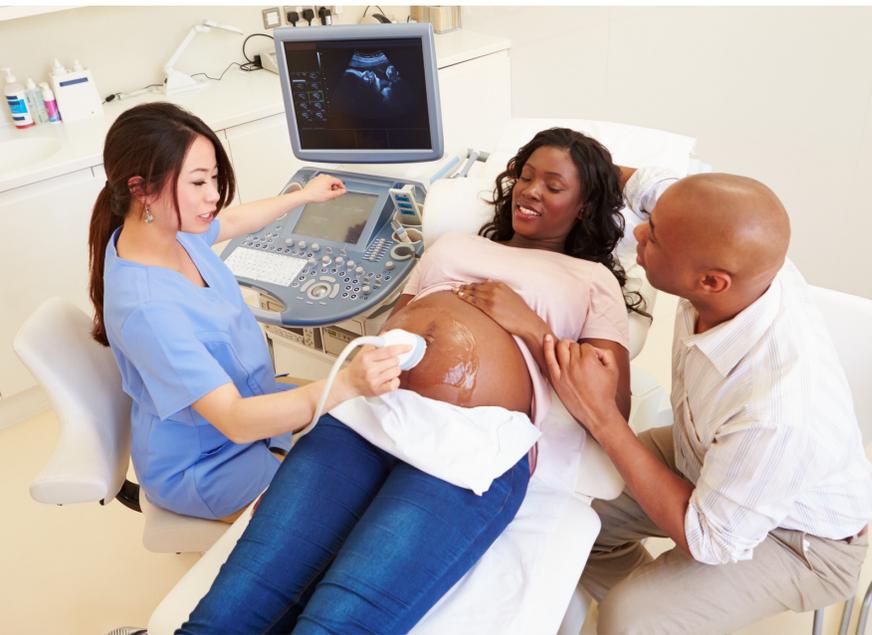


Improving the Health of Mom and Baby

Joint Commission Advanced Certification in Perinatal Care



More than a Badge of Honor



Advanced Certification in Perinatal Care (ACPC) from The Joint Commission, in collaboration with the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG), is more than a badge of honor. It provides an important framework to help you implement important changes, and elevate the quality of perinatal care in your community.

Evidence-based practices and certification standards help your organization improve prenatal, intrapartum and postpartum patient care services. These standards help focus care delivery, and help ensure that a multidisciplinary approach is taken to achieve integrated, coordinated and patient-centered care for both complicated and uncomplicated pregnancies.

Organizations that achieve Advanced Certification in Perinatal Care may be able to showcase reductions in key measures, including:

- Infant mortality rates
- Maternal complications and mortality
- Unnecessary induction of labor
- Elective deliveries
- Complication of deliveries
- Prematurity rates
- Costs associated with lengthy hospital stays

In 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) ranked the U.S. 59th in the world for maternal mortality outcomes.



A report from the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics found that the number of maternal deaths rose 14%, from 2019 (754/100,000 live births) to 2020 (861/100,100 live births).



The Gold Seal of Approval[®]

For more than 70 years, The Joint Commission has been synonymous with quality, safety and performance improvement. Our standards are the most rigorous in the industry; our surveyors and reviewers are among the most knowledgeable in their fields; and our accredited and certified organizations are among the top in the marketplace.

The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval[®] is widely recognized by peers, payors, insurers and the public, and helps you stand apart from competitors and build confidence in the community.



Standards Guided by Experts

A team at The Joint Commission spent time understanding the challenges and opportunities health care organizations and providers faced in care delivery by working with the clinical advisory group at The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

A field review and a standards review panel targeted current and potential customers to ensure that the changes in the standards and survey processes address the current environment in perinatal health.

Certification Framework

Organizations that achieve Advanced Certification in Perinatal Care must provide:

- Integrated, coordinated and patient-centered prenatal through postpartum care, including both complicated and uncomplicated pregnancies
- Early identification of high-risk pregnancies and births
- Management of mothers' and/or newborns' risks, corresponding to the program's capabilities
- Direct care or stabilization and safe transfer of mothers and/or newborns with identified or unanticipated risks or complications
- Education and information about perinatal services to help mothers make informed decisions about care, treatment or services
- Ongoing quality improvement processes, in addition to The Joint Commission's perinatal care measure set

Working Together Toward Excellence

Advanced Certification in Perinatal Care from The Joint Commission offers your organization many opportunities and benefits, from gaining a competitive advantage to communicating and collaborating among all disciplines. Other benefits include:

- Demonstrated commitment to a higher standard of clinical care
- Designated excellence in perinatal care
- Reduced risk of error through a consistent approach to care
- Improved efficiencies and outcomes at a potential lower cost
- Attract top level talent

Start Your Certification Journey Today

Learn more about Advanced Certification in Perinatal Care and how it can help you improve your program. Contact us today to get started at certification@jointcommission.org.

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What it Takes to be Certified

ACPC is for hospitals that have the capability to provide labor and delivery services focusing on all care, including both complicated and uncomplicated pregnancies, and that:

- Are located in the U.S. or operated by the U.S. government or under a charter of the U.S. Congress
- Use a standardized method of delivering clinical care based on clinical practice guidelines and/or evidence-based practice
- Use performance measurement metrics to improve performance over time

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