Great Achievements Come One Step at a Time
A Snapshot of the Process to Achieve Laboratory Accreditation

- **Begin the accreditation process by making sure all important documentation is available**
  Make sure you have the appropriate CLIA numbers and any other licensures that your organization may need.

- **Review the accreditation requirements**
  Ask your business development representative for access to the E-dition, which is a 90-day electronic trial edition of the standards for laboratory accreditation.

- **Get a pricing estimate**
  Contact our Pricing Unit at pricingunit@jointcommission.org or call (630) 792-5115.

- **Assess your readiness**
  Perform a self-assessment of your organization’s readiness, identify opportunities for improvement and implement process changes or policies as needed. Use our prompts to assess your compliance. Implement standards compliance for four months.

- **Apply for accreditation**
  Request and submit your application. After paying the deposit, utilize complimentary standards access via E-dition and other resources to prepare for your upcoming survey.

For more information on resources to help you on your journey toward Joint Commission Laboratory Accreditation, contact us at qualitylabs@jointcommission.org
**Prepare for your on-site survey**
Perform mock tracers among your staff to help ensure they are prepared for survey. Use the Tracer Methodology Toolkit for sample questions.

**Address any identified gap areas**
Identify needed processes and required documents your team will need to have on hand during survey. Identify these documents by using the Document List in the Survey Activity Guide.

**Participate in your accreditation survey**
Ask questions of your surveyor to help your team focus on continuous quality improvement.

**Celebrate and publicize your achievement!**
Use the publicity kit from The Joint Commission to communicate your accomplishment to your patients and community.

**Maintain survey readiness**
Keep up to date with tools and resources from The Joint Commission, including your organization’s dedicated extranet site on Joint Commission Connect.