

Great Achievements Come One Step at a Time

A Snapshot of the
Process to Achieve
Laboratory Accreditation



- 1 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. If your organization is a new laboratory under CLIA, implement standards compliance for four months.
- 2 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.
- 3 Get a pricing estimate**

Contact our Pricing Unit at pricingunit@jointcommission.org or call (630) 792-5115.
- 4 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.

For more information
on resources to help you
on your journey toward
Joint Commission Laboratory
Accreditation, contact us
at [qualitylabs@
jointcommission.org](mailto:qualitylabs@jointcommission.org)



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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.

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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.

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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.

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Participate in your accreditation survey

Ask questions of your surveyor to help your team focus on continuous quality improvement.

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Celebrate and publicize your achievement!

Use the publicity kit from The Joint Commission to communicate your accomplishment to your patients and community.

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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.