Revised suicide prevention requirements take effect July 1, 2019

New and revised requirements for suicide prevention take effect July 1, 2019, for hospitals and behavioral health care organizations. View the [standards](#), or read the [R³ Report](#), which provides a rationale statement, along with references that support each requirement.

Revisions coming to anticoagulant therapy requirements

Revised requirements for anticoagulant therapy will take effect July 1, 2019, for organizations that initiate, manage and adjust dosage for anticoagulation medications. The requirements do not apply to organizations limited to the mechanical treatment of bleeding. See the [standards](#).

Effective July 1, 2019: Revision requires Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement-certified organizations to join AJRR

As of July 1, 2019, new customers applying for The Joint Commission's advanced Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement Certification must join the American Joint Replacement Register (AJRR).
Knee Replacement certification will need to join the American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR).

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Examining the continuously evolving role of the chief medical officer: In this article, author Timothy W. Jahn, MD, CPE, FACEP, FAAEM, former chief clinical officer at Baptist Health System, Inc., makes the following observation: “The CMO has been described as the Influencer in Chief, functioning to facilitate change and build resilience. To be effective, the CMO must not only performance as a leader within the hospital C-suite, but must also mentor leadership capacity among the medical staff.”

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