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Accreditation and Certification

Volume eligibility requirements reinstated for advanced stroke certification programs

Having gone into effect on Sept. 1, The Joint Commission returned to its original volume eligibility requirements for its advanced Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center (TSC) and Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC) certification programs.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, The Joint Commission had reduced its volume eligibility requirements in 2020 and into 2021. While applying this change, The Joint Commission will still account for the reduced volume requirements that were in effect in the past. The following tables indicate the total volumes that are expected for the previous 12 months for organizations seeking recertification and initial certification for mechanical thrombectomy, aneurysm clipping/coiling, and subarachnoid hemorrhage.

With the resurgence of COVID-19 variants, The Joint Commission will continue to monitor the pandemic's regional impact and its potential impact to the TSC and CSC certification programs. Organizations should contact their account executive if volume requirements are not met at the time of application or any time prior to review. (Contact: Antigone Kokalias, akokalias@jointcommission.org)

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Initial certification volumes											
Mechanical thrombectomies	Original volumes	Sept. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022
TSC	15	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	15	15
CSC	15	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	15	15
Clippings/coilings	Original volumes	Sept. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022
CSC	15	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	15	15
Care provided for aneurysmal SAH	Original volumes	Sept. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022
CSC	20	17	17	17	18	18	18	19	19	19	20

Recertification volumes													
Mechanical thrombectomies	Original volumes	Sept. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	Aug. 2022
TSC	15	9	9	10	11	11	12	12	13	13	14	14	15
CSC	15	9	9	10	11	11	12	12	13	13	14	14	15
Clippings/coilings	Original volumes	Sept. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	Aug. 2022
CSC	15	11	11	12	12	12	13	13	13	14	14	14	15
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CSC	20	15	15	16	16	17	17	18	18	18	19	19	20

Resources

Up in the blogosphere with The Joint Commission

Improvement Insights – [Improving Clinician Well-Being to Reduce Burnout](#): The National Taskforce for Humanity in Healthcare (NTH) focused on understanding clinician burnout by working with a broad group of U.S. physicians, nurses, clinicians, patients and health care administrators between 2015 and 2020. NTH initiated a series of national collaborations and a pilot program that is described in the September 2021 issue of The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety, writes William J. Maples, MD; Read G. Pierce, MD; and Ronald Paulus, MD, MBA.

Joint Commission Resources

Now available: New versions of *PolicySource*

Joint Commission Resources (JCR) recently launched two more versions of *PolicySource*[™], the popular collection of sample policies and procedures (P&Ps) that correlate to Joint Commission standards. The addition of *PolicySource* Laboratory and *PolicySource* Nursing Care Center and Assisted Living Community versions round out the collection to cover each Joint Commission Accreditation program.



The Laboratory version features:

- More than 30 sample P&Ps for both laboratories in health care facilities and freestanding laboratories, with plans to add more P&Ps over time.
- More than a dozen sample P&Ps that correlate to required written documentation in Quality System Assessment for Nonwaived Testing standards, again with plans to add more P&Ps over time.

The Nursing Care Center and Assisted Living Community version features:

- More than 40 sample P&Ps for both Nursing Care Center and the new Assisted Living Community accreditation programs, with plans to add more P&Ps over time.
- Several P&Ps that address Medication Management requirements for these settings.

Like all versions of *PolicySource*, these two new versions will be updated twice a year (in January and July) to coordinate with Joint Commission standards updates. These updates also will include new sample P&Ps and sample attachments to assist with the implementation of P&Ps.

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