Accreditation

Register for Part 2 of webinar series on new anticoagulant therapy EPs

Eight new anticoagulant therapy elements of performance (EPs) will soon go into effect for Joint Commission-accredited hospitals, critical access hospitals, nursing care centers, and medical centers accredited under the ambulatory health care program. These new EPs will be surveyed at National Patient Safety Goal (NPSG) standard NPSG.03.05.01.

To help organizations better understand these new EPs, The Joint Commission scheduled a two-part webinar series to:

- Show best practices.
- Answer questions about the new EPs.
- Assist in implementation strategies.

The second part of the webinar series — “Best Practices in Anticoagulant Therapy Webinar — Part 2: Preparing for new Joint Commission EPs effective July 1” — is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, at 9 a.m. PT / 10 a.m. MT / 11 a.m. CT / noon ET.

Part 2 of the webinar series will address EPs 4-8. Experts from the Anticoagulation Forum will be presenting:

- Jack E. Ansell, MD, MACP, clinical investigator with a principal focus on the clinical problems of thrombosis, antithrombotic therapy and the application of new modes of delivering and monitoring anticoagulants.
- Allison Burnett, PharmD, CACP, PhC, coordinator, Inpatient Antithrombosis Stewardship, University of New Mexico Hospital

A rise in adverse drug events associated with direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) led The Joint Commission to update the NPSG to address DOACs and help to reverse that trend. Anticoagulation therapy remains a commonly prescribed and used class of drugs, but it is also a leading cause of avoidable severe medication-related adverse events. Learn more about the new EPs.

Register for the May 7 webinar.

Register now: Free webinar details Joint Commission Pharmacy Accreditation

Organizations considering Pharmacy Accreditation may want to attend a complimentary webinar — “Overview of Joint Commission Accreditation for Pharmacies” — scheduled for Thursday, April 25, from 10-11 a.m. PT / 11 a.m.-noon MT / noon-1 p.m. CT / 1-2 p.m. ET.

Participants will learn how The Joint Commission’s in-house experts work with national standards-setting organizations and payers to address operational challenges, as well as the many benefits of having Pharmacy Accreditation, such as:

- Proactively managing critical risks.
- Strengthening processes consistency and reliability.
- Promoting enhanced outcomes.
- Providing a performance-based competitive edge.
Presenting during the webinar will be:

- Robert Campbell, PharmD, director, Medication Management, The Joint Commission
- Margherita C. Labson, BSN, MS, CCM, CPHQ, executive director, Home Care Services, The Joint Commission

Register for the webinar.

Resources

Up in the blogosphere with The Joint Commission

- **High Reliability Healthcare** — [Three Ways Robust Process Improvement Strengthens Safety Culture](#): During his seven years as chief transformation officer at a regional health care delivery system, William T. Choctaw, MD, JD, CSSBB, physician advisor, The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare, was responsible for development and deployment of a system-wide Robust Process Improvement® (RPI®) program with assistance from The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare. Based on his experiences, there are three ways RPI strengthens safety culture.

- **Dateline @ TJC** — [New Book Offers Samples of 50 Joint Commission Policies](#): To help hospitals create the best written policies and procedures possible, Joint Commission Resources (JCR) recently released a brand-new series, The Joint Commission Big Book of Policies and Procedures, which features 50 examples of policies and procedures organized by Joint Commission hospital standards and elements of performance that require written policies.

Learn more about [Joint Commission Resources’](#) offerings online or call 877-223-6866.