Accreditation and certification

New Heads-Up Reports launch this week

This Friday, Oct. 4, The Joint Commission will post new survey readiness resource documents for its ambulatory, behavioral health, home care, nursing care center, and office-based surgery programs.

These new Heads-Up Reports will be available on an organization’s secure Joint Commission Connect® extranet site under the Resources and Tools section. Each program-specific Heads-Up Report touches on topics or themes that Joint Commission surveyors have noticed and cited while conducting recent surveys. By providing these resources, organizations can work toward resolving similar issues in their own organizations prior to survey.

The Heads-Up Reports provide examples of ways organizations can recognize similar issues and determine what factors may have contributed to the problem. The reports feature information such as:

- The volume of surveys that identified a particular issue.
- Relevant standards and elements of performance.
- Sample observations and resources.

The downloadable report will be posted quarterly. This is a pilot process, and The Joint Commission will be evaluating organizations’ responses to the Heads-Up Reports.

It is anticipated that Heads-Up Reports will be available for hospitals, critical access hospitals and laboratories in early 2020.

For more information, organizations should contact their account executive.

**The Joint Commission issues statement regarding USP Chapter delays**

The Joint Commission is aware of the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) statement released on Sept. 23 regarding the delay of implementation of the USP Chapters 795 and 797 revisions and the delayed enforcement of USP 800. The Joint Commission will continue to survey compliance with sterile compounding against the principles within the USP Chapters that are currently in effect.

The Joint Commission will continue to monitor the situation and provide information regarding changes to its survey process once additional information becomes available.

**Read** the statements released by USP.

Quality and safety

**Eisenberg Award submission deadline extended to Oct. 9**

Due to increased interest the submission deadline for John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award applications has been extended to Oct. 9.

**Apply today** and don’t miss your chance to share your successes.
Resources

Leading Practice Library to be retired later this year
The Joint Commission will be retiring the Leading Practice Library Dec. 31, 2019.

These customer-submitted resources — initially developed in 2008 to assist accredited organizations with ways to comply with complex standards — have become outdated over the years. Additionally, newer and higher quality resources are available on The Joint Commission’s website, such as:

- R3 Reports
- Standards FAQs
- Topic-specific web portals.

Learn more about Joint Commission Resources’ offerings online or call 877-223-6866.