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Certification

Comment on proposed requirements for hip and knee replacement certification program
The Joint Commission is seeking comments by May 19 on proposed requirements for a Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement advanced certification program. If approved, the optional certification for accredited organizations will address:

- The capability of an interdisciplinary team to care for total hip and total knee replacement patients across the preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative phases of care
- The capability to provide patients information on how to access their orthopedic surgeon or clinical designee 24/7 during care
- Use of assessment protocols to perform an initial assessment, an assessment of risk and health status, and a functional status assessment
- Discussion of goals with the patient during the preoperative phase of care, with an emphasis on those goals throughout the course of care
- The capability to provide patient education on self-management consisting of nutrition, activity and exercise, maintenance of a healthy weight, and tobacco and alcohol use
- Methods of communication during transitions of care, and use of a standardized transfer process to support coordination of care and facilitate documentation in the medical record

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Resources

National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria is released
The federal government has released a National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria, which identifies critical actions to combat the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. As part of the plan, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed an Antibiotic Resistance Solutions Initiative that will:

- Slow the development of resistant bacteria and prevent the spread of resistant infections
- Strengthen national one-health surveillance efforts to combat resistance
- Advance development and use of rapid and innovative diagnostic tests for identification and characterization of resistant bacteria

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- Standards FAQ: Behavioral Health Care – Verifying Affiliations/Privileges or Work History at other Health Care Organizations
- Free webinar: Overview to The Joint Commission’s New Perinatal Care Certification, noon-1 p.m. CT, April 28.
- The View From The Joint Commission: To Text or Not to Text? Mark G. Pelletier, R.N., M.S., chief operating officer, talks about how texting and patient care don't mix.
- Podcasts: Tips For A Timely Home Care Deemed Status Survey; When Is the Best Time To Pursue Home Care Accreditation?
- Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation 40th year: 1989