New prepublication standards released for NPSG on CAUTIs

The Joint Commission recently approved a new National Patient Safety Goal (NPSG) focusing on catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs) for accredited nursing care centers, in addition to approving revisions for the existing CAUTI NPSGs applicable to accredited hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs).

The standards are effective Jan. 1, 2017. The changes for hospitals and CAHs were made to bring the goal into alignment with the updated Compendium of Strategies to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections in Acute Care Hospitals: 2014.

View the prepublication standards.

Revised requirement for deemed-status psychiatric hospitals

Effective April 4, 2016, The Joint Commission has revised Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC) Standard PC.01.03.01, Element of Performance (EP) 6, for psychiatric hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed-status purposes. This revision is intended to more clearly address the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ (CMS) Condition of Participation (CoP) for psychiatric hospitals related to the inclusion of treatment modalities in patient treatment plans (§482.61(c)(1)(iii)).

The revision (underlined below) for PC.01.03.01, EP 6 is as follows: For psychiatric hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed-status purposes, the written plan of care includes the following:

- A substantiated diagnosis
  - The substantiated diagnosis is the diagnosis identified by the treatment team to be the primary focus upon which treatment planning will be based. It evolves from the synthesis of data from various disciplines. The substantiated diagnosis may be the same as the initial diagnosis or it may differ, based on new information and assessment.
- Documentation to justify the diagnosis and the treatment and rehabilitation activities carried out
- Documentation that demonstrates all active therapeutic efforts are included
- The specific treatment modalities used to treat the patient

The prepublication standards are online. The standards will publish in the spring E-dition® update and in the 2016 Update 1 to the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals. (Contact: Laura Smith, lsmith@jointcommission.org)

Joint Commission celebrates more than 100 Comprehensive Stroke Centers

The Joint Commission’s advanced certification program for comprehensive stroke centers (CSC) is celebrating a new milestone — it has reached more than 100 certified centers.
The CSC program was developed in collaboration with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, and it recognizes hospitals that have state-of-the-art infrastructure, staff and training to receive and treat patients with the most complex strokes.

CSC certification is recognized by The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association as meeting The Joint Commission’s standards for Disease-Specific Care Comprehensive Stroke Center certification, which means it is part of an elite group of providers focused on complex stroke care.

Complex Stroke Centers are recognized as industry leaders and are responsible for setting the national agenda in highly specialized stroke care.

See a list of the organizations that have been certified as comprehensive stroke centers.

Resources

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- Patient blood management certification review process guide: The 2016 guide includes a description of the activities that take place during the on-site certification review and tips to prepare for the event.

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