

The Backbone of a Quality-Driven Spine Program



Demonstrate a data-driven commitment to the highest standards of performance and safety in spine surgery.

Strengthening Performance Through Outcome-Driven Standards



As the patient population ages, the number of spine surgeries in the United States is likely to increase — and it's probable that your competition will increase as well. Joint Commission Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery can help elevate your program with the evidence-based proof of clinical quality and safety sought by both patients and payors, giving you a leg up on the competition.

DATA: THE DIFFERENTIATOR

Achieving Joint Commission Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery demonstrates your commitment to providing an exceptional level of care. By upholding the highest standards and clinical practice guidelines, you gain verified proof of the quality you deliver across the continuum of care.

Our Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery is a differentiator that may attract more patients through pre-authorization and other incentives. As many prominent payors already require advanced certification as proof of performance, The Joint Commission provides you with the framework to collect substantiated data that validates your dedication to optimal patient outcomes.

The Joint Commission team works closely with you to benchmark your progress and help you accomplish tangible results.

STANDARDS THAT SET YOU APART

Rigorous, peer-reviewed standards and performance measures developed by The Joint Commission help to eliminate “rule-of-thumb” program elements that have no evidentiary support and can negatively affect outcomes. We focus on applying evidence-based standards uniformly and consistently, leading to measurable results, streamlined processes, and improved patient safety.

MAXIMIZING YOUR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Your current spine surgery program may be closer than you think to achieving Advanced Certification. Our experienced and supportive advisors help you build upon your existing program to increase thoroughness and elevate accountability.

UNIQUE REVIEW PROTOCOLS AND A PRESCRIPTIVE APPROACH



A 2-day intense review of your entire program with observation of the surgical team and all care team handoffs



Standardized performance improvement measures most critical to establishing quality care best practices

CONSISTENCY AT EVERY TOUCHPOINT

ENTIRE CONTINUUM OF PATIENT CARE

Advanced Certification is focused on ensuring collaboration and communication at every point of care.



Pre-surgical
consultation
with the
surgeon



Intraoperative,
hospitalization
or ASC
admission



Rehabilitation
activities



Follow-up and
post-discharge
care

ADVANCED CERTIFICATION IN SPINE SURGERY PROGRAM

- Available to hospital and ambulatory care settings
- Requires participation in the American Spine Registry which is a collaborative effort of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS).

BASED ON LEADING, SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE

Our stringent standards are developed with input from health care professionals, providers, subject matter experts and consumers. The standards also undergo a deep peer-level review by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS).



Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery

Earn the Gold Seal



The Gold Seal of Approval® from The Joint Commission is an internationally recognized symbol of quality. It shows that your organization meets rigorous performance standards in delivering safe, high-quality care and services.

Earning this mark of distinction strengthens your ability to achieve your mission, demonstrates your organization's commitment to quality care, integrates risk reduction into daily activities, and gives you a competitive edge in the marketplace.

WHAT ADVANCED CERTIFICATION MEANS TO YOU

Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery goes beyond the core certification you may already have.



PRESCRIPTIVE APPROACH

Advanced Certification standards offer a relevant, prescriptive approach rather than generalized guidelines.



RELEVANT METRICS

Our standards and performance measures are specific to spinal surgery while allowing flexibility in which guidelines you follow.



EXPANDED SCOPE

Advanced Certification encompasses the entire continuum of patient care.



PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION

The only spine certification offered in collaboration with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS).



The Joint Commission enterprise is a global driver of quality improvement and safety. Through leading practices, unmatched knowledge and expertise, and rigorous standards, we help organizations across health care and human services lead the way to zero harm.

Like you, we believe in providing the best possible care — every time — to each and every individual. Talk to your Joint Commission representative today to learn more about Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery and how it can benefit your organization.



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