

Advanced Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement





PATHWAYS TO EXCELLENCE IN PATIENT CARE

What is Advanced Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement (THKR) Certification?

This certification provides structure for programs to improve their patient outcomes and reduce patient risk through clinically proven evidence-based care.

Certification shows an organization's commitment to continuous performance improvement. Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement is evaluated under the Disease-Specific Care Certification manual and has three components: standards, clinical practice guidelines, and performance measurement. This structure provides a framework for consistency of care to improve patient outcomes.

Certification Settings

Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement certification is available to:

- **Hospitals**
- **Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)**
- **Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)**

Programs seeking this certification must meet core standards under the Disease-Specific Care Certification Manual and the specific requirements for Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement.

Improve your Program

Your program has the potential to optimize efficiencies while improving patient care.

The certification process helps you identify and measure areas for performance improvement. Submit data, track your progress in orthopedic programs, and see how your program improves in areas such as:

- Surgical site infection rates
- Fall rates
- Improving patient education prior to discharge
- Length of stay
- Early ambulation
- Pain management

General Eligibility Certification

- Program has served a minimum of 10 patients
- Use of standardized clinical care delivery based on evidence-based care and clinical practice guidelines
- Data collection and performance measurement data
- Participate in an audited registry, and as of July 1, 2019 it is a requirement to use the American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR)

JOINT COMMISSION CERTIFIED ORGANIZATION REPORT:

92% of our customers tell us that certification through The Joint Commission improves patient outcomes.

Source: *Value of Certification, Market Research, 2016.*



Benefits of Certification

Programs seek certification because it aims to:

- Provide organizations with a pathway to excellence
- Provide a framework to improve patient outcomes
- Reduce variation in care delivery
- Establish a consistent approach to care, reducing the risk of error
- Demonstrate commitment to a higher standard of clinical service
- Organize teams across the continuum of care
- Provide a competitive edge in the marketplace
- Enhance staff recruitment and development

National standards.

Demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards and performance measurement expectations may help obtain contracts from employers and purchasers concerned with controlling costs and improving productivity.



Advanced Certification for THKR

Overview

The THKR certification program must meet core standards plus additional, clinically relevant requirements and expectations. In order to apply for Advanced Certification, the program must perform both total hip and total knee joint replacement procedures.

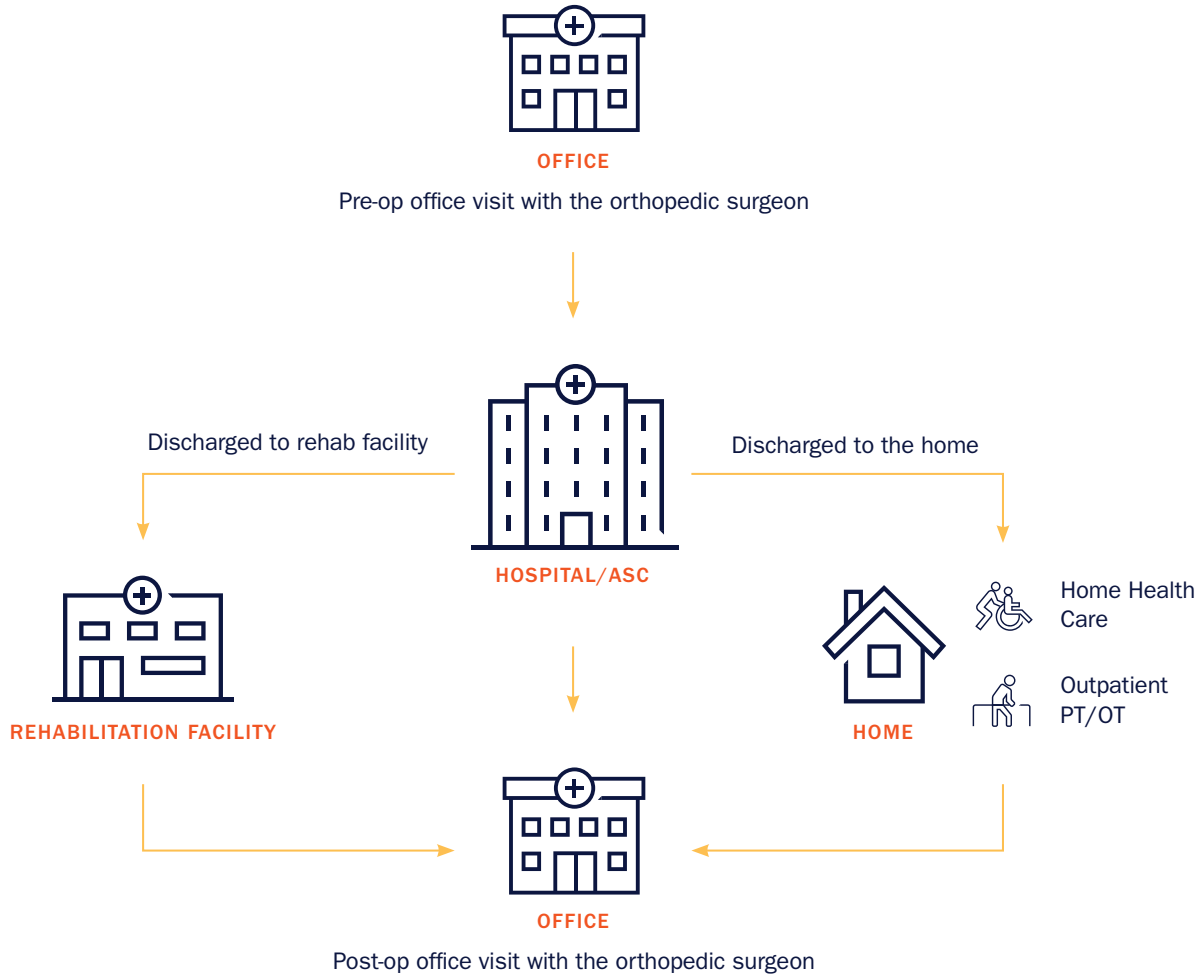
The Advanced Certification program goes beyond Core Certification to provide more depth and detail. This Advanced Certification program helps health care organizations develop consistent communication and collaboration among all health care providers involved in the care of the patient — from the pre-surgical orthopedic

consultation with their surgeon to the intraoperative, hospitalization or ASC admission, rehabilitation activities and then the follow-up visit with the orthopedic surgeon. Shared decision-making is assessed and involves the patient in implant discussions, goal development, pain management and preoperative/postoperative medications.

“Providing cutting-edge, quality care to our patients is a top priority at Jefferson, and we are honored to be recognized by The Joint Commission for the exceptional advancements in performing joint replacements at our organization.”

Dr. Alexander R. Vaccaro, M.D., Ph.D., MBA, The Richard Rothman Professor and Chair of Orthopedic Surgery
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

- Communication and collaboration among intraoperative and PACU staff
- Patient education and discharge planning and physical/occupational therapy



Benefits of Certification



SCOPE

Patient-centered care from orthopedic consultation through orthopedic surgery and follow-up visits for THKR patients



SHARED DECISION-MAKING

Addressing roles, procedures, discussion of goals, and medications with the patient throughout the continuum of care



SITE OF PROCEDURE

Hospital inpatient, hospital-based outpatient (same-day surgery) and ambulatory care settings (freestanding)



COLLABORATION

Consistent communication and information transmitted among the clinical team



EDUCATION

Comprehensive instructions and advice provided to patients and their caregivers



QUALITY

Ongoing improvement processes



STAFF PROFICIENCY

High level of competence in all patient settings and transitions of care

Program-Specific Qualifications for Advanced Certification for THKR

For complete information, please refer to the current Disease-Specific Care Certification Manual.

In addition to the eligibility criteria described in “The Joint Commission Certification Process” (CERT) chapter, programs seeking Advanced Certification for Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement Certification must also:

- Apply for the site that provides total hip and total knee joint replacement procedures. Each individual site must independently meet the eligibility requirements and standards.
- Provide both total hip and total knee joint replacement procedures.
- At the time of review, arrange for the reviewer to observe a total hip or total knee joint replacement pre and post operative communications process.
- Ensure the organization has scheduled at least one joint replacement surgery during the time frame for the on-site review.

Over the next 20 years, hip replacements are expected to grow by 174% and knee replacements by 673% according to a study published in the April 2007 issue of The Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery.



Working with The Joint Commission

Subject Matter Experts

Our reviewers have expertise in the area of orthopedics in a health care organization and are current, contemporary and relevant when reviewing your program.

Reviewers will make the review process as transparent as possible and collaborate with you and your team throughout the on-site event to avoid any surprises at the end of the review.

Staff Praise and Best Practices

We will acknowledge staff for their contributions to the process and the program, and will identify best practices. Collaboration, engagement and sharing of best practices allows you to continually improve your program and ensure it is dynamic to meet the needs of a continually changing health care environment.

Have Questions?

- For information about this certification, contact us at **630-792-5291** or email us at **certification@jointcommission.org**.
- For questions about the standards, contact our Standards Interpretation Group (SIG).

Looking to elevate and strengthen your orthopedic program?

The Joint Commission can help. With this comprehensive certification — backed by the expertise and insight of our robust orthopedic care experience — you will find the guidance, knowledge and framework you need to achieve improved outcomes and continued success.

Your Source for Orthopedic Certification

Joint Commission certification can help you elevate your ability to deliver the level of care and safety your patients deserve. To help you prepare for success during the certification process — and to address quality issues beyond — we provide you with a host of trusted, expert resources.

To further advance knowledge and expertise across your spectrum of services, our not-for-profit affiliate, Joint Commission Resources (JCR), provides an extensive offering designed to keep you and your staff on the cutting edge of orthopedic excellence, including:

- Annual Orthopedic Certification Conference
- Books, Manuals & Publications
- Innovative Software Solutions

To learn more about how JCR can help you prepare, visit jcrinc.com today.

Reach out today.

For more information on Joint Commission orthopedic certification, please contact us at certification@jointcommission.org.





Mission:

To continuously improve health care for the public in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.

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