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Advanced Orthopaedic Certification Program

Achieve a higher level of recognition
for your specialty orthopaedic care

- Build on your AAAHC accreditation
- Strengthen the orthopaedic care you deliver with compliance to rigorous, specialty-focused standards

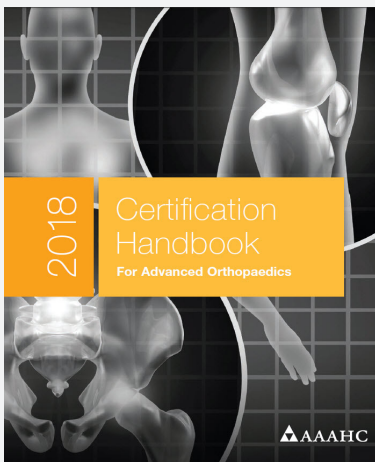




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HIGHER LEVEL RECOGNITION

Accreditation demonstrates an organization-wide commitment to ongoing quality improvement. Certification is a 3-year specialty program that is focused on patient outcomes and built on accreditation requirements.

Compliance with the AAAHC Standards for advanced orthopaedic certification demonstrates use of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, ongoing performance improvement strategies, and an organizational infrastructure that supports excellence.

Through an onsite survey with a clinical surveyor experienced in the ambulatory orthopaedic setting, this program focuses on transitions of care from pre-assessment through discharge and rehabilitation.

Program Overview

Advanced orthopaedic certification is available to organizations that perform total joint replacements and/or spine procedures. Participation requires that the organization has AAAHC accreditation in addition to:

- A dedicated core team of clinicians with education and expertise in orthopaedics
- Staff who have or are working toward orthopaedic certification credentials
- Performance measures that are collected and submitted to a nationally recognized specialty registry

Eligibility

Organizations are considered for certification by AAAHC on an individual basis. An organization is eligible to participate in the AAAHC certification process if it meets all of the following criteria:

- The specialty service completed a minimum of 20 procedures for each specialty type (total joint replacements, and/or complex spine procedures) within the 12 months prior to submitting an Application for Certification.*
- The median number of procedures for each specialty type (total joint replacements, and/or complex spine procedures; includes inpatient and outpatient) performed by surgeons participating in the specialty services is at least 50 prior to the date of Application for Certification submission. The median number of at least 50 must be maintained annually.*
- The organization is accredited by AAAHC and in good standing when the Application for Certification is submitted.*

* Eligibility will be reviewed and verified at time of survey. Ineligibility will result in survey cancellation.