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Advanced Orthopaedic Certification

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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 infrastructure that promotes excellence.

Through an onsite survey with a clinical surveyor experienced in the ambulatory orthopaedic setting, this program focuses on transitions of care from patient 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

An organization is eligible to participate in the AAAHC certification process if it meets all of the following criteria:

- The organization is accredited by AAAHC and in good standing when the *Application for Certification* is submitted.*
- 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 initiating 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 the *Application for Certification* is initiated. The median number of at least 50 must be maintained annually.

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

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