



# Advanced Orthopaedic Certification

Build on your AAAHC Accreditation

**Strengthen the care you deliver**



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## Distinguished excellence in specialty care

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

Compliance with 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 complex 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 in orthopaedics that are collected and submitted to a nationally recognized specialty registry or benchmarking organization

## Eligibility

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

- ▶ The organization is accredited by AAAHC and in good standing when an 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 an 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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