



Important ASC Announcement - The Joint Commission Disease Specific Care Advanced Certification for Total Hip and Total Knee Replacements is Accepting Applications

The advanced certification for total hip and total knee replacements is available for Joint Commission accredited hospitals, critical access hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. The certification program will focus on the transitions of care for patients undergoing a total joint replacement.

Certification Key Elements¹:

- ✓ Certification begins with reviewing the procedures associated with the orthopedic consultation, pre-operative, intraoperative and post-surgical orthopedic surgeon follow up care.
- ✓ Education of the total hip and total knee replacement patient in the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases: involves includes providing preoperative education, comorbid assessments, risk factors, preoperative rehabilitation, and discharge planning discussions throughout the continuum of care.
- ✓ Shared decision-making: includes the addressing of roles, procedures, and medications with the patient throughout the continuum of care.
- ✓ Consistent communication and collaboration of all healthcare providers involved in the total hip and total knee replacement patient throughout the continuum of care.

Certification Eligibility¹:

- ✓ The program is in the United States, or operated by the US government or under a charter of the US Congress.
- ✓ The program is provided within a Joint Commission accredited organization.
- ✓ The program must have served a designated minimum number of patients.
- ✓ The program uses a standardized method of delivering clinical care based on clinical practice guidelines and/or evidence-based practice.
- ✓ The program uses performance measurement to improve its performance over time.

[For additional information please visit the Joint Commission Website to for more information and to request an application.](#)

To learn more about how Marcia Friesen and Associates can prepare your Ambulatory Surgery Center for the Advanced Certification in Total hip and Total Knee Replacements or about our services, please contact me directly at Marcia@MarciaFriesen.com.

Thank you!
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