

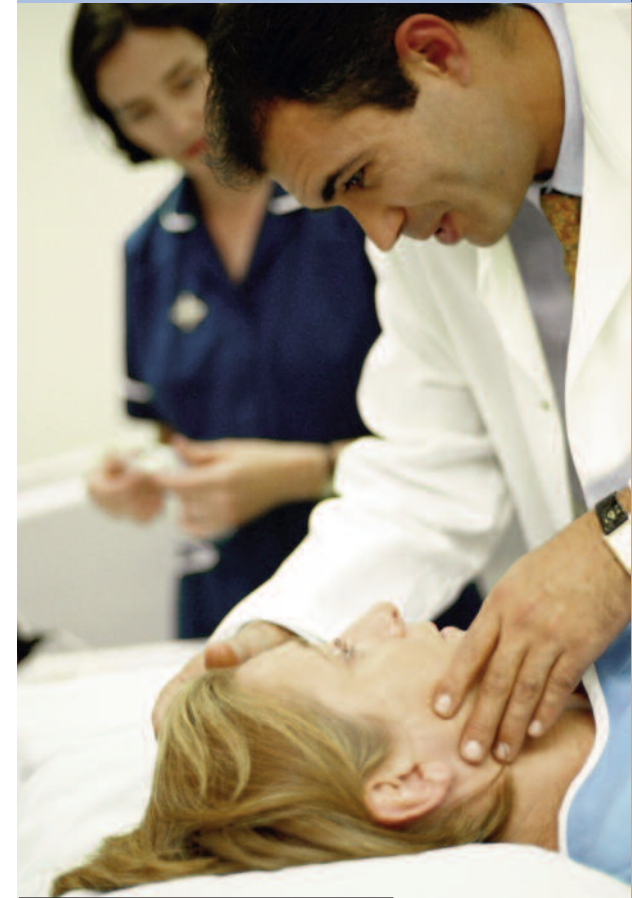
How can I find out more about accreditation?

For more information on accreditation of health care organizations, visit www.jointcommission.org. To find other accredited health care organizations who have received the Gold Seal of Approval™, look for Quality Check™ or visit www.qualitycheck.org directly.

The Joint Commission's mission

To continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations

This facility received the Gold Seal of Approval™ from the Joint Commission. What does that mean?





What is the Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval™?

The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval™ is an internationally recognized symbol of quality that indicates this organization is committed to the highest level of patient safety and care. This outpatient facility has met the highest and most rigorous performance standards to obtain this distinction.

The Joint Commission accredits nearly 15,000 organizations worldwide and focuses on continually improving health care by setting the highest standards for health care quality throughout the world. Leading health care organizations voluntarily undergo a Joint Commission evaluation in order to improve patient care.

In setting the standards, The Joint Commission assembles groups of doctors, nurses, and representatives of national health care organizations to review the current standards for care, and make recommendations for additions and improvements to the requirements.

What is accreditation?

Accreditation means that this facility has volunteered to undergo a challenging, comprehensive evaluation. It has made a significant extra effort to review and improve the key factors that can affect the quality and safety of your care.

Accreditation by The Joint Commission is considered the gold standard in health care. This facility is accredited just as the hospitals in your community are accredited. Specially trained health care professionals who are experts in the field personally visited this facility to conduct a review that monitors how well the staff:

- provides a safe environment for your care
- educates you about the risks and options for your diagnosis and treatment
- protects your rights as a patient, including your privacy rights
- evaluates your condition, before, during and after diagnosis and treatment
- protects you against infection
- plans for emergency situations.

The fact that this facility has gone through this evaluation shows an extraordinary commitment to provide safe, high quality care and a willingness to be measured against the highest standards of performance.



How does an organization become Joint Commission accredited?

Joint Commission accreditation is voluntary. To prepare for a review, a facility like this one made a commitment to improvement, and put teams together to carefully study what could be done better to ensure patient safety and quality of care. Next, the Joint Commission surveyors were invited to the facility for an intense on-site review. Then this facility received a report identifying its strengths, and outlining what it could improve.

Only a small percentage of outpatient settings have gone through this kind of evaluation. Congratulations on choosing an accredited facility.

Whenever and wherever you receive health care, look for the Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval.™

