



Accreditation Quality Report





Welcome to the Joint Commission's Quality Report. We know how important reliable information is to you and your family when making health care decisions. This Quality Report will help you make the right decisions to meet your needs. Since 1951, the Joint Commission has been the national leader in setting standards for health care organizations. When a health care organization seeks accreditation, it demonstrates commitment to giving safe, high quality health care and to continually working to improve that care.

The Quality Report is only one way to determine whether a health care organization can meet your needs. Discuss this report with your doctor or with other professional acquaintances before making a care decision. In addition to the accreditation status of the organization, the Quality Report uses checks, pluses, and minuses in each of the following key areas to help you compare a health care organization with similar accredited organizations.

- National Patient Safety Goals - safety guidelines that target the prevention of medical errors such as surgery on the wrong side of the body and safe medication use.
- National Quality Improvement Goals - measures the care of patients with specific conditions such as heart failure or pregnancy.

Not all measures are relevant to or available for all types of health care organizations. The Joint Commission will add relevant measures of health care quality as more measures become available. Your comments are just as important to us. The content and format of the Quality Report will be updated from time to time based on changes in the health care industry and your suggestions. Please call Customer Service at 630-792-5800 or e-mail the Joint Commission at qualityreport@jointcommission.org with your comments and suggestions.



Summary of Quality Information



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Accreditation Programs	Accreditation Decision	Effective Date	Last Full Survey Date	Last On-Site Survey Date
 Home Care	Accredited	8/21/2019	11/17/2022	11/17/2022
 Hospital	Accredited	8/24/2019	12/6/2022	12/6/2022

Accreditation programs recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Hospital

Advanced Certification Programs	Certification Decision	Effective Date	Last Full Review Date	Last On-Site Review Date
 Primary Stroke Center	Certification	5/26/2022	4/1/2022	4/1/2022

Special Quality Awards

2015 Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program

2013 Silver Plus Get With The Guidelines - Stroke

		Compared to other Joint Commission Accredited Organizations	
		Nationwide	Statewide
Home Care	2019 National Patient Safety Goals		 *
Hospital	2019 National Patient Safety Goals		 *
National Quality Improvement Goals:			
Reporting Period: Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services	 ²	 ²
	Perinatal Care	 ²	 ²



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Locations of Care

* Primary Location

Locations of Care	Available Services
Emerson Hospital * 133 Old Road to Nine Acre Corner Concord, MA 01742	Joint Commission Advanced Certification Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Stroke Center Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addiction Services/Adult (Non-detox - Adult) Behavioral Health (24-hour Acute Care/Crisis Stabilization - Adult) Chemical Dependency (Day Programs - Adult) (Non 24 Hour Care - Adult) (Partial Hospitalization - Adult) (Non-detox - Adult) CT Scanner (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) Ear/Nose/Throat Surgery (Surgical Services) EEG/EKG/EMG Lab (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) Gastroenterology (Surgical Services) GI or Endoscopy Lab (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) Gynecological Surgery (Surgical Services) Gynecology (Inpatient) Hazardous Medication Compounding (Inpatient) Inpatient Unit (Inpatient) Interventional Radiology (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) Labor & Delivery (Inpatient) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) Medical /Surgical Unit (Inpatient) Medical ICU (Intensive Care Unit) Neurosurgery (Surgical Services) Non-Sterile Medication Compounding (Inpatient) Normal Newborn Nursery (Inpatient) Nuclear Medicine (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) Ophthalmology (Surgical Services) Orthopedic Surgery (Surgical Services) Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) Pediatric Unit (Inpatient) Plastic Surgery (Surgical Services) Positron Emission Tomography (PET) (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) (Inpatient) Radiation Oncology (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) Sleep Laboratory (Sleep Laboratory) Sterile Medication Compounding (Inpatient) Surgical ICU (Intensive Care Unit) Teleradiology (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) Ultrasound (Imaging/Diagnostic Services) Urology (Surgical Services) Vascular Surgery (Surgical Services)
Emerson Hospital Center for Specialty Care 54 Baker Avenue Concord, MA 01742	Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration of High Risk Medications (Outpatient) Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient)



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Emerson Hospital Health Center 133 Littleton Road Westford, MA 01886	Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Emerson Hospital Health Center At Groton 100 Boston Road Groton, MA 01450	Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Emerson Hospital Home Care 310 Baker Ave Concord, MA 01742	Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Health Aides Home Health, Non-Hospice Services Medical Social Services Occupational Therapy Physical Therapy Skilled Nursing Services Speech Language Pathology
Emerson Medical @ Sudbury 490 Boston Post Road Sudbury, MA 01776	Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)
Hermel Breast Health Center 747 Main Street Concord, MA 01742	Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient) Perform Invasive Procedure (Outpatient)
The Clough Center for Rehabilitative and Sports Therapy 310 Baker Avenue Concord, MA 01742	Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)








2019 National Patient Safety Goals

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Home Care




Safety Goals	Organizations Should	Implemented
Improve the accuracy of patient identification.	Use of Two Patient Identifiers	
Improve the safety of using medications.	Reconciling Medication Information	
Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections.	Meeting Hand Hygiene Guidelines	
Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls.	Implementing a Fall Reduction Program	
The organization identifies safety risks inherent in its patient population.	Identifying Risks Associated with Home Oxygen	

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Hospital

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Improve the accuracy of patient identification.	Use of Two Patient Identifiers	
	Eliminating Transfusion Errors	
Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.	Timely Reporting of Critical Tests and Critical Results	
Improve the safety of using medications.	Labeling Medications	
	Reducing Harm from Anticoagulation Therapy	
	Reconciling Medication Information	
Reduce the harm associated with clinical alarm systems.	Use Alarms Safely on Medical Equipment	
Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections.	Meeting Hand Hygiene Guidelines	
	Preventing Infections that are difficult to treat	
	Preventing Central-Line Associated Blood Stream Infections	
	Preventing Surgical Site Infections	
	Preventing Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection	
The organization identifies safety risks inherent in its patient population.	Identifying Individuals at Risk for Suicide	
Universal Protocol	Conducting a Pre-Procedure Verification Process	
	Marking the Procedure Site	
	Performing a Time-Out	



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Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services	This category of evidenced based measures assesses the overall quality of care given to psychiatric patients.	²	²

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			Nationwide	Average Rate:	Statewide	Average Rate:
Assessment of violence risk, substance use disorder, trauma and patient strengths completed - Overall Rate	This measure reports the overall number of patients screened for violence risk to self and others, substance and alcohol use, psychological trauma history and patient strengths. Screening for violence risk to self determines if patients are likely to harm themselves. Screening for violence risk to others determines if patients are likely to harm others. Screening for substance and alcohol use determines if patients need help for their use. Screening for psychological trauma history determines if patients have experienced terrible events in their lives which have left them fearful or anxious and unable to handle their feelings. Screening for patient strengths identifies positive things such as family support, a steady job, housing, etc. which are used to help the patient recover.	² 98% of 178 eligible Patients	100%	96%	100%	98%



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		Hospital Results	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Assessment of violence risk, substance use disorder, trauma and patient strengths completed - Children (1-12 years)	This measure reports the number of children age (1-12 years) screened for violence risk to self and others, substance and alcohol use, psychological trauma history and patient strengths. Screening for violence risk to self determines if patients are likely to harm themselves. Screening for violence risk to others determines if patients are likely to harm others. Screening for substance and alcohol use determines if patients need help for their use. Screening for psychological trauma history determines if patients have experienced terrible events in their lives which have left them fearful or anxious and unable to handle their feelings. Screening for patient strengths identifies positive things such as family support, a steady job, housing, etc. which are used to help the patient recover.	 ³ ----	100%	97%	100%	97%



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Assessment of violence risk, substance use disorder, trauma and patient strengths completed - Adolescent (13-17 years)	This measure reports the number of adolescent age (13-17 years) screened for violence risk to self and others, substance and alcohol use, psychological trauma history and patient strengths. Screening for violence risk to self determines if patients are likely to harm themselves. Screening for violence risk to others determines if patients are likely to harm others. Screening for substance and alcohol use determines if patients need help for their use. Screening for psychological trauma history determines if patients have experienced terrible events in their lives which have left them fearful or anxious and unable to handle their feelings. Screening for patient strengths identifies positive things such as family support, a steady job, housing, etc. which are used to help the patient recover.	 ³ ----	100%	97%	100%	99%



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Assessment of violence risk, substance use disorder, trauma and patient strengths completed - Adult (18-64 years)	This measure reports the number of adults age (18-64 years) screened for violence risk to self and others, substance and alcohol use, psychological trauma history and patient strengths. Screening for violence risk to self determines if patients are likely to harm themselves. Screening for violence risk to others determines if patients are likely to harm others. Screening for substance and alcohol use determines if patients need help for their use. Screening for psychological trauma history determines if patients have experienced terrible events in their lives which have left them fearful or anxious and unable to handle their feelings. Screening for patient strengths identifies positive things such as family support, a steady job, housing, etc. which are used to help the patient recover.	 98% of 121 eligible Patients	100%	95%	100%	98%



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			Top 10% Scored at Least:	Rate:	Top 10% Scored at Least:	Rate:
Assessment of violence risk, substance use disorder, trauma and patient strengths completed - Older Adult (>= 65 years)	This measure reports the number of older adult (>= 65 years) screened for violence risk to self and others, substance and alcohol use, psychological trauma history and patient strengths. Screening for violence risk to self determines if patients are likely to harm themselves. Screening for violence risk to others determines if patients are likely to harm others. Screening for substance and alcohol use determines if patients need help for their use. Screening for psychological trauma history determines if patients have experienced terrible events in their lives which have left them fearful or anxious and unable to handle their feelings. Screening for patient strengths identifies positive things such as family support, a steady job, housing, etc. which are used to help the patient recover.	 98% of 57 eligible Patients	100%	95%	100%	99%



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Multiple Antipsychotic Medications at Discharge with Appropriate Justification Overall Rate	This is a proportion measure. A proportion measure is a measure which shows the number of occurrences over the entire group within which the occurrence should take place. The numerator is expressed as a subset of the denominator. This measure reports the overall number of patients discharged on two or more antipsychotic medications. Antipsychotic medications are a group of drugs used to treat psychosis. Psychosis is a mental illness that markedly interferes with a person's capacity to meet life's everyday demands.	² 67% of 6 eligible Patients	100%	59%	100%	71%
Multiple Antipsychotic Medications at Discharge with Appropriate Justification Children Age 1 - 12	This measure reports the number of patients age 1 through 12 years discharged on two or more antipsychotic medications for which there was an appropriate justification. Antipsychotic medications are a group of drugs used to treat psychosis. Psychosis is a mental illness that markedly interferes with a person's capacity to meet life's everyday demands. Appropriate justifications include previous attempts to control psychosis with one antipsychotic medication, a plan to reduce the number of antipsychotic medications to one antipsychotic medication or the addition of an antipsychotic medication when the patient is also being treated with Clozapine.	³ ----	100%	42%	---- ³	---- ³



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Multiple Antipsychotic Medications at Discharge with Appropriate Justification Adolescents Age 13 - 17	This measure reports the number of patients age 13 through 17 years discharged on two or more antipsychotic medications for which there was an appropriate justification. Antipsychotic medications are a group of drugs used to treat psychosis. Psychosis is a mental illness that markedly interferes with a person's capacity to meet life's everyday demands. Appropriate justifications include previous attempts to control psychosis with one antipsychotic medication, a plan to reduce the number of antipsychotic medications to one antipsychotic medication or the addition of an antipsychotic medication when the patient is also being treated with Clozapine.	 ³ ----	100%	47%	100%	40%



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		Hospital Results	Nationwide Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Statewide Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Cesarean Birth	This measure reports the number of first-time moms with a full-term, single baby in a head-down position who delivered the baby by cesarean section.		16%	25%	18%	25%
Elective Delivery	This measure reports the overall number of mothers who had elective vaginal deliveries or elective cesarean sections at equal to and greater than 37 weeks gestation to less than 39 weeks gestation. An elective delivery is the delivery of a newborn(s) when the mother was not in active labor or presented with spontaneous ruptured membranes prior to medical induction and/or cesarean section.	 0% of 30 eligible Patients	0%	2%	0%	1%
Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding	This measure reports the overall number of newborns who are exclusively breast milk fed during the newborns entire hospitalization. Exclusive breast milk feeding is when a newborn receives only breast milk and no other liquids or solids except for drops or syrups consisting of vitamins, minerals, or medicines.	 73% of 177 eligible Patients	71%	50%	73%	47%
Unexpected Complications in Term Newborns per 1000 livebirths - Moderate Rate	The moderate rate equals the number of patients with moderate complications.	 1730% of 809 eligible Patients	212%	1780%	1030%	1974%
Unexpected Complications in Term Newborns per 1000 livebirths - Overall Rate	This measure looks at the number of full-term single babies with a normal birth weight and with no preexisting conditions, these are babies that are expected to do well and routinely go home with the mother.	 3461% of 809 eligible Patients	1508%	3084%	2137%	3366%



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			Nationwide	Average Rate:	Statewide	Average Rate:
Unexpected Complications in Term Newborns per 1000 livebirths - Severe Rate	The severe rate equals the number of patients with severe complications.	 1730% of 809 eligible Patients	Top 10% Scored at Least: 501%	1303%	Top 10% Scored at Least: 744%	1392%



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