

Beginnings: 1910-1986

*Ernest Codman, MD, proposes the
standardization. American College*

Expansion: 1987-1998

Growth: 1999-2009

The revised mission statement explicitly references patient safety. A toll-free hotline is established to encourage patients, their families, caregivers, and others to share concerns regarding care quality issues at accredited organizations.

Establish the National Patient Safety Goals®. The Speak Up™ patient safety program launches. The Disease-Specific Care Certification program launches. With the National Quality Forum, establish the John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety & Quality Awards.

Begin certifying health care staffing services, lung volume reduction surgery, left ventricular assist

certification for chronic kidney disease management. Life Safety Code Specialists are added to survey team.

Begin accrediting office-based surgery practices and critical access hospitals. JCI publishes the first comprehensive international quality standards for hospitals.

Universal Protocol for Preventing Wrong Site, Wrong Procedure, Wrong Person Surgery™ becomes effective. Accreditation certificates show the Gold Seal of Approval®. The first nationwide Primary Stroke Care Certification program is created with the American Stroke Association (ASA).

Unannounced on-site accreditation surveys and certification reviews begin (with certain exceptions). Begin certifying advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) courses.

Specialization: 2010-2019

Begin advanced certification for palliative care programs.

Begin certifying memory care, integrated care, perinatal care, and advanced certification for acute stroke ready hospitals. The Center releases its ORO® 2.0, an online high reliability assessment.

Elsevier begins publishing The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety. Begin certifying comprehensive cardiac care centers and medication compounding.

Launch two new hospital certifications with AHA to improve the systems of care for heart attack and cardiovascular disease. JCI Accreditation (Beijing) Co. Ltd. (JCIA China) qualifies to provide service certification in mainland China.

Begin advanced certification for comprehensive stroke centers with the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA).

Begin advanced certification for total hip and total knee replacement and certifying patient blood management, and community-based palliative care – a first for the industry. Behavioral health standards addressing eating disorders become effective.

Begin certifying thrombectomy-capable stroke centers. Stroke center certification is made available to non-accredited hospitals. Begin advanced certification for heart failure programs.

Progression: 2022-2023

In collaboration with American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), launch Advanced Certification in Perinatal Care (ACPC) to help improve quality and safety for pregnant or postpartum patients and newborns.

Elevate Leadership Standard LD.04.03.08 on healthcare disparities to a National Patient Safety Goal for critical access hospitals, hospitals, and some ambulatory care organizations and behavioral healthcare and human services organizations.

Form a strategic alliance with National Quality Forum (NQF) to accelerate improvements in health for all people, shifting the focus from competing measures to advancing key outcomes.

Launch Responsible Use of Health Data™ Certification for U.S. hospitals, providing guidance and recognizing organizations navigating the appropriate sensitivities needed to safely use data for purposes beyond clinical care.

Eliminates 168 standards (14%) and revises 14 other standards across Joint Commission accreditation programs. Additionally, is not raising accreditation fees for domestic hospitals in 2023.

Launch Health Care Equity Certification program. With the

Memory Care Certification for Assisted Living Communities, recognizing high-quality care for

or other forms of dementia.

Announce Sustainable Healthcare Certification, acting upon requests from organizations that want to accelerate their sustainable practices and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.