

Patient Blood Management Certification

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. My hospital is already accredited by AABB. Does this mean my organization is automatically certified for the new Patient Blood Management Certification?

No, the Patient Blood Management Certification is a new program based on the *AABB Standards for a Patient Blood Management Program*, which outlines the requirements specific to patient blood management activities.

Q. Does my hospital have to be accredited by The Joint Commission?

Yes, hospitals and critical access hospitals that wish to become certified need to be currently accredited by The Joint Commission.

Q. How long is the certification valid?

Two years.

Q. How long will an onsite review last?

The length of the review will be one day. If your hospital is accredited by AABB for blood banking and/or transfusion services, a Joint Commission surveyor will conduct the review. If your hospital is not AABB accredited, the review will be conducted by both a Joint Commission surveyor and an AABB assessor.

Q. How can I view a copy of the standards for Patient Blood Management Certification?

Contact qualityhospitals@jointcommission.org for a complimentary trial edition of the standards for Patient Blood Management Certification.

Q. Are there resources available to help develop our patient blood management program?

Yes, AABB provides numerous resources to help organizations with blood management at <http://www.aabb.org/pbm>

Please contact us at qualityhospitals@jointcommission.org for an application or if we can answer any further questions.

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