

History of The Joint Commission



American College of Surgeons
Chicago headquarters; ACS was a founder of The Joint Commission



1952: Edwin L. Crosby, MD, first director of Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals



Joint Commission
on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
Setting the Standard for Quality in Health Care



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THE JOINT COMMISSION
NATIONAL QUALITY APPROVAL



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QUALITY FORUM
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National Association for Healthcare Quality

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- The American College of Physicians, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, and the Canadian Medical Association join with the American College of Surgeons as corporate members to create the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, an independent, not-for-profit organization, in Chicago, Illinois

- The Social Security Amendments of 1965 include a provision that JCAH accredited hospitals are “deemed” in compliance with most Medicare Conditions of Participation

- Created Quality Healthcare Resources, Inc., a not-for-profit consulting subsidiary, that later becomes Joint Commission Resources
- Changed name to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

- Formed Joint Commission International to provide education and consulting to international clients
- Established Sentinel Event Policy
- Launched ORYX®: The Next Evolution in Accreditation

- Added Gold Seal of Approval® to accreditation certificates
- Shortened name to The Joint Commission

- Formed a strategic alliance with National Quality Forum to accelerate improvements in health for all people
- Formed a strategic alliance with the National Association for Healthcare Quality, to advance global healthcare quality and safety for all.
- Established Bernard J. Tyson Award for Excellence in Pursuit of Healthcare Equity with Kaiser Permanente