Achieve Accreditation by the Commission on Cancer

MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO QUALITY CARE
The Commission on Cancer (CoC), a quality program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), is the only national accreditation program that recognizes cancer centers for their commitment to providing comprehensive, high-quality, and multidisciplinary patient-centered care.

Programs that achieve accreditation from the CoC demonstrate their commitment to attaining a higher standard of cancer care.

The CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care. There are more than 100 members representing the spectrum of health care professionals who care for the cancer patient, including health care administrators, advocacy-patient representatives, allied health professionals, clinicians, governmental agencies, registry services, and research professionals. The CoC members provide input to and direction for the program.
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Programs that are accredited by the CoC provide quality care close to where a patient with cancer lives.

The CoC develops and sets standards that are:
- Patient-focused
- The foundation of an organized cancer program
- Established measurements for programs to:
  - Evaluate their provision and timeliness of care
  - Improve performance
  - Compare their performance with other programs

The CoC conducts surveys to:
- Validate performance
- Ensure compliance

The CoC standards are a roadmap to develop and maintain a high-quality program:
- Guarantees patient access to all treatment components recommended by the Health and Medicine of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine
- Helps your program meet the demands of payers and insurers
- Advocates for increased patient and family member participation in care decisions
- Enables programs to submit data to and access the national database
- Uses data to evaluate and improve care

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU?
Ensuring the highest-quality, multidisciplinary, patient-centered cancer care.

1,500+ Accredited Programs

Achieving accreditation by the Commission on Cancer:
- Ensures appropriate structures and processes are in place
- Decreases variations in cancer care
- Improves efficiency of cancer care
- Identifies areas for improvement
- Promotes best practices
- Demonstrates transparency and accountability to stakeholders
- Provides a public seal of trust and commitment to quality
- Is important for objective validation of compliance
- Delivers documented outcomes that meet or exceed national benchmarks
- Offers access to national cancer data for:
  - Community assessment
  - Quality improvement
  - Cancer program administration
- Provides resources for staff and patient education and support
Establish and develop a program based on the CoC Standards.

Complete the application and submit along with the application fee.

Sign the American College of Surgeons Business Associate and Data Use Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Complete the online Eligibility Requirements (ER) and Program Activity Record (PAR) in preparation for the initial survey.

Ensure that requirements for all standards outlined in Cancer Program Standards: Ensuring Patient-Centered Care have been met.

Submit a request for survey to CoC staff.

Apply for CoC accreditation today!
facs.org/coc/apply
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

Programs applying for accreditation must meet eligibility requirements and demonstrate compliance with the most recent edition of the Cancer Program Standards: Ensuring Patient-Centered Care.

12 Eligibility Requirements

- in two areas: STRUCTURE
- CANCER PROGRAM SERVICES

34 Standards

- in five areas: DATA QUALITY
- CLINICAL SERVICES
- CONTINUUM OF CARE SERVICES
- PATIENT OUTCOMES
- PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

NATIONAL CANCER DATABASE

Access the National Cancer Database

The National Cancer Database (NCDB)—jointly sponsored by the American College of Surgeons and the American Cancer Society—is a nationwide database containing more than 34 million records from hospital registries in a CoC-accredited program nationwide.

Programs ensure quality by monitoring patient care through a variety of online tools and resources, including:

- Hospital Comparison Benchmark Reports
- Survival Reports
- Cancer Program Practice Profile
- Rapid Quality Report System
- Cancer Quality Improvement Program
- Participant User Files

For more information, refer to the National Cancer Database Tools, Reports, and Resources brochure bit.ly/ncdbtools
ACCREDITATION MATTERS

CoC accreditation is a voluntary commitment by a cancer program that ensures patients will have access to a full scope of services required to diagnose, treat, rehabilitate, and support patients with cancer and their families. Accreditation is the hallmark of a program’s commitment to patient-centered cancer care.

71% newly diagnosed cancer cases treated at CoC-accredited programs

Proudly Display

The Commission on Cancer provides a marketing resources that includes all policies and materials needed to promote your accomplishment of accreditation.

When you display your CoC accreditation you are exhibiting your commitment to:

- Providing quality care at the local level based on national standards
- Dedicating resources to deliver quality treatment and support to cancer patients
- Enhancing patient outcomes across all domains of cancer care
- Improving quality, care coordination, and compliance with national care guidelines
The Commission on Cancer is a program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). Participating in ACS Quality Programs has been shown to improve the quality of care, prevent complications, reduce costs, and save lives.

**TESTIMONIALS**

“My program is CoC accredited because it makes us strive to be the best we can be.”

“CoC accreditation is a template for quality.”

“My program is CoC accredited because we want to ensure that we are providing the highest quality cancer care possible.”

“CoC accreditation allows the standards of care to be the focus of quality.”

“As a cancer survivor and a registrar, the effort the CoC accreditation provides shows our commitment to quality care for all cancer patients. I am proud to be part of the community.”

“CoC accreditation proves to our patients, physicians and community that we are serious about providing quality health care close to home.”
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