

## Process Overview (Initial Applicants Only)

<p><b>Preapplication</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review <i>Optimal Resources for Children's Surgical Care Standards Manual v.1</i> and determine eligibility and appropriate designation level for your center</li> <li>Review the Prereview Questionnaire (PRQ); the PRQ will assist centers in preparing appropriate documentation and information to ensure standards have been met prior to applying for verification</li> <li>Enroll in ACS NSQIP Pediatric (Level I and Level II requirement)</li> <li>Establish a Performance Improvement and Patient Safety (PIPS) Committee; additional information available in Chapter 8 of the Standards manual</li> <li>Submit online Preapplication</li> <li>Center remits annual participation fee and executes contract prior to application submission</li> </ul>
<p><b>Application</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Log in and complete the Prereview Questionnaire (PRQ) via the online application portal</li> <li>Center must meet all Standards criteria at time of application</li> <li>Center must collect ACS NSQIP Pediatric data for a minimum of six months prior to application (Level I and Level II requirement)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Site Visit</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center will be assigned three site surveyors and must complete site visit within six months of Prereview Questionnaire (PRQ) submission</li> <li>Center must have 12 months of ACS NSQIP Pediatric data and use these data to guide specific quality improvement initiatives within the institution at the time of site visit (Level I and Level II requirement)</li> <li>Center must have 12 months of Children's Surgery Safety Report (Appendix 2) data and use these data to guide specific quality improvement initiatives within the institution at the time of site visit (Level I, II and III requirement)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Verification Award</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center will be notified of Verification Award decision and receive the surveyor's Performance Report approximately eight weeks following the day of the site visit</li> <li>Center's verification is designated for a three-year term</li> </ul>

\*The *Optimal Resources for Children's Surgical Care Standards Manual v.1* and the Prereview Questionnaire (PRQ) are available at [facs.org/quality-programs/childrens-surgery-verification](https://facs.org/quality-programs/childrens-surgery-verification).

\*The Preapplication is available at <https://accreditation.facs.org/programs/csv>.

\*Information regarding ACS NSQIP Pediatric enrollment is available at [facs.org/quality-programs/pediatric/join](https://facs.org/quality-programs/pediatric/join).