

Academic Medical Center Standards

The Human Subjects Research Programs (HRP) and Medical Professional Education (MPE) standards for academic medical centers were developed and first published in 2012 to recognize the unique resource such centers represent for health professional education and human subjects research in their community and country. These standards also present a framework for including medical education and human subjects research into the quality and patient safety activities of academic medical centers. Unless deliberately included in the quality framework, education and research activities often are the unnoticed partners in patient care quality monitoring and improvement.

The standards are divided into two chapters, as medical education and clinical research are most frequently organized and administered separately within academic medical centers. For all hospitals meeting the eligibility criteria in the “Summary of Key Accreditation Policies” section of this publication, compliance with the requirements in these two chapters, in addition to the other requirements detailed in this 8th edition manual, will result in an organization being deemed accredited under the Joint Commission International (JCI) standards for academic medical centers.

Organizations with questions about their eligibility for academic medical center accreditation should contact JCI Accreditation’s Central Office at jciaccreditation@jcrinc.com.