

Registry Office Hours for The Joint Commission Advanced Certifications Q & A

1. What is the number of required pre- and post-op patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs)?

AAOS does not require a certain number. Sites can look up their PROMs Assessment Report under Tools & Resources in RegistryInsights® to see the status of every PROM that was sent to patients and whether they completed them.

2. How often are PROMs required for The Joint Commission?

The Joint Commission requires pre-op and one-year post-op as of 2024.

3. Historically, what elements has The Joint Commission been interested in seeing?

At a high level, sites must be contracted and licensed with a registry. The American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR) and the American Spine Registry (ASR) are the only registries that meet this requirement. Sites also need to access their data. The Joint Commission surveyors are looking to see if sites submitted at least three months of previous data to the Registry.

4. Will the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) be requiring PROMs submissions?

Yes, and the updated AJRR data specs will be coming out in 2024.

5. What is the range for the one-year PROMs interval?

The range is 300-425 days (+/- two months from one-year mark).

6. What are the types of cases we can submit to ASR?

Only the cervical and lumbar modules are open for ASR currently.

7. Is the one-year post-op in addition to the 90-day post-op or is it replacing the 90-day post-op?

The one-year post-op is replacing 90-day post-op, but you are free to continue collecting 90-day post-op if you would like.

8. Can AAOS report our data to CMS?

Yes, there are two ways to do that. Your site can sign a data sharing agreement that authorizes AAOS to share your data or download the report available on the platform

and report it on your own behalf.

9. What does MCID achieved at 12 months mean on the dashboard?

MCID stands for Minimum Clinical Improvement Difference. This shows the improvement over time for patients.

10. Are the individual AJRR Surgeon Dashboards available to other Registry users?

Surgeon Authorized Users are the only ones able to see their specific Surgeon Dashboard.

11. Would any data collected sooner than the intervals be excluded?

Yes, that is correct.

12. Is there a certain timeframe that the HOOS/KOOS information has to be entered by before it closes? For example, when uploading the pre-op information, it allows you to backdate and upload the information after the actual procedure date if the actual data was gathered before the procedure. Occasionally, I get behind and may enter the data a couple days after the procedure. Essentially, how long after the procedure date can you upload the pre-op information?

You can backdate the HOOS and KOOS. There isn't a specific end date, but you would want to make sure all PROMs are updated before submitting to The Joint Commission. Otherwise, there shouldn't be an issue if you submit a few days out.



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