Commission on Cancer Accreditation Consulting

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What to have ready

Each item below comes from the ACS CoC accreditation and apply pages, which govern applications under Optimal Resources for Cancer Care (2020 Standards), read October 2026.

- Your copy of Optimal Resources for Cancer Care (2020 Standards) and the change log ACS publishes with it (ACS, CoC Standards and Resources [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer-programs/commission-on-cancer/standards-and-resources/]).
- A working view of your program category, based on the facility type, structure, services and annual caseload ACS uses to assign one (ACS, CoC Accreditation [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer-programs/commission-on-cancer/coc-accreditation/]).
- Your cancer registry start date. The ACS apply page ties the latest allowed cancer registry start date to the site-visit year, and for a 2026 visit the page gives two different dates: January 1, 2023 in its text and January 1, 2024 in its table. For a 2027 visit the table gives January 1, 2025. Check the apply page for your own visit year (ACS, Apply for CoC Accreditation [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer-programs/commission-on-cancer/coc-accreditation/apply-for-accreditation/]).
- Records covering one full calendar year, because an initial visit reviews January 1 through December 31 of the compliance year (same page).
- Access to QPort and a PRQ calendar built backward from the visit date, with the 60-day cutoff as its hard stop (same page).
- A list of any standard you expect to miss. ACS states that five or more non-compliant standards at an initial review produce a Not Accredited rating, and the program may reapply after one calendar year (same page).
- Cancer committee minutes and annual-review records for the review year, with the physicians and registrars who own them named.