ACS Trauma Center Verification Readiness Consulting

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What to have ready

These items shorten the gap assessment. Each ties to the Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient (2022 Standards) or to the ACS VRC process pages.

- Your copy of the Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient (2022 Standards) (ACS Trauma VRC Program [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/]).
- The verification level you are seeking. ACS sets separate standards for each of its three levels (ACS Q&As [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/trauma-verification-qas/program-qas/]).
- A decision on visit type: consultation, initial or renewal (ACS types of site visits [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/types-of-site-visits-and-vrc-review-teams/]).
- A named PRQ owner and a calendar that works backward from the 45-day PRQ deadline before the scheduled visit (ACS VRC process [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/process/]).
- Trauma committee minutes and attendance records, to crosswalk against the 2022 Standards (ACS Trauma VRC Program [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/]).
- Performance improvement records, including corrective actions and how each was closed, mapped to the 2022 Standards (ACS Trauma VRC Program [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/]).
- Current transfer agreements and call schedules, mapped to the 2022 Standards (ACS Trauma VRC Program [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/]).
- Your state's trauma designation rules, because ACS says designation comes from government or other authorized bodies and not from ACS (ACS Q&As [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/trauma-verification-qas/program-qas/]).
- For renewal: your last report and the actions taken on it. ACS final reports separate strengths, improvement areas and non-compliant standards (ACS VRC process [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/process/]).
- A named owner for the appeal window, which runs 60 days from receipt of the final report (ACS VRC process [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/process/]).