Orthopedic Program Certification Readiness Consulting (Joint Replacement, Hip Fracture, Spine)

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What to have ready

This is the list we would ask for first, each item tied to the text that requires it.

- A choice of track from the Joint Commission's core and advanced orthopedic lists (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/orthopedic]).
- Access to the standards: the 2026 DSC manual (Joint Commission product page [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/products/dscc26p/ebdscc26]), or the free 90-day trial of the certification standards that The Joint Commission offers organizations that have not yet applied (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Confirmation of your organization's Joint Commission accreditation status, since the DSC page addresses accredited organizations (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]).
- A formal structure for the orthopedic program, the first of the three program features on the DSC page (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]).
- The clinical practice guidelines your surgeons have adopted, one of the three core components (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/orthopedic]).
- The performance measures you choose; the orthopedic page says the organization picks its own (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/orthopedic]).
- A measure process: the DSC page says organizations gather data on each measure monthly and submit it to The Joint Commission each quarter through the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP) (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]).
- Results that can meet the thresholds: the DSC page says threshold criteria apply to the applicable measures at initial certification and at recertification (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]).
- Joint Commission Connect access for the application (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process]).
- Patient records that let a reviewer follow individual patients' care across the whole program (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process]).
- An owner for corrective actions, which are due to The Joint Commission within 60 days after the survey (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process]).