



# RAISING THE STANDARD

Lippincott's Nursing  
Procedures and Skills  
*and Joint Commission Accreditation*



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Today, Joint Commission standards are employed by more than 18,000 healthcare providers and institutions. Accreditation and program certification are accepted as essential standards for enhancing patient outcomes and patient safety, as well as improving overall quality and performance.

*Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills* can cost-effectively and conveniently help hospitals meet Joint Commission requirements as well as additional applicable federal and state regulations.

*Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills* - designed by clinical nurses for clinical nurses - helps improve and standardize patient care. Significantly, many of the tool's features address specific areas that the Joint Commission identifies as the most challenging.

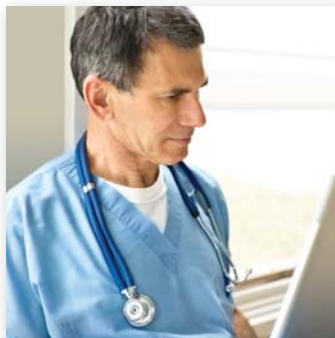
## WHAT MATTERS MOST

The most cited area for non-compliance by the Joint Commission in 2009 was the maintenance of complete and accurate medical records by accredited hospitals. *Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills* facilitates compliance with its "Documentation" procedures.

The second most prevalent area for non-compliance involves the Universal Protocol which requires that a time-out be performed before a surgical procedure. This significant source of medical error and liability exposure is addressed by the "Surgical Site Verification" procedure.

Standards compliance can also be improved in numerous other areas that have traditionally proven to be some of the most challenging for hospitals. Each area presents unique challenges and all are effectively addressed by *Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills*.

- Pain management
- Pediatric pain assessment
- Care plan preparation
- Assessment techniques
- Medication administration
- Restraint use
- Blood and blood product transfusion



# Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills

## PATIENT SAFETY

In its survey process, the Joint Commission pays consistent attention to their National Patient Safety Goals. *Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills* improves compliance with these important measures including all of the following areas.

- Patient identification
- Eliminating transfusion errors
- Reducing harm from anticoagulation therapy
- Reducing the risk of health care-associated infections
- Medication reconciliation
- Reducing the risk of patient harm from falls
- Identifying individuals at risk for suicide

The Joint Commission has recognized that variations in clinical practice adversely affect patient outcomes. *Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills* promotes consistent clinical practice. It also supports compliance with the Joint Commission requirement for having policies and procedures that guide and support patient care, treatment, and services. Importantly, it also promotes effective and consistent communication related to patient safety and quality patient care - another critical requirement of the Joint Commission.



## TRUSTED, RELIABLE, CONVENIENT

Organizations can be adversely impacted when they receive requirements for improvement (RFIs) and are issued Conditional or Preliminary Denial of Accreditation. Because it is convenient, comprehensive, and current, *Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills* can decrease a hospital's risk for RFIs and adverse accreditation decisions. *Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills* delivers current information by means of regular updates that address changes to the Joint Commission's latest requirements (such as the recent addition of staff training in the use of restraints and seclusion).

Another important advantage of employing *Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills* is the tool's ability to help hospitals meet other important standards, guidelines, and regulatory requirements including Hospital Conditions of Participation as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as well as state mandates and licensure requirements from individual departments of health.

And while *Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills* supports practices that improve patient outcomes and raise quality standards, it can even make administrators' lives easier. The Joint Commission requires that nurse executives establish guidelines for the delivery of nursing care, treatment, and services and also write standards that cover patient care and nursing policies. *Lippincott's Nursing Procedures and Skills* encompasses over 1,000 customizable, evidenced-based procedures – every one of which is delivered with online point-of-care convenience to help nursing staff perform at the highest levels.



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