

Registry Office Hours for The Joint Commission Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery Q & A

- 1. We were informed that there would be updates in the AAOS Registry Program that satisfy Det Norske Veritas (DNV) Healthcare requirements by the end of October. When will these changes take place? When is the meeting to go over the updates?**
These office hours are specific to The Joint Commission Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery (ACSS). We are making updates to the dashboards to address measures for DNV sites as well, but they have been delayed due to additional benchmarking figures we want to add that are scheduled to go out next week. Keep an eye out in your email inbox for an announcement and office hours on those updates.
- 2. There have been cases where I will see cases that are not connected to a provider. What are some reasons for this?**
This is because the surgeon hasn't been added to RegistryInsights® before the submission of the file. It is an easy fix. We need the surgeon's name and NPI to link them to your site. You can send this information to Support@AmericanSpineRegistry.org.
- 3. Is there any work being done with Cerner to extract the data for submission to the American Spine Registry (ASR), like what Cerner does for joints?**
At this time there is no direct integration with Cerner and ASR.
- 4. We are currently pursuing ACSS. Can you give an overview of the process? We are already submitting data with the ASR.**
In terms of registry participation requirements for The Joint Commission, you need to be contracted with ASR and actively submitting data (at least quarterly) with at least three months' worth of data before application.
- 5. What are the annual volume requirements for recertification?**
Once you have hit 200 procedures for initial site visit, you are able to apply for certification. There isn't a volume requirement for recertification.
- 6. Is it acceptable to do the pre- and post-op patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) over the phone?**
Yes, PROMs can be entered a number of ways into RegistryInsights. This is possible over the phone if the patients are pre-registered in the PRO Portal.

- 7. What's the appropriate timing for submitting procedure and post-op data files? I believe I read somewhere that it's 24 hours apart so the procedure data files are submitted after surgery has occurred, and then post-op at least 24 hours later.**

The procedure file is how we link patients, so we need that submitted first. Wait 24 hours before submitting the post-op or PROMs file to ensure the system is able to process the file correctly.



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