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## Accreditation

### Starting now, surveys will check for compliance of FDA ban on powdered gloves

In response to the recent ban of powdered gloves by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which went into effect Jan. 18, The Joint Commission will now evaluate organizations for compliance. This requirement applies to all accreditation programs. Citations will be listed under Leadership (LD) 04.01.01 element of performance (EP) 2 — *The organization provides care, treatment and services in accordance with licensure requirements, laws, and rules and regulation.*



The ban on the use of powdered gloves was noted in the Dec. 19, 2016, [Federal Register notice](#). It determines that powdered surgeon's gloves, powdered patient examination gloves and absorbable powder for lubricating surgeon gloves "present an unreasonable and substantial risk of illness or injury and that the risk cannot be corrected or eliminated by labeling or a change in labeling."

The Federal Register notice states that "the use of powder on medical gloves presents numerous risks to patients and health care workers," including:

- Inflammation
- Granulomas
- Respiratory allergic reactions
- Adverse reactions to natural rubber latex allergens
- Surgical complications related to peritoneal adhesions

The Federal Register notice also provided guidance on the proper way to dispose of the remaining stock of powdered gloves — suggesting to use the established process of the organization's local community, as determined by that community's waste management system. The Joint Commission, however, will not evaluate the organization's disposal process. Questions may be directed to the [Standards Interpretation Group Online Submission Form](#).

## Certification

### Free webinar: learn more about Integrated Care Certification on Feb. 21

Organizations interested in learning more about The Joint Commission's Integrated Care Certification program will get a firsthand account of the program during a free webinar on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

"Your Patient's Journey: How Joint Commission Integrated Care Certification is the Path to a Better Patient Experience" — taking place from 11 a.m.-noon PT / noon-1 p.m. MT / 1-2 p.m. CT / 2-3 p.m. ET — will feature two speakers:

- Edwin Loftin, RN, MBA, FACHE, chief nursing officer at Parrish Medical Center
- Kristen Witalka, senior business development specialist at The Joint Commission

Loftin will share why Parrish Medical Center — the first organization to achieve Integrated Care Certification — decided to pursue this certification, as well as what his organization has gained from the experience. The webinar will touch upon:

- The types of organizations that are eligible for the program
- How to access the standards
- What to expect during a review

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## Resources

### Up in the blogosphere with The Joint Commission

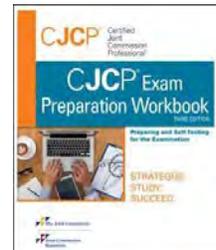
New blog posts have been published by Joint Commission staff and others. Get plugged into the health care and accreditation/certification conversations.

- Ambulatory Buzz – [An ASC Administrator's View of the On-Site Survey](#): Raquel Rios, an administrator for Crystal Run Ambulatory Surgery Center, recently wrote about a Joint Commission on-site survey at her organization.
- Dateline @ TJC – [Surgeon General Speaks Out on Addiction](#): Megan Marx-Varela, associate director in business development at The Joint Commission, wrote about the recently released report from the U.S. Surgeon General, titled “Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General’s Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health,” which estimates the cost of addiction to be more than \$442 billion.

### JCR releases updated *CJCP Exam Preparation Workbook*

Joint Commission Resources, Inc., recently published the third edition of its *Certified Joint Commission Professional® (CJCP®) Exam Preparation Workbook*. The resource, which was designed to help CJCP candidates prepare for the examination, has two, 150-question practice tests and answer keys. It also was updated to reflect the most current Joint Commission requirements and accreditation process information, such as:

- The new SAFER Matrix™ scoring methodology
- Standards revisions as a result of the EP Review Project
- Updates to the *Life Safety Code®*



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- ▶ Feb. 22\* 2017 CMS Readiness Webinar Series
- ▶ April 26 2017 Patient Safety & Quality: Essential Components - Chicago

\*This webinar takes place from 10-11 a.m. PT/11 a.m.-noon MT/noon-1 p.m. CT/1-2 p.m. ET.  
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