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## **Publication and Effective Dates for 7th Edition International Standards for Hospitals and Academic Medical Centers Established**



The 7th Edition of the Hospital Standards is planned for publication on 1 April 2020 with an effective date of 1 October 2020. As part of the development of a new edition of the standards manual, Joint Commission International (JCI) accredited health care organizations are asked to provide input into the new standards via in-person or conference call focus groups.

The purpose of the focus groups is to offer customers an opportunity to provide feedback on the current set of standards and changes they would like to see in the upcoming revision of the standards. Focus group participants are asked specific questions that are designed to encourage candid, open discussion of opinions with other participants. This method for obtaining feedback allows members of the group to interact with each other during the discussion and share ideas and perspectives.

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Antimicrobial resistance is a serious social and economic problem across the globe threatening the ability to treat common infectious diseases, resulting in illness, disability and death. Stewardship can help prevent the development of multidrug resistant organisms and reduce unnecessary drug use and costs.

The Joint Commission, working with Pfizer Independent Grants for Learning & Change (IGLC), has selected six international quality improvement projects to receive funding as part of a two-year grant to improve antimicrobial stewardship in



the Asia-Pacific region. For more details, [click here](#).

For more information on antimicrobial stewardship, please visit [The Joint Commission's website](#).

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