

Ambulatory Surgery Center *Safety & Compliance Assessment*

How does your ambulatory surgery center rate in terms of safe medication management, survey readiness and regulatory compliance? Based on the following scale, simply indicate your level of agreement with the statements below for a quick snapshot of your current pharmaceutical practices.

1

Strongly Disagree

2

Somewhat Disagree

3

No Opinion

4

Somewhat Agree

5




Strongly Agree

	Score
1. I feel prepared to make split-second decisions about medication management issues like therapeutic alternatives, contraindications, drug interactions and cross reactivities.	
2. I'm confident that my facility adheres to the industry's best practices for medication safety by having the right people and processes in place for business continuity and survey readiness.	
3. My facility's policies and procedures plan for medication management is reviewed annually, as required by the accreditation standards board.	
4. My leadership provides regular educational opportunities about medication management, so I always have the most current information needed to keep my patients safe.	
5. My organization has never been surprised or negatively impacted by backordered drug products.	
6. If the Joint Commission or AAAHC were to conduct a random inspection of my facility, they would find that our medication management standards exceed expectations.	
7. I feel confident that my facility is compliant with all DEA and State Board of Pharmacy guidelines as they pertain to controlled substance diversion prevention, destruction/disposal and biennial inventory requirements.	
8. Our facility is compliant with Joint Commission's requirement of an Antibiotic Stewardship Program.	
9. My organization has made the necessary changes to comply with the new USP 795, 797 and 800 guidelines.	
10. The formulary at my facility is regularly maintained, up-to-date and readily retrievable; and there are processes in place to address the addition and/or deletion of drug products.	
11. I feel confident that my facility will never be the subject of a lawsuit or medical litigation due to medication management.	
12. An experienced ASC consultant pharmacist currently performs quarterly audits at my facility, as recommended by recent AAAHC surveyors.	
Add the Total for Your Score:	

SCORE	INTERPRETATION
Perfect 50!	You got this! Since your processes are in great shape, it's time to focus on standardization and proactive approaches like anticipating shortages and monitoring ever-changing guidelines.
40–49	Your processes are in good shape, so this may be a perfect time to focus on a little clean-up, benchmarking and perpetual survey readiness.
30–39	It sounds like you're doing a reasonable job with your medication management practices, but there is still room for improvement.
Below 29	Your score indicates that current medication management practices are putting your organization at risk for poor performance on accreditation surveys and regulatory inspections. You may be missing quality metrics and reimbursements; unprepared for drug shortages and back orders; and are not aware of medication safety best practices that could impact the overall health of your business. Fortunately, there are solutions that can quickly restore the health of your business.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE A ROUGH IDEA OF HOW YOUR PHARMACEUTICAL PRACTICES RATE, IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION.

To discuss how pharmaceutical oversight can improve the safety, efficiency and profitability of your center, contact us today.

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