

## ***JOINT COMMISSION STANDARD PC.9.30***

### ***“Resuscitation services are available throughout the hospital”***

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The mission of the Joint Commission is to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of healthcare accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in healthcare organizations.

In 2004, the focus for the accreditation process shifted from survey preparation to continuous operational improvement by encouraging hospitals to incorporate the standards as a guide for routine operations.

Unannounced hospital surveys are performed by the Joint Commission to evaluate compliance with the standards, and accreditation is granted as appropriate.

Standards are defined by the Joint Commission in the *HAS* chapter “Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services.” Those standards that relate to resuscitation services in hospitals include:

#### **Standard PC.9.30 Resuscitation services are available throughout the hospital.**

- Policies, procedures, processes, or protocols govern the provision of resuscitation services.
  
- Equipment is appropriate to the patient population (for example, adult, pediatric).
  
- Appropriate equipment is placed strategically throughout the hospital.
  
- An evidence-based training program(s) is used to train appropriate staff to recognize the need for and use of designated equipment and techniques in resuscitation efforts.

## Factors to Consider in Choosing Suction Equipment for the Hospital Emergency

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- ❖ Availability of wall suction.
- ❖ Availability of AC power.
- ❖ Training of personnel.
- ❖ Ease of use.
- ❖ Cost of equipment.
- ❖ Cost of maintaining the equipment.
- ❖ Infection control safeguards (OSHA 29 CFR1910.1030 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens and CDC Guidelines for SARS)
- ❖ Equipment reliability
- ❖ Legal Requirements for EMTALA (Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act – 42 CFR 413.65 – Emergency Rooms must respond to any “presentation” within 250 yards of the campus.)