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## AAAASF Subsidiary Offers Accreditation Assistance

The American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities has launched a wholly-owned, for-profit subsidiary called Surgery Facilities Resources, Inc., to supply accreditation assistance products to office-based surgery practices.

The non-profit accreditation agency created the subsidiary in response to many surgery centers' inquiries about the availability of products to aid them in meeting accreditation standards and accomplishing successful surveys, says AAAASF executive director Jeff Pearcy.

"AAAASF has been aware for some time that facilities were identifying services from us that would be inappropriate for a regulatory body to provide," says James Yates, MD, AAAASF president. Dr. Yates notes that SFR, an organization not directly overseen by the AAAASF board, would have no potential conflicts of interest in providing those services.

SFR is presenting a [Web-based product](#) that will assist facilities in staying in compliance with a variety of regulatory bodies, says Mr. Pearcy. SFR is also exploring group purchasing arrangements and international accreditation, as well as a system for identifying qualified consultants to assist new facilities in the design, construction and accreditation of their offices.



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