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## New Surgery Facility Accreditation Web Site Launched

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GURNEE, Ill. -- The American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF) announces today that in an effort to give its accredited surgical facilities greater access to their application and re-application data, AAAASF is launching a comprehensive new Web site. The new site offers a convenient and user-friendly online alternative to traditional methods of the accreditation process.

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"We anticipate that our investment in the new site will eliminate mail delays and time consuming phone calls to check on account status and faxed correspondence. The result will be a reduction in paperwork and an enhancement of the accreditation application process," said AAAASF president James A. Yates, MD.

New applicants and existing facilities can view the progress of their application or re-application respectively. They will be able to update their account and submit electronic files when needed to complete the process. This new Web tool will compliment the rigorous inspection made by a certified AAAASF inspector to evaluate a facility's compliance with AAAASF standards. The Web site will simplify the scheduling of facility inspections and streamline the submittal of inspector reports.

With the launch of this new process and recent standards changes that allow the inclusion of ABMS non-surgical physicians, DO physicians and podiatrists, AAAASF expects to appeal to a broader field of qualified medical specialist seeking to maximize their patient safety awareness and quality improvement commitment through accreditation. The new web site will eventually become an integral component in the international movement for patient safety though accreditation.

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