



PEER REVIEW FACT SHEET

AAAASF peer review constitutes a form of self-regulation by qualified members of the outpatient health care profession. The process creates a system-wide culture of clinical quality and demonstrates the positive results of accreditation.

AAAASF peer review provides ongoing data collection and periodic evaluation to identify trends affecting patient outcomes. Since 1999, AAAASF peer review has been performed every six months and includes reviews of both random cases and unanticipated operative sequelae.

AAAASF has successfully collected data from thousands of individual cases, creating one of the nation's largest health care data repositories. Over time, AAAASF has learned that reporting on outcomes alone is not sufficient to improve the quality of care. The process of improving care delivery is best achieved through monitoring procedural interventions and practice compliance with safe surgical standards.

It is important for AAAASF to continue in the forefront of this effort. Through monitoring our own data, we are able to demonstrate the effectiveness of our standards and be assured that we remain an authority on health care delivery. AAAASF delivers standard revisions based on data collected from this valuable collection of information. This approach distinguishes us from other accrediting associations and provides a safeguard for patients and the accrediting process.