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New Opportunities for Cancer Accreditation

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CoC Pediatric Accreditation

Two Accreditation Offerings for Pediatric Cancer Programs

Pediatric Cancer
Program
(PCP)

Standalone Pediatric
Hospital

Apply through
standard process

Pediatric Specialty
Add On
(CoC-PS) 

Pediatric oncology
program within an
existing CoC-
accredited program

Apply through
dedicated application

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Eligibility

- Must provide care to children and adolescents under the age of 18 (A site that cares only for adolescents and older is not eligible)
- Must have standards implemented for a full calendar year before site visit
- No minimum caseload
- CoC hospitals participating in a network must apply at the individual hospital level

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Example of Standards Modifications

Standard 2.1: Cancer Committee

- Can either add pediatric specialists to the established cancer committee OR have a dedicated pediatric cancer subcommittee
- Must include the following pediatric subspecialists:
 - Pediatric surgical specialist
 - Pediatric hematology/oncology
 - Pediatric radiology
 - Pediatric pathology
 - Pediatric oncology nurse

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Example of Standards Modifications

Standard 4.8: Survivorship Program

Current Requirements:

- Must have a survivorship team, including a coordinator
- A report is given to the cancer committee reviewing **three** services for survivors. Report includes:
 - Estimate of number of patients who participated in each service
 - Identification of resources needed to improve service

Modified CoC-PS/PCP Requirements:

- **PCP: Three** services must be reviewed each year. Do not need to report on number of participants.
- **CoC-PS: One** service must be reviewed each year. Do not need to report on number of participants.
 - Two total reports required: one for adult program and one for peds program
- Survivorship team recommended to include pediatric specialists.

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Congratulations to our first CoC-PS programs!



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What's next

- The AJCC is investigating staging methods for pediatric cancers
- Development of a guide for how to use the NCDB to evaluate pediatric cancer data
- Investigating a pediatric-specific quality measure

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Available Resources



Frequently Asked Questions for Pediatric Cancer Programs *Optimal Resources for Cancer Care (2020 Standards)*

Questions and answers in this FAQ apply to both Pediatric Cancer Program (PCP) and Pediatric Specialty Accreditation (CoC-PS) unless otherwise indicated. Additional guidance for individual standards may be found in the manual's section "Specifications by Category."

FAQs Addressed

General Questions	Standard 4.4: Genetic Counseling and Risk Assessment
Application for Accreditation	Standard 4.7: Oncology Nutrition Services
Site Visit Process	Standard 4.8: Survivorship Program
Standard 1.1: Administrative Support	Standard 5.1: College of American Pathologist
Standard 2.1: Cancer Committee	Synoptic Reporting
Standard 2.2: Cancer Liaison Physician	Standard 7.2: Monitoring Concordance with Evidence-Based Guidelines
Standard 2.3: Cancer Committee Meetings	Standard 8.1: Addressing Barriers to Care
Standard 2.4: Cancer Committee Attendance	Standard 8.2: Cancer Prevention Event
Standard 2.5: Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference	Standard 9.1: Clinical Research Accrual
Standard 3.2: Evaluation and Treatment Services	
Standard 4.1: Physicians Credentials	



Guidelines for Seeking Accreditation for Pediatric Services

The Commission on Cancer (CoC) provides two opportunities for accreditation for pediatric services: Pediatric Cancer Program (PCP) and Pediatric Specialty Accreditation (CoC-PS). These guidelines will assist in the evaluation of which is the appropriate program before seeking accreditation.

Topics Addressed

- [Why Seek Pediatric Specialty Accreditation?](#)
- [Accreditation Eligibility](#)
- [Application Process](#)
- [Resources to Support the Pediatric Specialty Accreditation Journey](#)
- [Cancer Liaison Physician](#)
- [Committee Requirements](#)
- [NCDB Requirements](#)
- [Ready to Seek Accreditation?](#)

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CoC Rural Cancer Program Accreditation

Accreditation Tailored to Rural Programs

Eligibility: Hospital is located in a County that is designated RUCC 4-9

- Metric that differentiates counties by their population size, degree of urbanization, and adjacency to a metro area



Standards are tailored to accommodate differing level of staffing and resource availability



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Example of Proposed Standards Modifications

Standard 2.1: Cancer Committee

Current Requirements:

- Must have a cancer committee with the following specialties: **radiology, pathology, surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology, nursing, social work, and Oncology Data Specialist**
- Must have a CLP, Cancer Committee Chair, Cancer Program Administrator, and representatives filling **six** coordinator positions

Modified RCP Requirements:

- Must have a cancer committee with **three physicians** and **two healthcare professionals** (all from different disciplines)
- Additionally, required to have CLP, Cancer Program Administrator, and **three** coordinator positions

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Modified RCP Requirements:

- **One** service must be reviewed each year. Do not need to report on number of participants.
- Remainder of standard complied with as written.

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**National Accreditation Program
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