## Accreditation for Hospitals and Retaining the Quality Advantage Post Accreditation

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## ACCREDITATION

- Accreditation is a process in which certification of competency, authority, or credibility is presented to an organization
- A self-assessment and external peer assessment process used by healthcare organizations to accurately assess their level of performance in relation to established standards and then to implement ways to continuously improve it

## **ACCREDITING BODIES**

- National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH)
- Joint Commission International (JCI)
- The Australian Council on Health Care Standards (ACHS)
- Malaysian Society for Quality in Health (MSQH)
- Japan Council for Quality Health Care (JCQHC)
  - ISO and many more

## **ACCREDITATION PROGRAM**

- Allopathic Clinics
- AYUSH Hospitals
- Blood Banks
- Dental Facilities
- Hospitals
- Medical Imaging Services
- Medical Laboratory Program
- OST Centre
- PHC/CHC Accreditation
- Small Healthcare Organizations
  - Wellness Centre

# Why Accreditation?????



## **BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION**

- To the Patients
- To the Employees
- To the Hospital
- To the Society



## **BENEFITS TO THE PATIENTS**

- Patients are well informed/educated
- Quality treatment assured
- Patient rights protected
- Safe hospital
- Chances of sentinel events/near misses are less
- Patient feedback are respected
- Clean environment provided during the course of treatment.



## **BENEFITS TO THE PATIENTS**

- Patient safety is assured
- Patients being attended on time.
- Patients being assessed and monitored regularly
- Patients being guided properly by signage (saves patient time)
- Continuity of care assured when transferred to other hospitals.
- Patient data protected.



## **BENEFITS TO THE EMPLOYEES**

- Enhances staff development
- Enhances staff education and learning
- Develops leadership Qualities
- Motivated team players
- Responsibilities defined and more responsible
- Satisfaction with the work environment
- Forum to address their grievances
- Communication is effective
- Feeling of belongingness and ownership



## **BENEFITS TO THE HOSPITAL**

- Protocols established
- Opportunity to healthcare unit to benchmark with the best.
- Strengthens community confidence in the quality and safety of care and treatment.
- Opportunity for continuous improvement
- Competitive edge in the marketplace
- Recognized by insurers and other third parties
- Emergency preparedness
- More responsible staff and departments
  - Financial benefits

## **BENEFITS TO THE THIRD PARTIES**

- Accreditation provides an objective system of empanelment by insurance and other third parties.
- Accreditation provides access to reliable and certified information on facilities, infrastructure and level of care.







Case Study- Christian Medical College Vellore

#### **CASE STUDY – CMC VELLORE**

- Dr. Ida Scudder in 1901
- 2645 bedded Hospital
- 6500 OP patients everyday
- 3 Campuses
- Multispecialty hospital
- Patients across the world



## TO OR NOT TO – THE ACCREDITATION DILEMMA

- Are we not the best ?
- Are we ISO Paragon Chappels ?
- We are not here for insurance patients
- Who are they to teach us?



#### ISO OFFICE

- ISO office set up in 2006
  - Dr. Prasanna Rajan
  - Ms. Anu Sukesh

– Accreditation Consultants

### QUALITY MANAGEMENT CELL

- Quality the focus Accreditation the byproduct
- The NABH focus & why ?
- Do it alone or outsource ?



Dr. Thomas Kuriakose Deputy Director (Quality) from Feb 2007 till Aug 2011



Ms. Lallu Joseph Quality Manager joined in April 2007

## **CONSULTATIVE DECISION**

No.	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	YEAR	
			BEGIN	COMPLETE
1	Set up Quality Audit Facilitation Cell	Director/Deputy Director (Quality)	2010	2010
2	Evaluate the existing patient feedback system and make changes.	>>		2011
3	Set up the Patient Grievance Cell	MS/NS/ Director/Deputy Director (Quality)		2011
4	Apply for accreditation and pre assessment	Director/Deputy Director (Quality)		2011
5	Set up internal reporting system for Audits	>>		2012
6	Conduct training programs in audits and standards	"		Ongoing
7	Complete the documentation of departments/ hospitals processes and policies	57		2012
8	Develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and establish the reporting mechanism.	>>		2012

## **CONSULTATIVE DECISION**

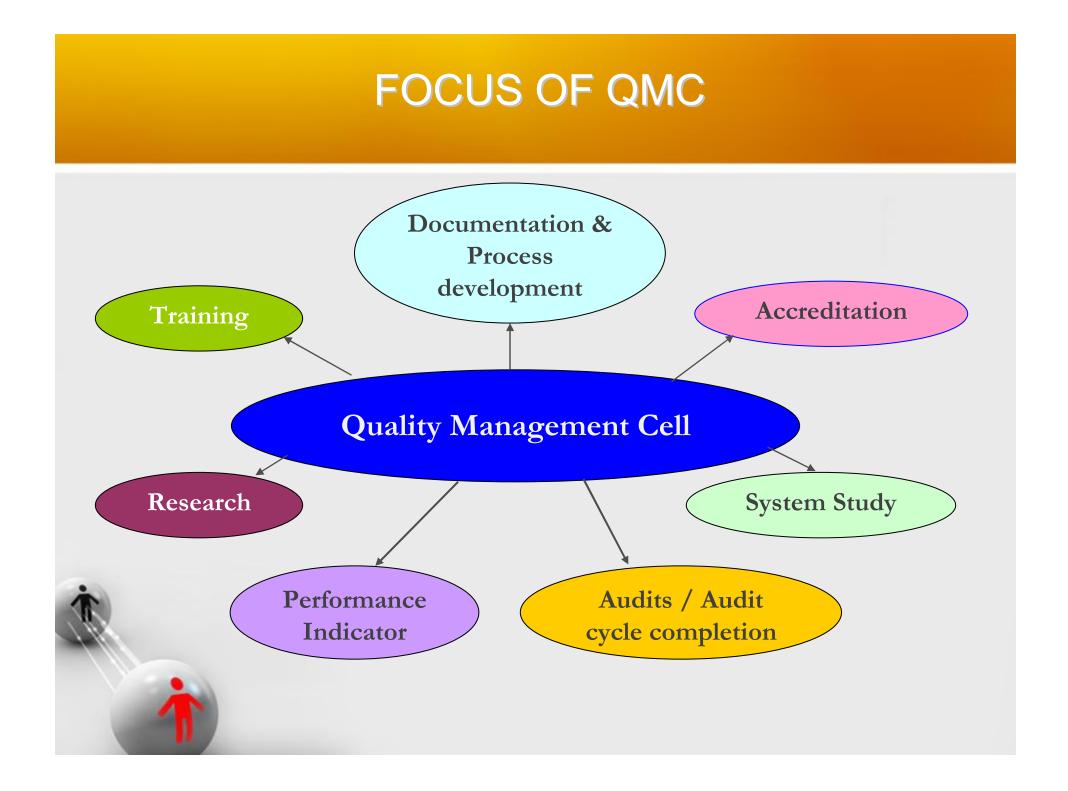
		ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	YEAR	
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	9	Get NABH Accreditation for the main hospital	Director/Deputy Director (Quality)	2011	2012
	10	Develop a system for Audit Compliance	>>		2013
	11	Set up the scorecard and management dashboard	>>	2012	2014
	12	Get the NABL accreditation for all Labs	>>		2014
	13	Establish systems for resources optimization	>>	2013	2014
	14	Establish EQAS for all labs	>>	2014	2015

## FROM DOODRMAN TO CHAIRMAN

- Full fledged QMC Office
- DQMs (Department Quality Managers)
- Management Interns
- Quality Steering Committee

### QUALITY STEERING COMMITTEE





### THE QUALITY COUNCIL

- Formation in August 2007
- Multi disciplinary group
- Meet, learn, train, reflect, document
- First meeting in September 2007

## INTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSORS TRAINING- QUALITY COUNCIL

 Conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008 by Dr. Vikram Kashyap and Dr. Murali



## OUR STRENGTH IS GOOD ENOUGH













## STRENGTHENING THE QUALITY TEAM

- Audit Facilitation Cell established
- Audit Facilitation Officer recruited







### **PRE ASSESSMENT**

- Sep 2010
- Assessed by
  - Mrs. Gracy Mathai
  - Dr. A. Malathi
  - Dr. H S Virupaksha
  - Dr. Komal Prasad
- Over 115 NCs and counting !!!



















•163 DSAs

• 160 DQMs

#### **STRENGTHENING THE GROUP**

- Established Safety Cell
- Department Safety Advisors (DSAs)
- All aspects of safety



#### DEPARTMENT SAFETY ADVISORS-SAFETY COUNCIL



## **IMPLEMENTATIONS**

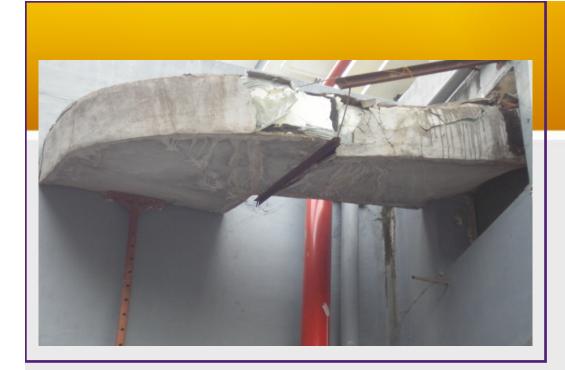
- Audits
- Mock Drills
- Facility rounds
- Forms Committee
- Documentation emphasized
- Mandatory Training Programme
- Fire Office established

## Periodical Internal Inspections



#### After





## After





#### After















#### VISION AND HARD WORK IS NOT ENOUGH- A Heart needed !



#### Dr. Oommen K. George Deputy Director (Quality) in Aug 2011

## FINAL ASSESSMENT

- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct to 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2011
- Assessed by
  - Dr. Anand R
  - Dr. Christopher Sudhaker
  - Mrs. Gracy Mathai
  - Dr. Prashant S Kelkar
  - Dr. H S Virupaksha
  - Dr. M. D. Marker
  - Dr. Madhavi Gopinath
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#### **CHALLENGES- TEACHING HOSPITAL**

- Multiple accrediting agencies
  - Multiple inspections
  - Differences in the expectations
  - Confused about inspections
- Large turn over of trainees
  - Continuous training
  - Training in batches
- Apprentice model of training
  - On the job
  - Difficulty in maintaining standards

#### **CHALLENGES- TEACHING HOSPITAL**

- Multiple hats
  - Teaching Patient care Research
- Autonomy and independence
  - All areas
  - Difficult to bring them together
  - Different protocols
- Staffing pattern and hierarchy
- Standardization Vs Innovation
- Size of the institution
- Patient load and complexity
- Parformance linked appraisals not possible

## **CHALLENGES-OTHERS**

- Old Infrastructure and Licenses
- Space constraint
- Old systems and mindset of staff



#### RECTIFICATIONS AFTER FINAL INSPECTION AND THE WAIT

- Closure reports
- Corrective reports
- External Fire Audit



## WE ARRIVED!!!







#### LARGEST HOSPITAL IN THE COUNTRY TO BE ACCREDITED BY NABH!!!



#### IMPACT OF GENERAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS

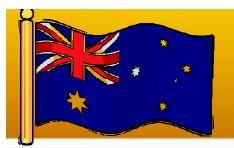
- The mortality rate was lower post AMI in accredited hospitals than in non-accredited hospitals
- Accreditation was significantly associated with higher survival rates for patients presenting with six types of trauma injuries

Impact of Accreditation on the Quality of Healthcare Services: a Systematic Review of the Literature Abdullah Alkhenizana and Charles Shawb Ann Saudi Med. 2011 Jul-Aug; 31(4): 407–416.



## **SOUTH AFRICA**

- 20 randomly selected public hospitals
  - Ten of these hospitals were randomized to the accreditation program
  - the other 10 served as controls.
- About 2 years after accreditation began;
  - intervention hospitals significantly improved their average compliance with COHSASA accreditation standards, while no appreciable increase was observed in the control hospitals.



## AUSTRALIA

- Hospitals were monitored over 2 years for their response to accreditation requirements and the general changes in accreditation in the hospital's environment
- There was an increase and improvement in the structure of medical staff organization, nursing organization and physical facilities and safety



## COPENHAGEN

- More accredited units had guidelines in place compared to non-accredited units.
- The improvement on the Systematic Development Scale was significantly higher in accredited than in non-accredited units







- the overall satisfaction score of providers was significantly higher among accredited health units.
- Most of the checked standards had compliance above 90% in accredited units and were significantly higher than compliance in non-accredited units



## **RETAINING THE QUALITY ADVANTAGE- POST ACCREDITATION**

- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Quality Improvement is the mandate
- Meticulous follow-up
- Bench Marking
- Top management involvement
- Involvement of the entire team

Continuous training and re-training Train the trainers Retrain the juniors

#### **INVEST IN TRAINING**

- Mandatory training of all staff- BMW, Staff service rules, Fire and emergency preparedness, Safety Training etc..
- Focused training- BLS, Restraints, Chemical Hazards, Radiation Safety etc...
- Orientation training
- Issue based/ need based training

#### **CHART AUDITS**

- Regular audits by MRD
- Focused audits by the departments
- Audit of all documentation- Doctors, Nurses, Dietitians, OT, PT etc.
- Set benchmarks
- Active medical audit committee
- Regular feedback to the userspublish/circulate the audit results with recommendations
- Follow up of corrective actions
  - Clinical audits

#### MONITORING OF KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Continuous monitoring
- Setting benchmarks
- Sharing results and improvements
- Setting department indicators
- Management dashboard pf the indicators



## **FACILITY ROUNDS**

- Scheduled facility rounds
- Top management representative to convene
- Multidisciplinary team
- Presentation to the top management
- Corrective and preventive measures
- Follow up



#### **INTERNAL INSPECTIONS**

- Multidisciplinary
- With checklists
- Every four months
- Dissemination of reports
- Follow up of corrective and preventive measures

## THE INTERNAL INSPECTION TEAM

Team Leaders	Area Inspected	Number of inspectors
Dr. Mark Ranjan & Dr. Venkatesh	Theatre Complexes	10
Dr. V. Surekha & Ms. Sophia Vijay	OPD Building	12
Dr. Vinod Abraham & Dr. Balu Krishna	A Block	14
Dr. Rajesh I, Dr. Biju & Ms. Meenakshi	O Block	8
Dr. Mohan S. Kamath & Dr. Prasad Mathew	Main Building 1	11
Dr. Niranjan Thomas & Dr. Shoma V. Rao	Main Building 2	14
Dr. Sukesh Chandran & Dr. John A Jude	ASHA Building	9
Dr. Victoria Job & Dr. Madhu Andrew Philip	Hemat Building & PMR Building	10
Dr. Joe Fleming & Dr. Rajesh Kannangai	Williams Building	10
Dr. Sheeja John & Dr. Deepak Selvaraj	ISSCC Building	15
Dr. Leena & Mr. Arul Prakash	Engineering Building	12
Dr. Jagadish Ebenezer & Dr. Vivek Mathew	Schell, Rehab, MHC and CHAD	14
Total		139

#### **INCIDENT REPORTING**

- Encourage reporting of incidents
- Root cause analysis
- Implement corrective and preventive actions
- Not to blame
- Culture of openness and change



#### COMMITTEES, LICENSES AND MEETINGS

- Follow-up of committees and meetings
- Minutes and implementations
- Review of committees every 4 months
- Reminders for licenses and follow-up
- Review of pending licenses every 4 months



#### **MOCK DRILLS**

- Scheduled for the year
- Surprise drills
- Fire, abduction, lifts, CPR etc.
- Minutes of the drills
- Review of protocol and improve



## **MANUALS AND UPDATION**

- Continuous review of manuals
- Review of protocols
- Updation of forms





# Thank You!