The Joint Commission Survey: Tracer Methodology 101

Program Description
Tracer methodology is an evaluation method where surveyors select a patient, resident, or client and use that individual’s record as a roadmap to move through an organization to assess and evaluate the organization’s compliance with selected standards and the organization’s systems of providing care and services.

Tracers are powerful and valuable tools when used correctly and when they focus on high-risk processes within the organization. Designed for organizations that want a better understanding of tracer implementation and methodologies, this 60-minute live activity provides the information and tools needed to make the most of the opportunities tracers provide.

Objectives
After completing this activity, the participant should be able to:

- Identify various tracers that focus on care processes and systems.
- Prioritize tracer data to determine the effectiveness of process design in the delivery of safe, high-quality care.
- Improve systems and processes through use of tracer methodology and aggregation of tracer findings data.

Target Audience
This activity is essential for those people who are responsible for assessing the quality and safety of care provided throughout the organization, as well as those who are responsible for accreditation compliance, including survey coordinators, risk managers, performance improvement (PI) coordinators, department managers, and others who have a hands-on role in The Joint Commission accreditation process or in assessing the systems and processes within the organization.

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