Recently the Joint Commission updated its standards to include new and revised requirements related to resuscitation for Joint Commission-accredited hospitals and critical access hospitals. These revised standards take effect on January 1, 2022. Revisions include requirements to incorporate surveillance and data tracking, as well as reviewing cases to suggest improvements in resuscitation performance.

“...hospitals, at a minimum, must conduct regular surveillance of all cardiac arrest events and track data on cardiac arrest survival outcomes for the purposes of planning, training, and evaluation of current practices.”1,2

Despite improvements in resuscitation outcomes nationally over the past two decades, survival after in-hospital cardiac arrest varies widely across and within hospitals. The revised standards on resuscitation care address several interlinked factors that have been cited as critical to resuscitation performance.1,2

“An interdisciplinary committee reviews cases and data to identify and suggest practice and system improvements in resuscitation performance.”1,2

**TYPES OF DATA**
- Number of cardiac arrests
- Location of cardiac arrests
- Outcomes, including:
  - ROSC
  - Survival to discharge

**TYPES OF DATA**
- Timeliness of staff’s response
- Quality of CPR
- Post-cardiac arrest care processes
- Outcomes following cardiac arrest
TOOLS TO SUPPORT YOU: RescueNet CaseReview
To adhere to these new requirements, hospitals need software that compiles and analyzes data from every code that occurs across the hospital. It’s very difficult to improve what you don’t measure, so collecting and reviewing data is key to improving outcomes from sudden cardiac arrest. ZOLL’s RescueNet® CaseReview software lets you collect, collate, aggregate, and manage code data to improve CPR accuracy and simplify debriefing.

Why Collecting Code Data Matters
Beyond staying compliant with new standards, collecting code data offers a variety of other benefits. Hospitals gain access to vital information, enabling them to identify trends in individual code events as well as events over time. Code data also helps drive clinical change and improve resuscitation performance through targeted education and training.

To learn more about how RescueNet CaseReview can help your hospital maintain compliance with The Joint Commission’s updated resuscitation requirements, contact your ZOLL representative, visit zoll.com, or call us at 978-421-9712.

The goal is to become a ‘learning healthcare system’ that uses data to continually improve preparedness and resuscitation outcomes.\(^3\)

– 2020 American Heart Association Guidelines


\(^3\) 2020 AHA Guidelines, Circulation, 2020;142(suppl 2): S596.