

## Accreditation Consultants

### What is an accreditation consultant?

Accreditation consultants are outside advisors that provide assistance in the process of complying with accreditation standards. Consultants provide a range of services, from simple manuals to on-site accreditation preparation. These groups are unregulated and have not been vetted or endorsed by ABC.

### Do I need a consultant?

Whether or not you need a consultant depends on your familiarity with the accreditation process. Compliance with ABC accreditation standards does not require the use of any outside manuals, as the standards are based on best practices that your patient care organization may already be utilizing. A review of the ABC accreditation standards is necessary to determine whether or not a consultant manual is needed. If your patient care organization is not in compliance with a significant portion of the standards, the purchase of a manual or outside consultation services may help.

### When do I need to begin the accreditation process?

You should have already begun! With certain exceptions, all DMEPOS suppliers are now required to achieve accreditation in order to qualify for a Medicare Supplier Number (P-TAN).

### How do I become ABC accredited?

Here's a step by step plan for becoming accredited:

1. Read the ABC accreditation standards and evaluate the ability of your patient care organization to comply with the standards.
2. Make any necessary changes to your organization to come into compliance. Use a consultant manual, if necessary.
3. Send in the ABC application and prepare for survey.

### Who are the accreditation consultants?

The following is a list of outside consultant groups that provide resources to aid a patient care organization in complying with the ABC Accreditation Standards. ABC has not reviewed any of the materials provided by consultants and does not endorse these companies.

#### Orthotics & Prosthetics

##### **OPGA**

[dennis.clark@vgm.com](mailto:dennis.clark@vgm.com)

[www.opga.com](http://www.opga.com)

800-214-6742

##### **Quality Outcomes**

[www.qualityoutcomes.com](http://www.qualityoutcomes.com)

[customerservice@qualityoutcomes.com](mailto:customerservice@qualityoutcomes.com)

[mes.org](http://mes.org)

(800) 986-3004

#### Pedorthics

##### **Accreditation Champ**

[www.accreditationchamp.com](http://www.accreditationchamp.com)

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866-619-4376

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#### Post-Mastectomy

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