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ACHC International Hospital Standards Earn ISQua EEA Accreditation

International recognition affirms ACHC standards against globally recognized principles for healthcare quality and patient safety

CARY, N.C. (September 22, 2026) — The Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) today announced that ACHC International’s hospital standards have earned accreditation from the International Society for Quality in Health Care External Evaluation Association (ISQua EEA), providing independent recognition of the standards’ rigor and focus on healthcare quality and patient safety.

The accreditation, which extends from 2026 through 2030, follows an independent assessment of ACHC International’s hospital standards against ISQua EEA’s **Guidelines and Principles for the Development of Health and Social Care Standards**. The review, conducted by a global team of peer surveyors, evaluates supporting evidence for alignment with ISQua EEA principles across areas including person-centered care, safety and risk management, and quality performance.

“ISQua EEA’s evaluation principles for standards are forward-looking and designed to ensure safe, sustainable, equitable, high-quality care for every patient. Earning ISQua EEA accreditation is an important milestone for ACHC International,” said José Domingos, president & CEO of ACHC. “For hospitals and health systems around the world, it reinforces confidence in a framework designed to build healthcare organizations focused on continuous improvement.”

For ACHC International, the accreditation further strengthens its ability to support hospitals and healthcare organizations outside the United States that seek a recognized credential validating the quality of their patient care and their quality as a workplace.

For more than 40 years, ACHC has partnered with healthcare providers to elevate quality, improve operational performance and help organizations confidently navigate today’s changing healthcare environment through a collaborative, educational accreditation experience. For more information about ACHC, visit www.achc.org.

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International has helped global healthcare organizations achieve excellence through accreditation and related education. ACHC International partners with providers across the continuum of care to improve quality, strengthen operations and advance patient outcomes.

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