

How We Can Help You Achieve Surgical Facility Accreditation Through Our Collaboration with AAAASF-I

Before patients entrust you with their faces and bodies, they first evaluate your credentials and skills. But they may not even think to ask about the facility where their surgery will be performed. They trust you to ensure that the facility is safe and well-equipped. Having an [internationally accredited facility](#) is proof of the value you put on patient care. One of the greatest benefits of your [ISAPS membership](#) is the opportunity to have your facility accredited by our international accreditation partner, the [American Association for Accreditation for Ambulatory Surgery Facilities International](#).

AAAASF-I itself is accredited by the [International Society for Quality in Healthcare](#) (ISQua), whose mission is “to inspire, promote and support continuous improvement in safety and quality of health care worldwide.” Spanning five continents and 100 countries, ISQua is globally recognized as “the accreditor of accreditors.” It is responsible for setting benchmarks for the safety and quality of international health care by assessing the standards of global organizations. Accreditation through ISQua demonstrates to the world that your facility meets or exceeds the highest internationally recognized standards of safety.

What does this mean for your facility? Through our collaboration with AAAASF-I, ISAPS works with you to arrange that trained plastic surgeon colleagues will help you achieve surgical facility accreditation so that your patients have their surgery in a certified, safe surgical environment.

ISAPS provides members the opportunity to bring certifying member-surgeons to visit your facility in order to evaluate its safety practices, effectiveness and capacity. All surveyors complete a training course and must pass a comprehensive evaluation before being designated as qualified inspectors of surgical facilities. This is essential to guarantee the global standards of patient safety and health care.

All AAAASF-I surveyors have a thorough understanding of customs and cultures, and include these in their evaluation of the facility’s safety and effectiveness.

The common language of all health professionals around the globe is a commitment to patient safety.

99% compliance with rigorous standards may be good enough in other industries, but in the practice of health care, nothing less than 100% is acceptable. AAAASF-I facilities must meet or exceed every standard in order to be accredited through the ISAPS-AAAASF-I partnership program. If a facility is found to be lacking in any area, accreditation is denied, suspended or even revoked until all standards are met.

No matter where you are in the world, your patients can have confidence that your facility (regardless of size, language or location) is held to the world’s highest standards of safety and ethics.

Sharing information on your website with patients and colleagues about the ISAPS-AAAASF-I accreditation process is an excellent way to demonstrate your commitment to patient care and safety. No matter [where in the world](#) patients choose to have their surgery, they should know that they can count on all ISAPS-accredited surgeons and facilities to follow the highest standards of safety and quality. You can post links on your professional website and Facebook page that provide more information about ISAPS-AAAASF-I’s commitment to excellence.