

ADVANTAGES OF SLEEP ACCREDITATION



GENERAL OVERVIEW



ACHC International is an internationally recognised accreditation organisation (AO) that offers a collaborative approach for healthcare providers. ACHC International is committed to providing an outstanding accreditation experience that is unparalleled in the industry. Accreditation by ACHC International reflects an organisation's dedication and commitment to meeting standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care.

ACHC International accreditation is granted for a three-year period with no annual fees, making it a cost-effective choice. Each accredited facility receives an Accreditation Certificate and ACHC International Accredited decal to be displayed at the facility.

ACHC INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION



ACHC International offers a patient-focused approach to Sleep Accreditation, with standards developed through direct input from industry professionals to ensure that all requirements are relevant and realistic. In order to remain flexible to the needs of providers, ACHC International offers Sleep Accreditation services for sleep labs and stand-alone home sleep testing providers. ACHC Sleep Lab/Centre (SLC) Accreditation includes Home Sleep Testing (HST) Accreditation. In other words, when a sleep facility is accredited by ACHC, the facility is also accredited for HST at no additional charge.

ACHC INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS



ACHC International standards are written by providers, for providers. This approach allows ACHC International to fully understand the needs of sleep providers and offer the best accreditation programme possible. ACHC International requires the medical director to play an active role and understand a facility's operations inside and out. All testing must be reviewed by a physician who is a board-certified sleep specialist, but the specialist does not have to have a minimum number of hours per month in a specific lab.

ACHC International standards also promote the flexibility to treat any individual who could potentially have a sleep disorder. In order to ensure all individuals have access to sleep professionals and receive the appropriate treatment, ACHC International standards do not require patients to be referred to the sleep facility by a member of any specific organisation.

ACHC SURVEY



All ACHC Sleep Accreditation Surveys are conducted in a consultative manner by credentialed sleep professionals with sleep lab experience. Each survey consists of two stages. During the first stage, the ACHC Surveyor meets with the medical team at the sleep facility and conducts interviews to learn about the operations. The Surveyor also reviews the company's Quality Improvement/Performance Improvement (QI/PI) plan, personnel training records, and client records. The second stage consists of a visit to the sleep facility to observe the service provided, including patient education, interactions between the clinician and the patient, and actual sleep testing.

ISO CERTIFIED



Through our ISO 9001:2015 certification, ACHC demonstrates our commitment to quality. ISO 9001 is the international standard that specifies requirements for a quality management system (QMS). Certification is reaffirmed through annual audits to ensure that organisations continuously implement steps to achieve their goals and objectives, and to create an organisational culture that engages in a continuous cycle of self-evaluation, correction and improvement of operations and processes. ISO 9001 certification demonstrates a thoroughly developed QMS, and an organisation's ability to perform in a consistent manner with every process, every interaction, and every decision it makes.