

Frequently Asked Questions

General Programmatic Questions

Q How does my hospital determine what level to apply for?

A If your hospital can demonstrate all 30 GSV Program standards are implemented and streamlined at your hospital, you should apply for Level 1 or Level 2 Verification. If you are working towards implementation and changing processes at your hospital, we recommend applying for the Commitment Level.

Q Are there resources available to help me determine which level is most appropriate for my hospital to apply for?

A Yes, the GSV Team developed a [Gap Analysis](#) which is meant to function as a self-assessment and a way of determining your hospital's baseline before you apply for the program. If you have already made progress towards some of the standards, the gap analysis will help you identify the areas that you need to focus on to make sure you are verification-ready when you apply.

Q What does the annual fee cover?

A Commitment Level: The annual fee covers all program services containing access to the ACS Quality Portal (QPort) and all its resources, including the GSV Implementation Course, attendance to GSV webinars and teaching sessions, and access to staff for support purposes.

Verification Level: The annual fee covers all program services including access to the ACS Quality Portal (QPort) and all its resources, including the GSV Implementation Course, attendance to GSV webinars and teaching sessions, access to staff for support purposes, and all verification-related program components, including the Pre-Review Questionnaire (PRQ), site visit, and annual attestations.

Q What patient population do the GSV Standards apply to?

A The GSV Program is applicable to patients 75 years of age and older who are having inpatient surgery.

Q How is “in-patient” defined?

A In-patient is defined as operations that are expected to need 2 or more midnights of medically necessary hospital care.

Q If our hospital starts at the Commitment Level, how soon can we reapply for Verification Level?

A Commitment Level hospitals can reapply for a Verification Level as soon as their GSV leadership team feels they can demonstrate consistent implementation of all standards in those specialties enrolled in the program. This typically occurs within two years. Commitment Level hospitals are expected to be actively preparing for verification during their enrollment for a maximum of two years. The GSV Commitment Level hospitals will receive formal recognition of their commitment to high quality geriatric surgical care.

Q Is there a repository available to find best practices, sample policies and procedures, and education materials?

A Yes, there are several resources available on the GSV Website, within the ACS Quality Portal (QPort), and within the GSV Implementation Course.

Q My hospital is part of a larger hospital system, does each hospital need to apply separately?

A Yes, each hospital will need to apply separately, as enrollment through the application process is at the hospital-level.

Q Can a hospital participate in the GSV Program without participating in NSQIP?

A A hospital can participate in the GSV Program without participating in NSQIP, but GSV hospitals that are also enrolled in NSQIP have the option to collect additional variables for patients 75 years and older at the time of surgery.

Q Is Geriatric Surgery Verification being offered to international programs?

A No, not at this time.

Q When does my hospital receive access to the Pre-Review Questionnaire (PRQ)?

A Hospitals receive access to the PRQ once a contract has been signed and payment has been remitted for Level 1 or Level 2 Verification.

Q When does my hospital receive access to the GSV Implementation Course?

A The GSV Implementation Course is a benefit of joining the GSV Program. Hospitals will receive access to the course once a contract has been signed and payment has been remitted.
