

Upcoming Peer Review Period

Why has Peer Review changed?

Through the years, AAAASF staff have received feedback from facilities that they find it difficult to hold onto a case for reporting until the end of the period. Many times, facilities would forget to report unanticipated sequelae that occurred in the beginning of a period.

The new Peer Review system not only accommodates this request but also has an intuitive functionality and design allowing you to easily enter random case reviews and sequelae in real-time. The change to quarterly reporting with yearround access allows your facility the flexibility of submitting cases and sequelae when it is most convenient for you during the submission period. Your facility will now be able to submit sequelae at any time, even after the reporting period has closed.

Accessing the Peer Review System

Your facility will access the Peer Review system through <u>aaaasf.org</u>. To log into the new system, you will need your Facility ID number and your designated facility administrator's email address. All facilities will be prompted to create a new password the first time the new system is accessed.

The Facility Administrator email on file is: <<Facility Administrator Email>>

If this person is no longer at your facility or the information has changed please complete the <u>Peer Review Authorization Form</u> to assign a new facility

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Please note: The new Peer Review system performs best using <u>Chrome</u> or <u>Firefox</u>.

Completing Random Case Reviews and Submitting Sequelae

The process for entering the peer reviewed cases and sequelae has not changed. You will notice that the new system is easier to use and navigate. You can access a detailed <u>walk-through</u> of the new system and an updated <u>FAQs</u> <u>document</u> at <u>aaaasf.org</u>.

As a reminder the cases collected for Period I 2019 will be reported through two periods allowing facilities to adjust to the new system. As with previous periods there will be a deadline to submit cases. After this deadline there will be a late fee assessed for each physician.

Period I 2019: Reporting for cases occurring January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019

- Period I cases occurring January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019
- Period II cases occurring April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019

Deadline: August 15, 2019

Period III 2019: Reporting for cases occurring July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019

Deadline: September 30, 2019

If a physician using the facility has performed fewer than six cases during Period I (January 1 through June 30) or three cases during period III (July 1 through September 31), that information must be reported to the AAAASF office using the <u>Peer Review Exemption form</u>. All the physician's other cases during that period must be reported.

Peer review is a mandatory component of AAAASF accreditation as required by standard 700.020.010.

Peer review is performed at least every three months (quarterly) and includes reviews of both random cases and unanticipated operative sequelae using the AAAASF forms and reporting format. A random sample of the cases for each surgeon must include the first case done by each surgeon each month during the reporting period for a total of three cases. If a surgeon using the facility has done fewer than three cases during a reporting period, that must be reported to Please add <u>support@aaaasf.org</u> to your contacts list to receive important Peer Review emails.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the completion of your peer review, please contact the Peer Review Help Desk at 888-545-5222 or email <u>helpdesk@aaaasf.org</u>.



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