

Compliance

Staff Recertification



Recertification for infusion nurses is generally required every 3 years. Nurses can elect to receive recertification via exam (September of the third year) or by accumulating 40 hours of recertification units through continuing education during the 3-year cycle.

- > Recertification: [📄](#)
- > Standards of Practice for Infusion Nurses (eBook for purchase): [📄](#)

Infusion Center Standards

As an independent practice, you and your partners may not be pursuing Joint Commission accreditation. However, their guidelines for **medication management** as well as **infection prevention and safety compliance** are practices for consideration as you establish your infusion suite. Ensuring safe handling of therapies and safe treatment of infusion patients (ie, infusion-related infection surveillance) is paramount to a successful in-house infusion practice. Infusion-related handling and safety protocols may vary by state; contact your State Boards of Nursing, Pharmacy for further information.



The National Infusion Center Association (NICA) is a member-driven organization that can serve as a resource for practitioners interested in establishing in-office infusion practices. This organization provides several educational modules and continuing education forums that members can access on their website. [📄](#)

Some NICA discussion boards do not require member sign-in and allow you to view issues (and discussion threads) that have been encountered by other practitioners who have established in-office IV services. In addition, the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) lists state-specific requirements for ambulatory health care; although not always infusion-center specific, this website can provide a starting point for investigating state laws and regulations. [📄](#)