

1. TITLE

Compliance to Core Objective Elements of NABH Standards at a JEEVAN RAKSHA HOSPITAL.

2. INTRODUCTION

NABH accreditation indicates a dedication to excellent healthcare and patient safety. NABH standards cover many facets of hospital operations, with a focus on essential objective features that are critical to patient care. Understanding the extent of adherence to these criteria is critical for identifying areas of strength and weakness within a healthcare organization. The purpose of this study is to assess the current level of conformity to main objective elements of NABH standards at Jeevan Raksha Hospital in Bikaner, and to emphasize the importance of meeting these benchmarks for continuous quality improvement and improved patient outcomes.

3. RESEARCH QUESTION

What is the level of compliance to the core objective elements of NABH standards at the selected hospital?

4. OBJECTIVES

1. To assess the hospital's adherence to core NABH 6th edition standards across departments.
2. To identify areas of full, partial, and non-compliance in processes related to patient care, safety, and quality improvement.
3. To analyze existing practices and documentation against the NABH benchmarks.
4. To identify gaps and challenges in meeting the required compliance levels.
5. To suggest actionable recommendations for enhancing compliance and ensuring sustained quality in healthcare delivery.

5. HYPOTHESIS

- Null Hypothesis (H_0): There is no significant non-compliance with core objective elements of NABH standards at the selected hospital.
- Alternative Hypothesis (H_1): There is significant non-compliance with core objective elements of NABH standards at the selected hospital.

6. MATERIAL AND METHODS

- Study Design: Cross-sectional and descriptive study
- Setting: A tertiary care hospital undergoing NABH accreditation.
- Study Population: Hospital departments and staff involved in implementing NABH standards.

- Study Tools: Structured NABH compliance checklist, observation guide, staff interviews.
- Duration of Study: 3 months (March 10 2025 – May 31, 2025)
- Sample Size: All core departments of hospital [Clinical and Non clinical]
- Data Collection Procedure: Document reviews, direct observations, and structured interviews with staff using NABH compliance checklists
- Operational Definitions:
 - i. Compliance: Adherence to all NABH core standards as per the official checklist
 - ii. Non-compliance: Partial or no adherence to specific elements

7. DATA ANALYSIS PLAN

- i. Data will be analyzed using Microsoft Excel.
- ii. Descriptive statistics (frequencies, percentages) will be used to report compliance levels.

8. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- i. Ethical clearance will be obtained from the hospital's ethics committee.
- ii. Informed consent will be taken from all participating staff.
- iii. Confidentiality and data privacy will be maintained throughout the study.

9. IMPLICATIONS OF RESEARCH

- i. The study will help hospital administrators identify key gaps in NABH core compliance and prioritize quality improvement strategies.
- ii. It will also prepare the institution better for NABH assessments and contribute to patient safety and institutional reputation.

10. REFERENCES

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