

The Joint Commission History Timeline

Beginnings: 1910-1986

Ernest Codman, MD, proposes the “end result” system of hospital standardization. American College of Surgeons (ACS) is founded and the “end result” system becomes an ACS objective.

1910-13

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH) is created as an independent, not-for-profit organization in Chicago, Illinois.

1950-52

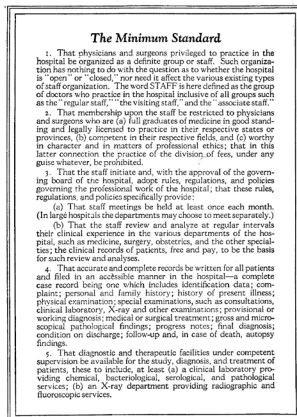
Begin accrediting psychiatric facilities, substance abuse programs and community mental health programs. The Social Security Act is amended to require that the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services validate JCAH findings.

1970-72

Begin accrediting hospice care organizations. Quality Healthcare Resources® (QHR), Inc. is formed as a not-for-profit consulting subsidiary of JCAH. QHR later becomes Joint Commission Resources (JCR).

1982-86

The Minimum Standard of the American College of Surgeons' Hospital Standardization Program



1917-26

ACS develops the Minimum Standard for Hospitals; the requirements fill one page. The ACS begins on-site inspection of hospitals. In 1926, the first standards manual is printed, consisting of 18 pages.

1964-65

Congress passes the Social Security Amendments of 1965 with a provision that hospitals accredited by JCAH are “deemed” to be in compliance with most Medicare Conditions of Participation for hospitals and can participate in Medicare and Medicaid programs.

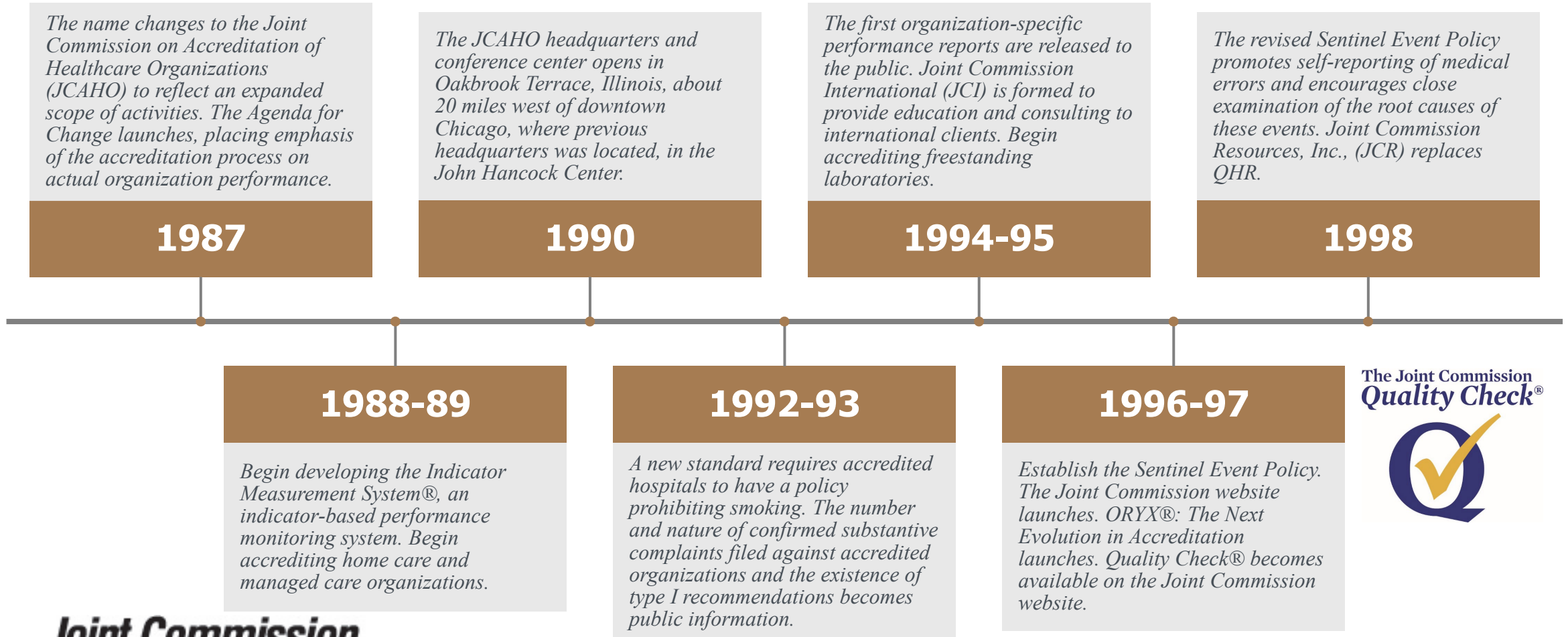
1975-79

Begin accrediting ambulatory health care facilities. An agreement with the College of American Pathologists (CAP) results in CAP accreditation of a laboratory in a JCAH-accredited hospital being recognized in lieu of JCAH’s accreditation of the laboratory.



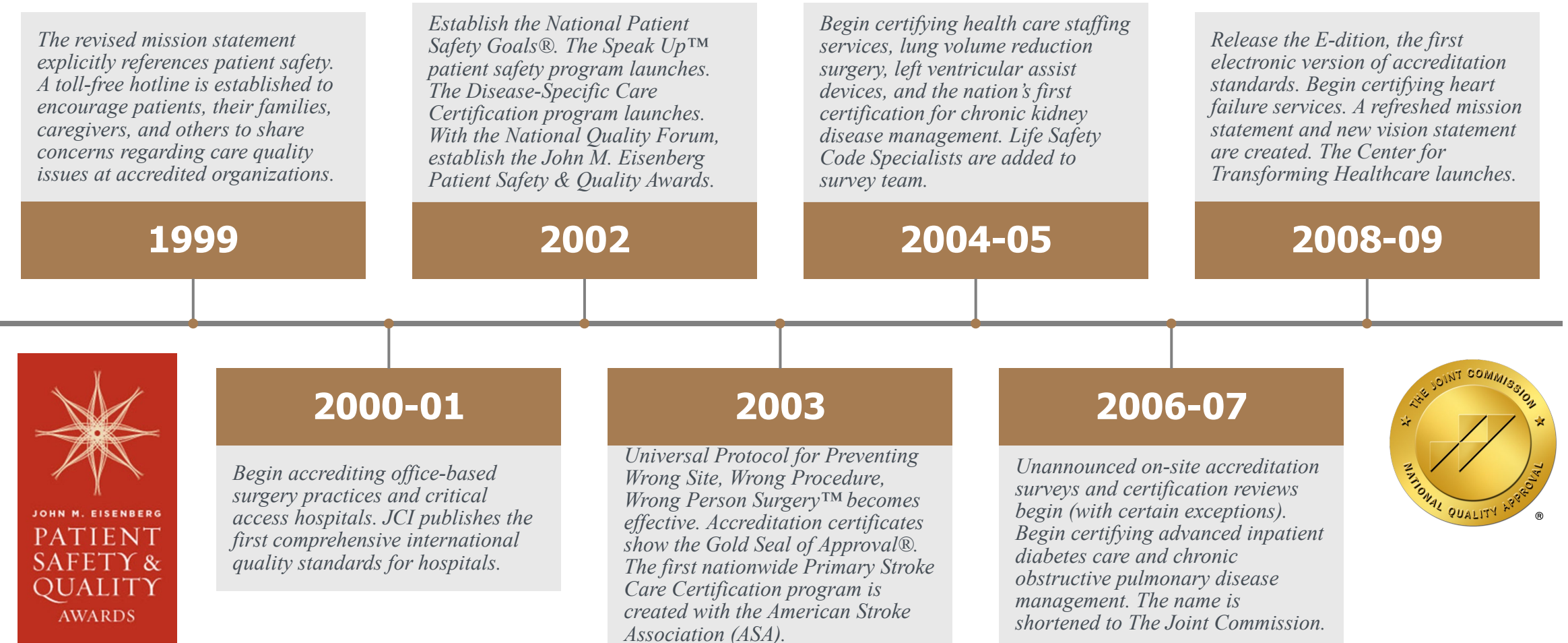
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Expansion: 1987-1998



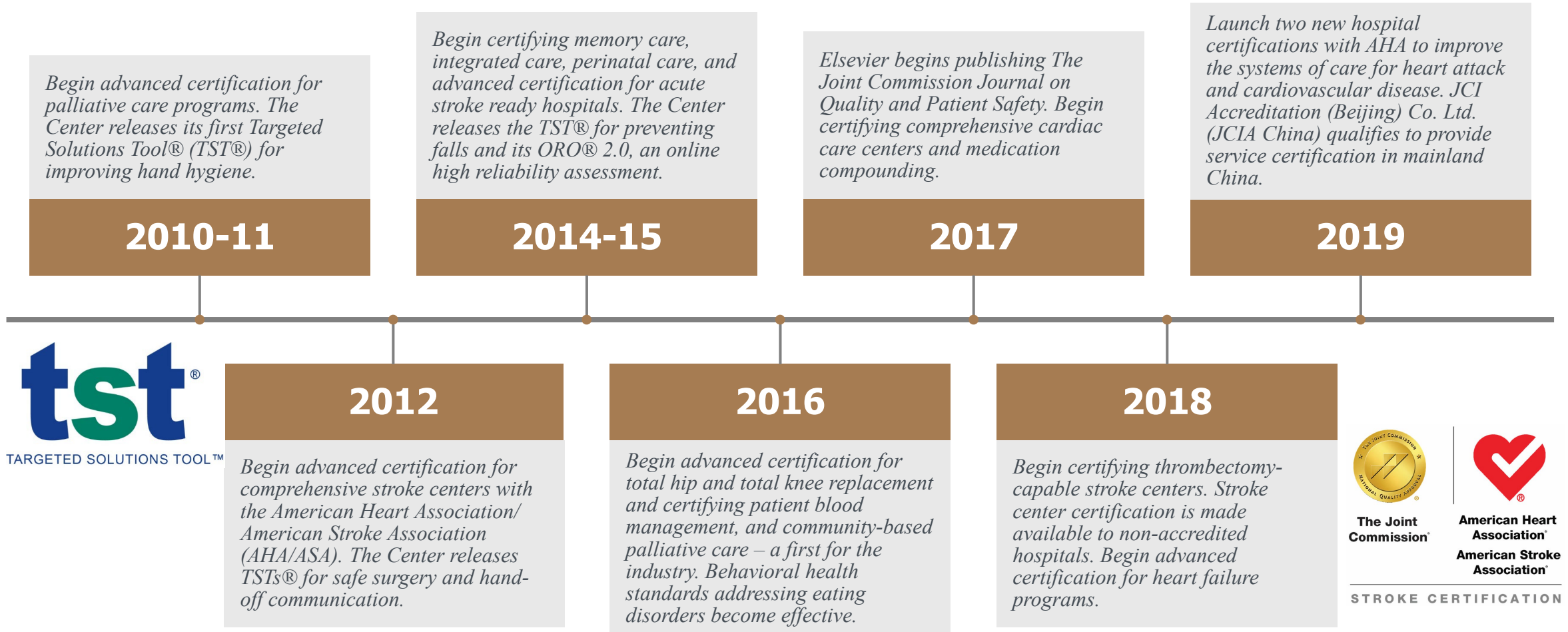
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Growth: 1999-2009



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Specialization: 2010-2019



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American Heart Association

American Stroke Association

STROKE CERTIFICATION

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Recognition: 2020-2022

In March, suspend all regular on-site surveys of hospitals and other health care organizations to allow organizations and professionals to focus on caring for patients with COVID-19.

2020

Begin accrediting assisted living organizations. Launch a Maternal Levels of Care Verification program with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to help reduce maternal mortality and morbidity in the U.S.

May, June 2021

Collaborate with Alzheimer's Association to help improve quality and safety in dementia care in nursing, skilled nursing, and assisted living facilities.

January 2022

Join the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health's Sync for Social Needs coalition, committing to a role in ending hunger and reducing diet-related disease in the United States by 2030.

October 2022



The Bernard J. Tyson National Award for Excellence in Pursuit of Healthcare Equity

March 2021

Establish the Bernard J. Tyson National Award for Excellence in Pursuit of Healthcare Equity with Kaiser Permanente to recognize organizations and their partners that lead initiatives that achieve a measurable, sustained reduction in health care disparities.

October 2021

Establish the Leading Laboratories Recognition Program with the American Society for Clinical Pathology to promote laboratory leadership and elevate the visibility and collaborative work of the medical laboratory team.

April, June 2022

With American Heart Association, launch Comprehensive Heart Attack Center certification program. Join the Biden Administration's Health Sector Climate Pledge to reduce carbon contributions emanating from the healthcare sector.



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Progression: 2022

