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# **Orthopedic Certification Standards Manual**

**Disease-Specific Care Core Certification Standards  
Requirements for**

**Advanced Certification for Spine Surgery (ACSS)  
Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement (THKR)**

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