

Launching of the TrAcc Project Transforming Hospital Accreditation System in Lebanon

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Launch of TrAcc project on September 8th 2016 at ESA, Beirut

In response to the need to improve and upgrade the current hospital accreditation system in Lebanon, the TrAcc (Transforming Hospital Accreditation in Lebanon) project was developed under the guidance of the Ministry of Public Health. The project was established through a signed agreement with the French National Authority for Health HAS (Haute Autorité de Santé) and the Ecole Supérieure des Affaires (ESA) in Beirut.

Dr. Fadi El-Jardali and Dr. Ali Elhaj were appointed by the ministry through ESA as coordinators for the project. The TrAcc project was officially launched at ESA Beirut on September 8, 2016 and convened more than 60 national subject matter experts. The experts were subsequently consulted to review and validate the new proposed draft standard.

The project aims to revise and update the current Lebanese hospital accreditation standards according to latest high-quality evidence, international best practices, and International Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQua) requirements.

Purpose of the Project	Develop an up-to-date hospital accreditation system that is constantly updated.
	Develop ISQua accredited standards
	Develop mandated performance indicators.
	Engage experts and key stakeholders in the accreditation process.
	Develop a new governance model for the Lebanese accreditation system that meets ISQua standards
	Form a standardized tool to measure compliance with the standards
	Oversee and evaluate the pilot phase, in both public and private hospital, of the standards through mock survey
	Build capacity, train and certify national surveyors that meet ISQua standards.
	Continuous evaluation of the hospitals regarding the implementation of the accreditation standards that will insure the renewal of the accreditation status.

Figure 1: Purpose of TrAcc Project

The below figure (2) represents the process that is being followed, starting from gap analysis and development of standards to testing, capacity building and evaluation.

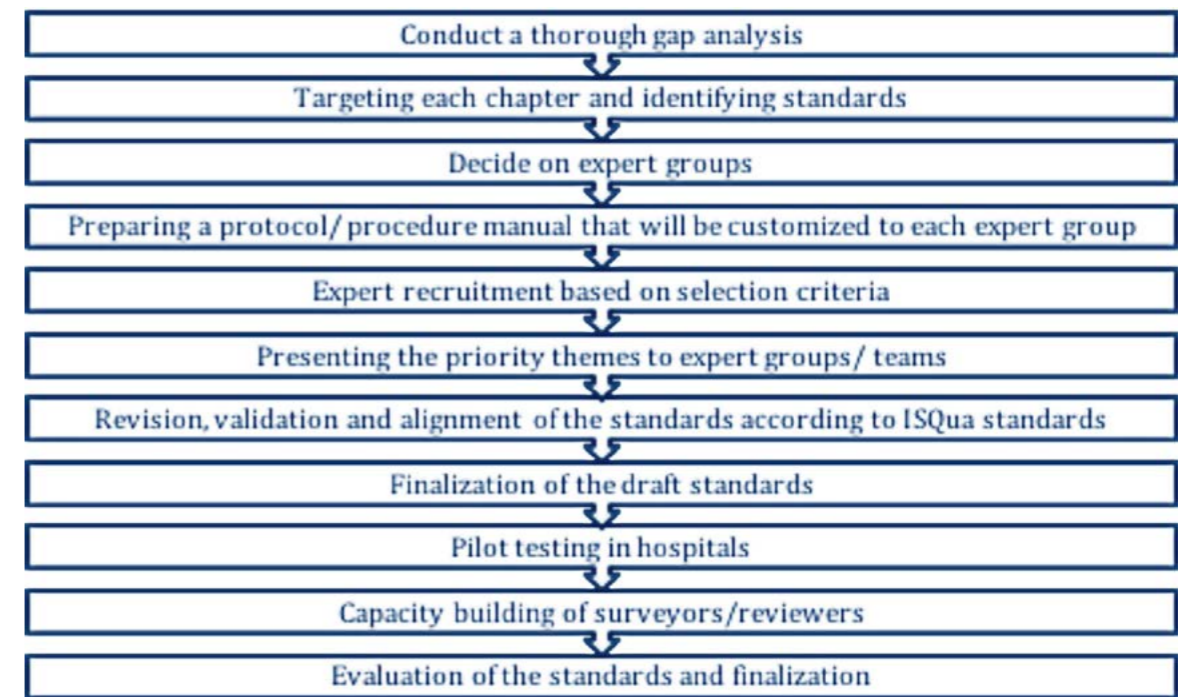
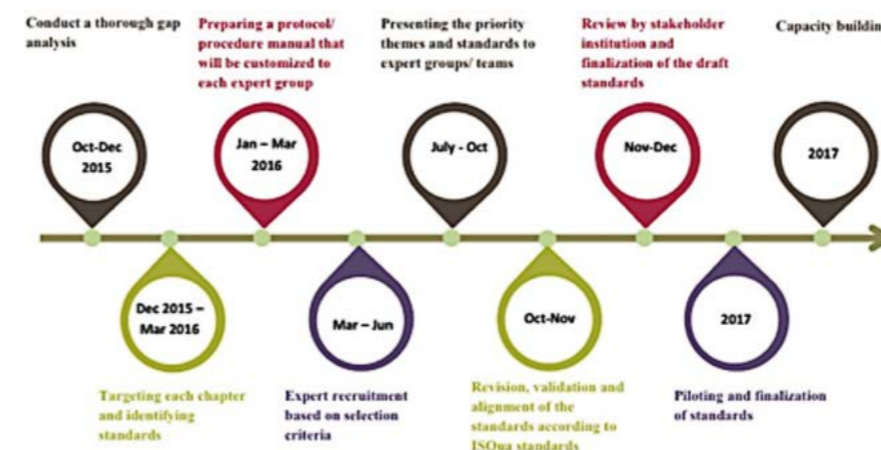


Figure 2: TrAcc project flowchart

Based on the work that has been done so far, the new accreditation system will have eight different themes composed of a set of standards which are supported by guiding measures. Furthermore, the new hospital accreditation system, which engages experts and stakeholders throughout the accreditation process, incorporates Critical Organization Requirements (COR), key performance indicators and patient safety goals. More than 60 national experts are involved in the consultation phase. Experts were selected based on defined criteria and allocated to different themes for the revision

of the standards, based on their professional knowledge, training and experience. The standard evaluation phase includes the application of evidence-based tools with defined criteria including clarity, importance, specificity, inclusiveness, feasibility, applicability, etc.

Based on the project schedule, the standards will be prepared in 2016 and pilot tested for finalization in 2017 including capacity building and preparation. The implementation the newly transformed accreditation system will commence in 2018 (Figure 3).



The transformation of the hospital accreditation system will be instrumental in achieving and sustaining high quality care and safe patient care practices. The participative nature of this national project is a critical success factor for developing state of the art standards that are not only context-specific but also meets the ISQUA accreditation requirements.

Figure 3: TrAcc project timelineflowchart