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V0.1	2026-11-10	Initial draft — Hospital, LTC, Ambulatory, PHC sources	—
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1. Purpose and Scope

1.1 This document is the master evidence bibliography for all Accréditation Sans Frontières (ASF) accreditation standards. It records the primary sources — international frameworks, WHO and ISQua guidance, peer-reviewed literature, and regulatory references — upon which each standard or standards domain is grounded.

1.2 The bibliography demonstrates that ASF standards are evidence-informed, aligned with internationally recognised good practice, and methodologically defensible.

1.3 This document is reviewed and updated with each major standards revision cycle. New sources identified during revision are added and superseded sources are annotated.

1.4 For the evidence basis of each specific standard criterion, assessors should cross-reference this bibliography with the version-controlled standards documents published at france-asf.fr/standards/.

2. International Frameworks and Governing Documents

2.1 The following international frameworks provide the overarching evidence and normative basis for the ASF accreditation programme:

Ref	Source	Publisher / Year	Relevance
IF-01	Principles for External Evaluation Organisations (6th Edition, March 2025)	ISQua EEA, 2025	Primary alignment framework — all 9 Principles
IF-02	Quality and Safety Standards for Health Care Facilities	WHO, 2021	Patient safety, quality governance, clinical standards
IF-03	Patient Safety: Making Health Care Safer	WHO, 2017	Patient safety global strategy
IF-04	Conceptual Framework for the International Classification for Patient Safety	WHO, 2009	Adverse events, near-misses classification
IF-05	Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030	WHO, 2021	Patient safety goals and indicators
IF-06	Framework for Action on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice	WHO, 2010	Workforce, multidisciplinary care
IF-07	Handbook for National Quality Policy and Strategy	WHO, 2018	Quality management system framework
IF-08	Accreditation Standards for Hospitals (5th Edition)	JCI, 2021	International benchmark — hospital standards
IF-09	Qmentum International Accreditation Standards	Accreditation Canada, 2023	International benchmark — governance and safety
IF-10	Healthcare Accreditation Handbook (3rd Edition)	HIQA, 2019	Methodology reference for standards design

3. Hospital Standard Evidence Sources

3.1 The ASF Hospital Standard (95 criteria, 9 standards) draws on the following principal sources by domain:

Ref	Source / Citation	Domain	Standard
H-01	Donabedian A. The quality of care: how can it be assessed? JAMA. 1988;260(12):1743–1748	Quality framework	All
H-02	WHO Safe Surgery Saves Lives. WHO Guidelines for Safe Surgery 2009. Geneva: WHO; 2009	Surgical safety	S02 Clinical Care
H-03	WHO. Clean Care is Safer Care. Hand Hygiene Technical Reference Manual. Geneva: WHO; 2009	Infection prevention	S03 Infection Control
H-04	WHO. Guidelines on Core Components of Infection Prevention and Control Programmes. Geneva: WHO; 2016	Infection prevention	S03 Infection Control
H-05	Pronovost PJ, et al. An intervention to decrease catheter-related bloodstream infections in the ICU. NEJM. 2006;355:2725–2732	Clinical safety checklists	S02 Clinical Care
H-06	WHO. Medication Without Harm — Global Patient Safety Challenge. Geneva: WHO; 2017	Medication safety	S04 Medication Safety
H-07	Institute of Medicine. To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System. Washington DC: NAP; 2000	Error reduction, governance	S01 Governance
H-08	WHO. People-centred and integrated health services: an overview of the evidence. Interim Report. Geneva: WHO; 2015	Patient-centred care	S05 Patient Rights
H-09	The Picker Institute. Through the Patient's Eyes. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass; 1993	Patient experience	S05 Patient Rights
H-10	ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems — Requirements. Geneva: ISO; 2015	QMS framework	S01 Governance
H-11	WHO. Developing and Implementing a National Surgical Plan. Geneva: WHO; 2021	Surgical governance	S02 Clinical Care
H-12	Joint Commission. Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals. 2023 Edition	Benchmark — all domains	All
H-13	WHO. Minimum Technical Standards and Recommendations for Rehabilitation. Geneva: WHO; 2016	Rehabilitation care	S07 Support Services
H-14	WHO. The Right to Health. Fact Sheet No. 31. Geneva: WHO; 2008	Patient rights	S05 Patient Rights
H-15	CMS. Conditions of Participation for Hospitals. US Federal Register. 2022	Regulatory benchmark	All

4. Long-Term Care Standard Evidence Sources

4.1 The ASF Long-Term Care Standard draws on the following principal sources:

Ref	Source / Citation	Domain	Standard
LTC-01	WHO. World Report on Ageing and Health. Geneva: WHO; 2015	Population framework	All
LTC-02	WHO. Integrated Care for Older People (ICOPE): Guidance. Geneva: WHO; 2017	Integrated care model	S01 Governance

Ref	Source / Citation	Domain	Standard
LTC-03	OECD. Health at a Glance 2023: Long-term Care. Paris: OECD; 2023	Quality indicators	All
LTC-04	InterRAI. Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 for Nursing Home Resident Assessment. 2019	Assessment tools	S03 Resident Assessment
LTC-05	WHO. The Abuse of Older People: A Review of the Research. Geneva: WHO; 2020	Elder protection	S05 Dignity and Rights
LTC-06	ECDC. Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections in Long-Term Care Facilities. Stockholm: ECDC; 2014	Infection prevention	S04 Infection Control
LTC-07	WHO. Preventing Falls in Health Care Settings. Patient Safety Solutions Vol.1(2). Geneva: WHO; 2007	Fall prevention	S03 Resident Assessment
LTC-08	Alzheimer's Disease International. World Alzheimer Report 2019: Attitudes to Dementia. London: ADI; 2019	Dementia care	S06 Specialised Care

5. Ambulatory Clinic Standard Evidence Sources

5.1 The ASF Ambulatory Clinic Standard draws on the following principal sources:

Ref	Source / Citation	Domain	Standard
AMB-01	WHO. Primary Health Care: Closing the Gap Between Public Health and Primary Care. Geneva: WHO; 2018	PHC framework	All
AMB-02	Kohn LT, Corrigan JM, Donaldson MS (eds). To Err is Human. Washington DC: NAP; 2000	Safety in ambulatory settings	S01 Governance
AMB-03	WONCA. Quality Indicators for Primary Health Care in Europe. Copenhagen: WHO Europe; 2011	Quality indicators	S02 Clinical Quality
AMB-04	WHO. Consolidated Guidelines on Person-Centred HIV Patient Monitoring. Geneva: WHO; 2017	Patient monitoring	S03 Patient Assessment
AMB-05	Bodenheimer T, et al. Patient self-management support in primary care. JAMA. 2002;288(19):2469–2475	Patient engagement	S04 Patient Rights
AMB-06	WHO. Prevention of Hospital-Acquired Infections: A Practical Guide. Geneva: WHO; 2002	IPC in outpatient settings	S05 Infection Control

6. Primary Health Clinic Standard Evidence Sources

6.1 The ASF Primary Health Clinic Standard draws on the following principal sources:

Ref	Source / Citation	Domain	Standard
PHC-01	WHO. Declaration of Astana on Primary Health Care. Astana: WHO; 2018	Foundational PHC policy	All
PHC-02	WHO. A Vision for Primary Health Care in the 21st Century. Geneva: WHO; 2018	PHC model	All
PHC-03	Starfield B, Shi L, Macinko J. Contribution of Primary Care to Health Systems and Health. Milbank Q. 2005;83(3):457–502	Evidence for PHC	S01 Governance

Ref	Source / Citation	Domain	Standard
PHC-04	WHO. Essential Public Health Functions, Health Systems, and Health Security. Geneva: WHO; 2018	Public health function	S06 Public Health
PHC-05	WHO. Community Health Workers: What Do We Know About Them? Geneva: WHO; 2007	Community outreach	S07 Community Health

7. Cross-Cutting Standards Evidence Sources

7.1 The ASF Sustainable Care, Digital/AI, and Workforce cross-cutting standards draw on the following principal sources:

Ref	Source / Citation	Domain	Standard
CC-01	WHO. Framework for Action on Health Workforce. Geneva: WHO; 2008	Workforce standards	Workforce
CC-02	WHO. Health Workforce 2030: A Global Framework for Health Workforce Development. Geneva: WHO; 2015	Workforce development	Workforce
CC-03	WHO. Global Strategy on Digital Health 2020–2025. Geneva: WHO; 2021	Digital health governance	Digital/AI
CC-04	WHO. Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence for Health. Geneva: WHO; 2021	AI ethics	Digital/AI
CC-05	WHO. Sustainability in Health Care. Geneva: WHO; 2023	Environmental sustainability	Sustainable Care
CC-06	Hensher M, et al. Healthcare, degrowth, and planetary health. Lancet. 2023;401:1619–1628	Sustainable care evidence	Sustainable Care
CC-07	ISO 14001:2015. Environmental Management Systems — Requirements. Geneva: ISO; 2015	Environmental management	Sustainable Care

8. ISQua EEA Alignment Sources

8.1 The following sources inform ASF's alignment with ISQua External Evaluation Association (EEA) Principles:

Ref	Source	Publisher / Year	Relevant Principles
IQ-01	Principles for External Evaluation Organisations (6th Edition, March 2025)	ISQua EEA, 2025	P1–P9 (all)
IQ-02	ISQua EEA Accreditation Process Guide	ISQua EEA, 2024	Process requirements
IQ-03	Greenfield D, Braithwaite J. Health sector accreditation research: a systematic review. Int J Qual Health Care. 2008;20(3):172–183	Evidence for accreditation	P1, P3
IQ-04	Shaw C. External assessment of health services. Br Med Bull. 2003;66:7–21	Accreditation methodology	P2, P4
IQ-05	Flodgren G, et al. An overview of reviews evaluating the effectiveness of financial incentives in changing healthcare professional behaviours. Cochrane Database. 2011	Evidence for quality mechanisms	P3, P6

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