The New SCI Rehabilitation Accreditation Standards: Comparison to the general Rehabilitation Accreditation Standards

**Identified ROP’s:** There are 8 ROP’s for SCI Rehab and 7 for Rehab. The 7 in Rehab are the same as SCI Rehab. The order and location of some have been changed, but the tests for compliance are the same. The new content in SCI rehab include:

**New VTE Prophylaxis ROP:** requirement to identify risk and provide appropriate prophylaxis, audit for improvement and provide education

**Addition to the Falls prevention ROP:** additional guidelines regarding education to staff and family on safe handling of patients during transfers

**SCI specific requirements that are part of the SCI Rehab Standards:**

- General SCI education (unit functioning, communication, equipment)
- Access to information regarding SCI assessment and treatment
- Access to information regarding SCI specific secondary complications and consequences.
- Access to SCI evidence based practice guidelines
- Require evidence of linkages with community partners
- Access to specialists such as urologist and plastic surgeons
- Timely communication and coordination with acute care
- Require a process to identify and address workload assigned to staff to ensure safety to staff and patients
- Team assesses and documents autonomic assessment where indicated
- Team assesses and prescribes assistive devices as indicated to promote functional independence.