

American Heart Association Story



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Cardiac Certification

American Heart Association and The Joint Commission

Elevating Cardiac Care Across the Continuum

The Choice is Yours

Only The Joint Commission has developed a wide array of programs, offered in collaboration with the American Heart Association, across every touch point in the cardiac system of care to help you create and sustain a truly patient-centric quality framework.

Comprehensive Cardiac Center Certification

Provides system-wide reviews and recommendations to help lift your entire organization from excellent to elite.

Advanced Heart Attack Portfolio of Certifications

These certifications will standardize and improve coordinated systems of care for multidisciplinary STEMI heart attack care.

Advanced Heart Failure Certification

Go beyond excellence with this program to help your inpatient, and if applicable, outpatient heart failure program provide high quality care.

Value of Certification

Once certified you have access to an online community, education, resources, quality improvement consultants, a marketing toolkit, and the opportunity to participate in an advisory group. Plus The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association actively advocate to help set public policy.

National standards.

Demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards and performance measurement expectations may help obtain contracts from employers and payors concerned with controlling costs and improving productivity.



Get on Track for Achieving Certification

Benefits to your organization and patients from this innovative certification.



Reduce unwanted variations in care and improve the patient experience



Improve efficiency and outcomes at a potential lower cost



Align communication and collaboration among all disciplines



Position your service line to effectively face new challenges



Promote a culture of excellence to boost retention and recruitment of talent

VALUE ADDED BENEFITS AS A CERTIFIED HOSPITAL

- National networking
- Information and best practice sharing
- Collaboration
- Resources
- Mentorship

Online Network



- National provider education and webinars
- Best practices to improve processes, quality, patient care and outcomes

Education



- Patient/Caregiver Education
- Toolbox of patient and caregiver resources
- Promotion of self-management

Resources



- Quality Improvement Consultants
- Collaboration on PI plan to improve patient care and outcomes

Consultation



- Promotion of systems of care
- Set public policy
- Develop legislative campaigns

Advocacy



- National presentation and showcase opportunities
- National promotions
- Marketing and communications toolkit

Recognition



- Certified centers play an active role in setting national agenda, establishing key priorities

Advisory Working Group





Comprehensive Cardiac Center (CCC) Certification

Deliver superior quality of care across the cardiac continuum

CCC certification is a voluntary program for hospitals with robust cardiac care services seeking to evaluate, evolve and elevate patient care across an extensive array of cardiac domains. Developed in partnership with a technical advisory panel of clinicians with specific expertise in the field, and with input from the American Heart Association, this

program is designed to recognize hospitals demonstrating consistent, comprehensive excellence.

CCC certification touches every point in your continuum of care, so that you can provide world-class patient-centric service.

Achieving CCC Certification will help your organization provide the following:

- Integrated, coordinated care
- Care, treatment and services required by a certified comprehensive cardiac center
- Early identification of high-risk patients and management of patient conditions and risks at a level corresponding to the center's capabilities
- Patient education and information to help them make informed decisions about their care
- Direct care for high-risk problems and stabilization and safe transfer of patients who require care beyond the organization's scope
- Ongoing quality improvement processes, including center-specific requirements, Joint Commission required measures and participation in nationally audited data registries

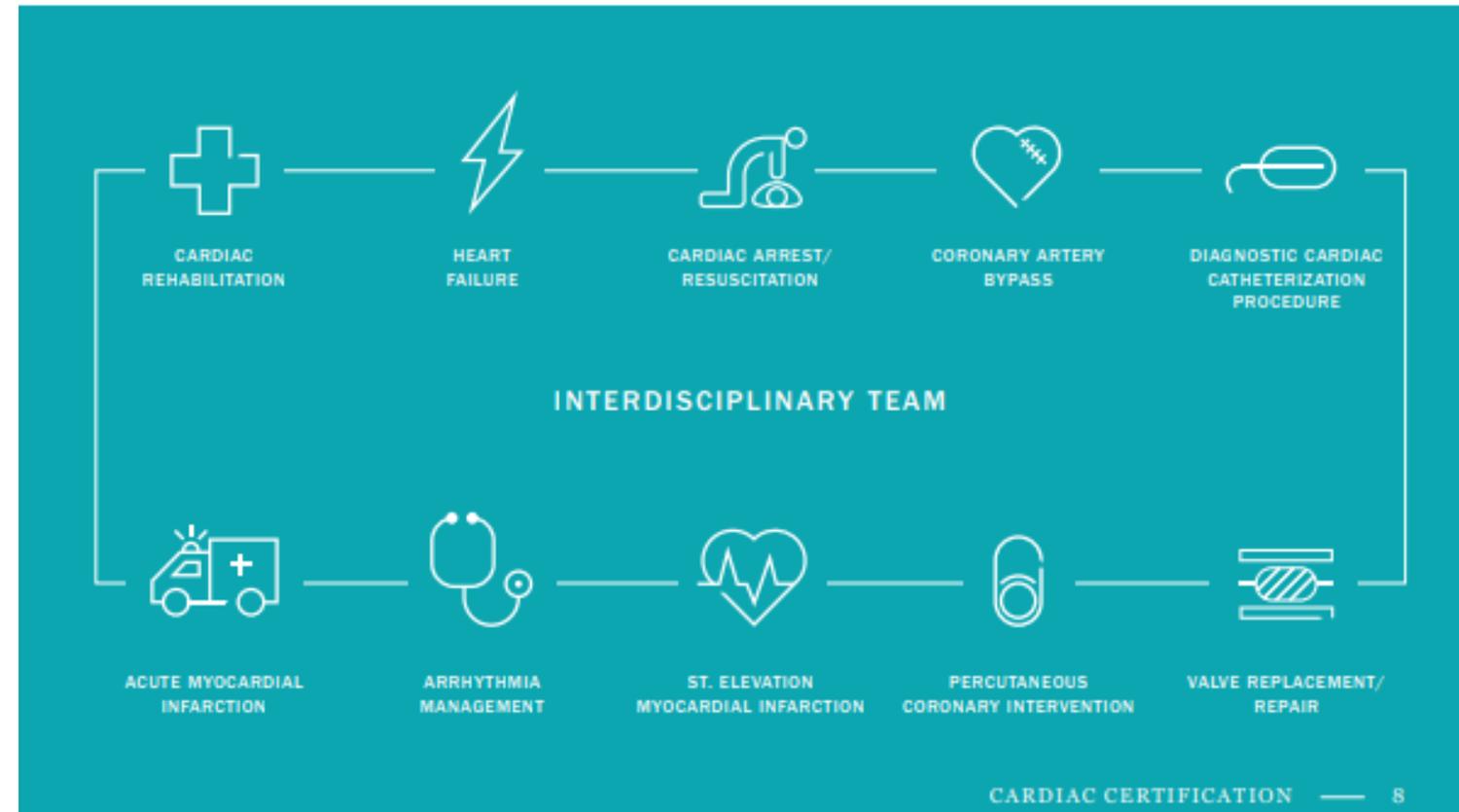
Eligibility & Requirements

Your organization is eligible to earn CCC if you:

- Meet eligibility requirements outlined in the standards manual
- Have an established inpatient cardiac care program providing the services outlined below

Standards & Guidelines

- Uses advanced standards and additional expectations for transition of care
- Organization chooses and implements clinical practice guidelines and selects performance measures



Heart Attack Center Certifications

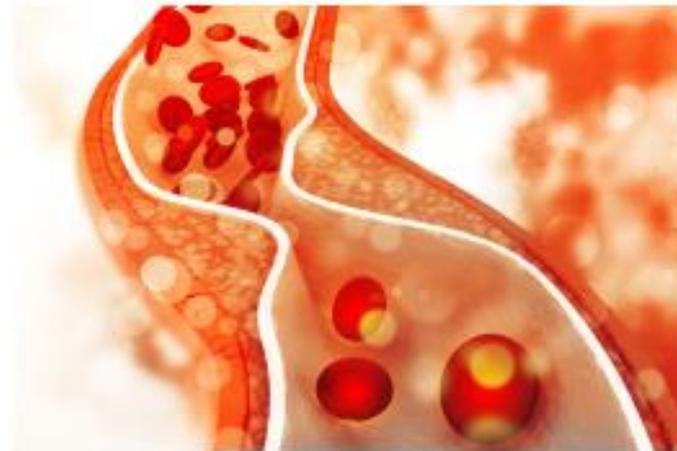
Learn How Primary Heart Attack Center and Acute Heart Attack Ready Certifications can help improve your program.

These Advanced Disease-Specific Care certification programs are for ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) heart attack patient care. The certifications focus on

Value of Certification

These programs, offered in collaboration with the American Heart Association, will help you standardize and improve coordinated systems of care across settings regarding identification, assessment, monitoring, management, data sharing, and performance improvement for multidisciplinary STEMI heart attack care.

symptom onset and first medical contact (prehospital and upon hospital arrival), emergency medical services, the emergency department, as well as catheterization laboratories and inpatient settings.



Eligibility & Requirements

- Meet eligibility requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Certification Manual for Disease-Specific Care Including Advanced Programs for Disease-Specific Care
- Primary Heart Attack Centers must provide on-site primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) coverage for STEMI patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Acute Heart Attack Ready centers do not provide on-site primary PCI coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or at all

Standards & Guidelines

- Uses advanced Disease-Specific Care standards and additional expectations for transitions of care
- Organization chooses and implements clinical practice guidelines
- Organization must track performance measures
- Organization must participate in the American Heart Association's Get With the Guidelines® - Coronary Artery Disease registry

Advanced Heart Failure Certification

Elevate your ability to deliver best-in-class service and care with Advanced Certification in Heart Failure (ACHF).



Meet the standards, choose and implement clinical practice guidelines and measure against standardized performance measures which provide for assessment, monitoring, management and performance improvement for heart failure care.

There is a special focus on the inpatient setting and a thorough assessment of care, including transition to outpatient heart failure care providers. This certification is offered in collaboration with the American Heart Association.

ACHF GUIDELINES

Eligibility & Requirements

Your organization is eligible to earn the ACHF if you:

- Meet eligibility requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Certification Manual for Disease-Specific Care Including Advanced Programs for Disease-Specific Care
- Have an established inpatient heart failure clinical treatment program
- Provide ambulatory care services through a hospital-based and hospital-owned heart failure clinic OR a collaborative relationship with one or more cardiology practices

Standards & Guidelines

- Uses advanced Disease-Specific Care standards and additional expectations for transition of care
- Organization chooses and implements heart failure clinical practice guidelines
- Organization must track performance measures
- Organization must participate in the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® Heart Failure registry

Why Work with the Joint Commission

Your Source for Cardiac Certification



Looking to Elevate and Strengthen Your Cardiac Program?

The Joint Commission can help. With a comprehensive suite of offerings to choose from — backed by the expertise and insight of our robust cardiac care experience — you will find the guidance, knowledge and framework you need to achieve improved outcomes and continued success.

Reach out today

For more information on the Advanced Cardiac Certifications, please contact lsalter@jointcommission.org