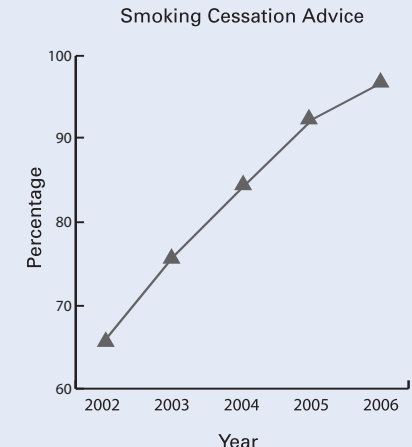
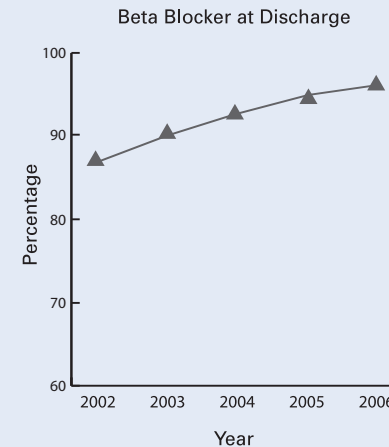
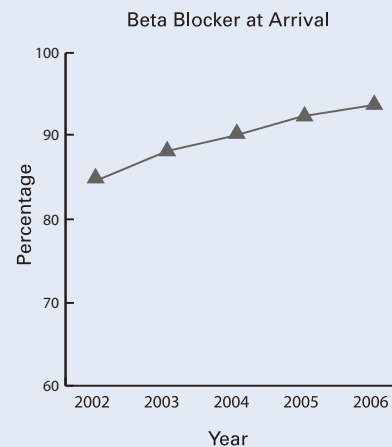
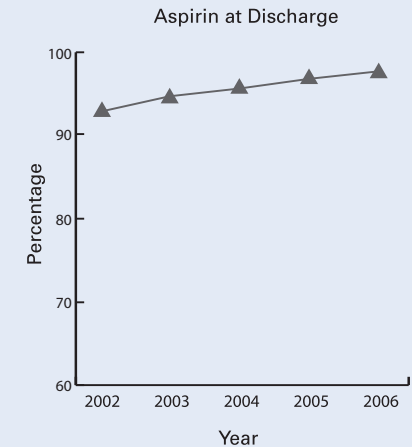
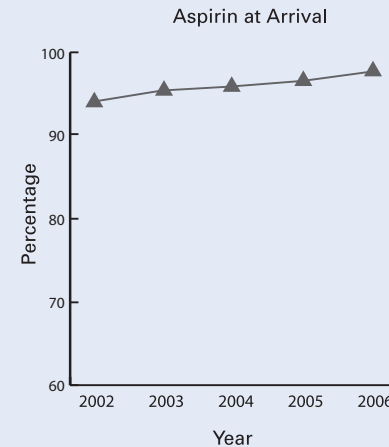
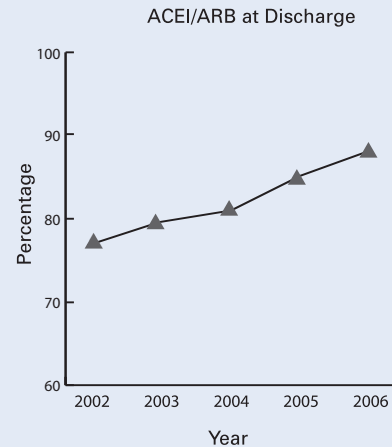


# Heart Attack Care: National Rates by Year

## What this information tells us

These graphs show the national performance rates of Joint Commission accredited hospitals over the course of four consecutive years (2002-2006) for six of the seven heart attack measures evaluated in the report, *“Improving America’s Hospitals: The Joint Commission’s Annual Report on Quality and Safety 2007.”*



Key to abbreviations: ACEI: Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor, ARB: angiotensin receptor blocker.

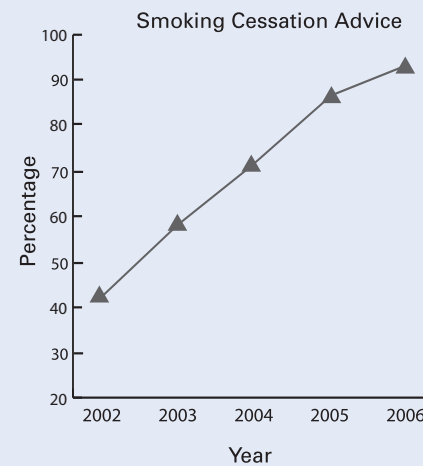
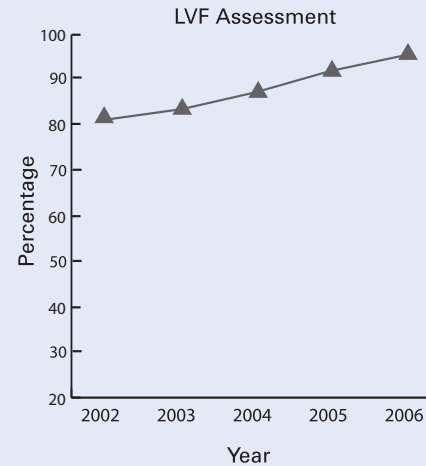
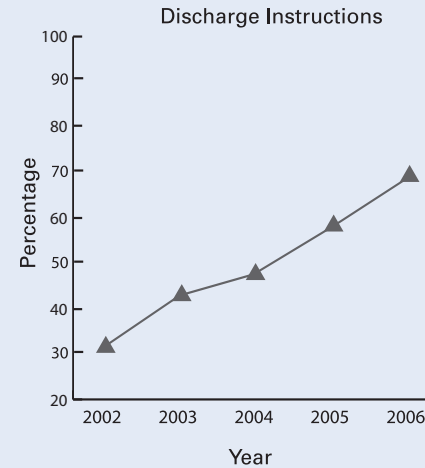
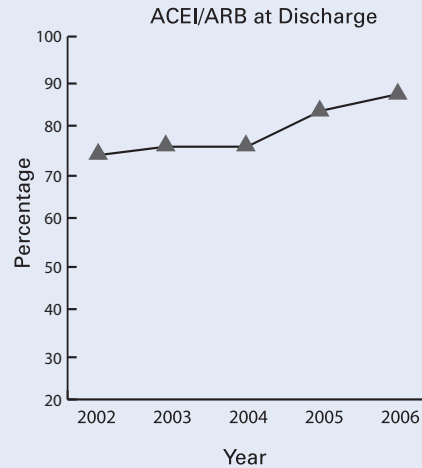
## Results

Joint Commission accredited hospitals reported steady improvement over the course of the study in six of seven heart attack measures. The most significant improvement was in providing smoking cessation advice to heart attack patients.

# Heart Failure Care: National Rates by Year

## What this information tells us

These graphs show the national performance rates of Joint Commission accredited hospitals over the course of four consecutive years (2002-2006) for the four heart failure measures evaluated in the report, *“Improving America’s Hospitals: The Joint Commission’s Annual Report on Quality and Safety 2007.”*



Key to abbreviations: ACEI: Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor, ARB: angiotensin receptor blocker, LVF: Left ventricular function.

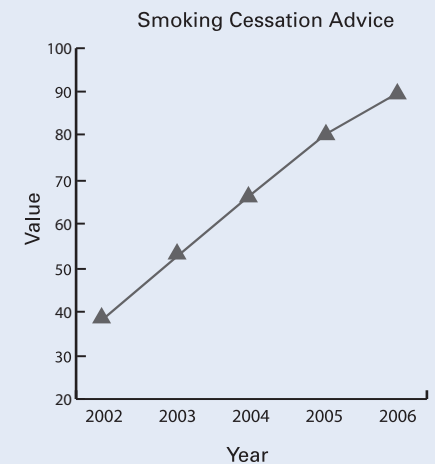
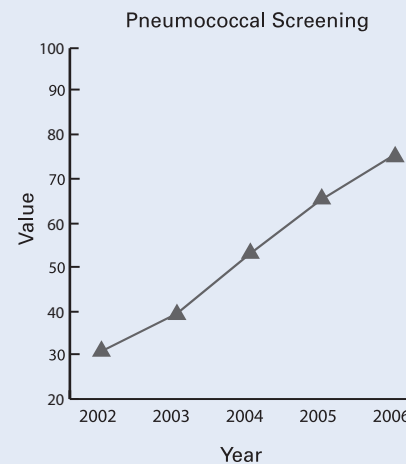
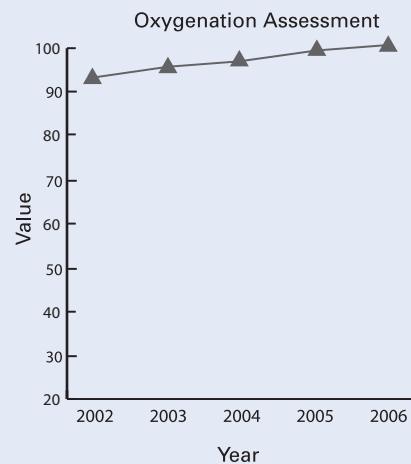
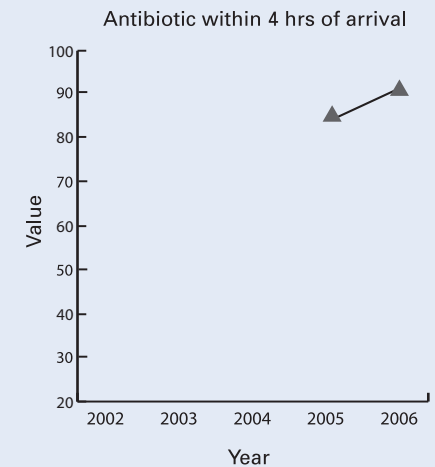
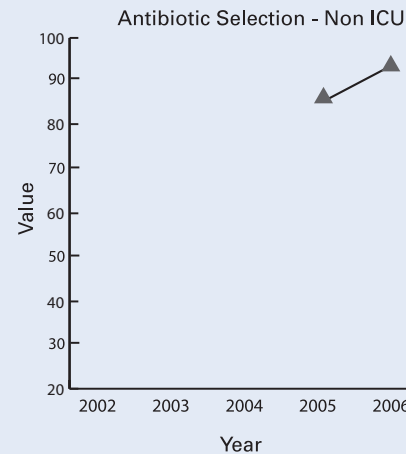
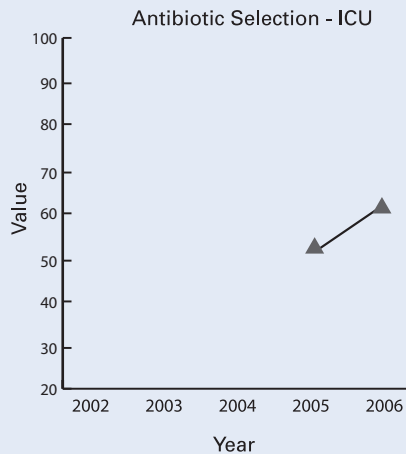
## Results

In 2006, Joint Commission accredited hospitals reported steady improvement over the course of the study in all of the heart failure measures, with the most significant improvement in providing both discharge instructions and smoking cessation advice to heart failure patients.

# Pneumonia Care: National Rates by Year

## What this information tells us

These graphs show the national performance rates of Joint Commission accredited hospitals for three pneumonia care measures evaluated over the course of four consecutive years (2002-2006) and for three more measures evaluated over two years (2005-2006).



## Results

Joint Commission accredited hospitals reported improvement during the course of the study for all of the pneumonia measures, with the most significant improvement in providing smoking cessation advice to pneumonia patients.