

Cardiac Certification



Achieving excellence beyond accreditation

Accreditation is just
the beginning.



When it comes to accreditation, no organization can match The Joint Commission's experience and knowledge. This legacy of excellence and robust expertise is applied with equal passion and rigor to cardiac certification programs, putting the tools, knowledge and guidance you need to deliver continuously reliable and excellent care to high-risk cardiac patient populations.

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE BEYOND ACCREDITATION

The Power of a Single Certification Provider

With a suite of certification offerings covering your entire spectrum of services, The Joint Commission provides benefits no a la carte provider can, including:

- Avoiding costly and inefficient disparate processes
- Creating seamless logistical implementation
- Tailoring certification efforts to your specific needs
- Establishing a unified platform for consistent care delivery

Elevating Cardiac Care Across the Continuum

Our wide array of programs

Only The Joint Commission has developed a wide array of programs across every touch point in the cardiac care continuum to help you create and sustain a truly patient-centric quality framework.

Comprehensive Cardiac Center Certification

Our newest program provides system-wide reviews and recommendations to help lift your entire organization from excellent to elite.

Core Certification Programs

Enhance your specific cardiac specialties with focused certifications for everything from Chest Pain and Coronary Artery Disease to Heart Failure and Hypertension.

Advanced Certification Programs

Go beyond excellence with advanced certification programs for your Heart Failure and Ventricular Assist Device practices.

National standards.

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





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, this program

is designed to recognize Joint Commission-accredited hospitals demonstrating consistent, comprehensive excellence.

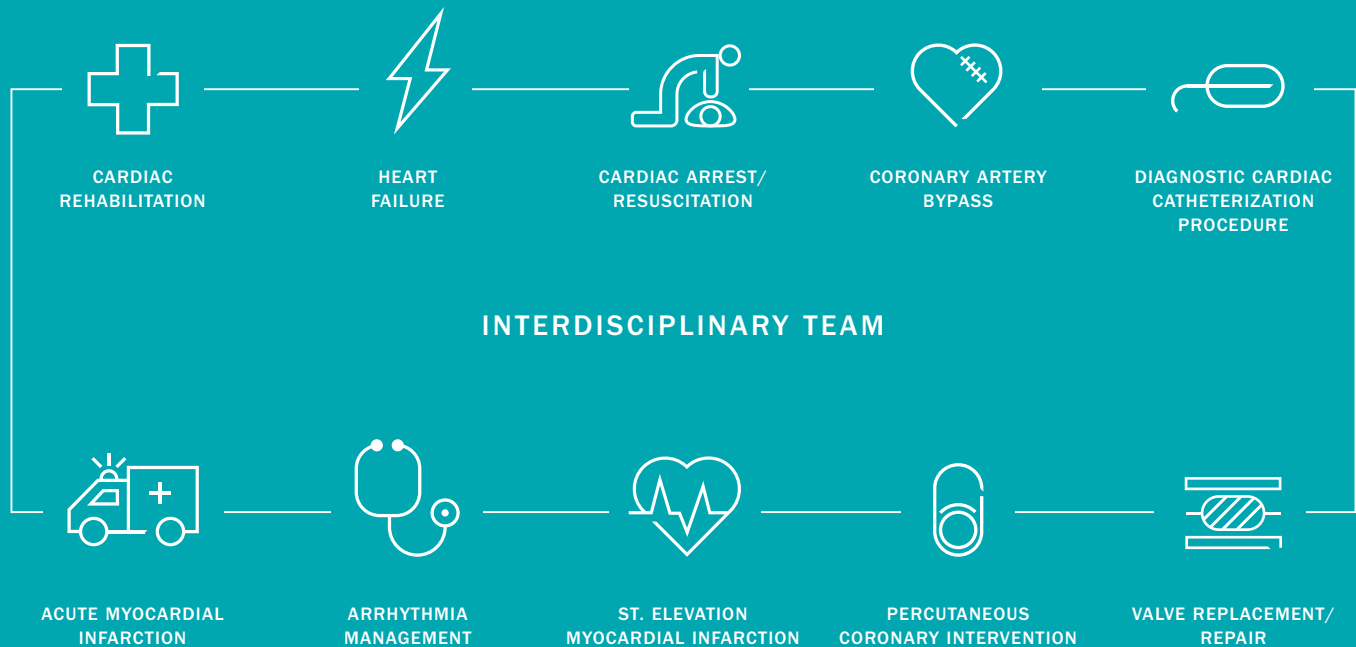
CCC certification touches every point in your continuum of care, so that you can provide world-class patient-centric service.

TOP FIVE REASONS TO PURSUE CCC CERTIFICATION

1. Reduce unwanted variations in care and improve the patient experience
2. Improve efficiency and outcomes at a potential lower cost
3. Align communication and collaboration among all disciplines
4. Position your service line to effectively face new challenges
5. Promote a culture of excellence to boost retention and recruitment of talent

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



Chest pain certification

Featured certifications

Achieve this highly valued certification that combines a review of Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) and Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) and meets many state requirements for chest pain certification.

AMI AND ACS GUIDELINES

Eligibility & Requirements

Certification requirements for a chest pain program address three areas:

- Compliance with consensus-based national standards.
- Effective and consistent use of appropriate, evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for the AMI and ACS patient populations.
- Collection and analysis of a minimum of four performance measures specific to the chest pain patient population (a minimum of two performance measures must be clinical in nature).

Standards Covered

- Uses standards for Disease-Specific Care certification. All Disease-Specific Care certifications are built on the same framework. This framework is a strong foundation for a well-run disease-management program.
- Awarded for a two-year period. At the end of the first year, the organization is required to attest to its continued compliance with standards and provide evidence of performance improvement activities.



Advanced Heart Failure Certification

Featured certifications

Elevate your ability to deliver best-in-class service and care with The Joint Commission's Advanced Certification in Heart Failure (ACHF) program.



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 across settings.

There is a special focus on the inpatient setting and a thorough assessment of care, including transition to outpatient heart failure care providers.



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

Core Certification

Featured certifications

Our core certifications help create a baseline of consistent excellence upon which you can build a care delivery framework to positively impact patient outcomes. These foundational programs encompass three main components – standards, clinical practice guidelines, and performance measurement.

You may also choose up to four non-standardized outcome measures that will be monitored and reported on an on-going basis:

- At least two measures must be clinical
- Up to two measures may be non-clinical (administrative, utilization, financial)

Portfolio Includes:

- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
- Acute Coronary Syndrome
- Acute Myocardial Infarction
- Aortic Aneurysm
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Cardiac Valve Repair and Replacement
- Carotid Stenosis
- Chest Pain
- Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
- Coronary Artery Disease
- Heart Failure
- Hyperlipidemia
- Hypertension
- Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
- Peripheral Vascular Disease

Eligibility & Requirements

To be eligible for a core certification, programs must:

- Be located in the United States, operated by the U.S. government, or operated under a charter of the U.S. Congress.
- Be provided within a Joint Commission–accredited organization when the organization is eligible for accreditation. (Does not apply to VAD program).
- Have served a minimum of 10 patients at the time it submits its Joint Commission application. (VAD programs need to have served 1 patient at the time of application).
- Use a standardized method of delivering clinical care based on clinical practice guidelines and/or evidence-based practice.
- Use performance measurement to improve its performance over time. Four months of performance measure data must be available at the time of the initial certification on-site review (for recertification, 24 months of data is required).

Core DSC Program

All core DSC programs follow the same format. There are five sections where the requirements are contained.

1. Program Management (DSPR)
2. Delivering or facilitating clinical care (DSDF)
3. Supporting self-management (DSSE)
4. Clinical information management (DSCT)
5. Performance measurement (DSPM)



Advanced Certification Programs

Programs to surpass expectations

These programs are an ideal fit for organizations seeking to meet and surpass clinical requirements and expectations in select areas.

Our advanced certifications include standardized, predetermined measures. All programs must collect program-specific patient satisfaction data in addition to the performance measures.

Go above and beyond with advanced certification in:

- Heart Failure (see p.10 for details)
- Ventricular Assist Device (see p.16 for details)

92% of our customers tell us Joint Commission certification directly impacts the safety and quality of patient outcomes.*

*Value of Certification Survey, February 2016



Ventricular Assist Device (VAD)

Advanced certification programs

Be recognized as an organization that meets rigorous standards to support better outcomes for destination therapy to an adult population. Our VAD Destination Therapy Program requirements are based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements.

VAD GUIDELINES

Eligibility & Requirements

- Meet eligibility requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Certification Manual for Disease-Specific Care Including Advanced Programs for Disease-Specific Care
- Patient eligibility for VAD
- Provision and coordination of patient care
- Criteria related to licensed independent practitioner and staff education, training, and competencies
- Provision and coordination of postsurgical care

Standards Covered

- Uses DSC standards and additional expectations for transition of care
- Organization chooses and implements VAD clinical practice guidelines

“This certification... allows us to say we passed a certain high bar and that we do function as a very integrated unit.”

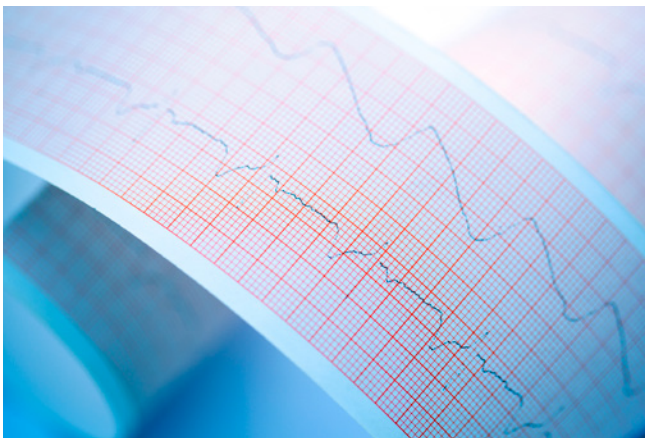
Dr. Alan Yeung, MD, The Li Ka Shing Professor in Cardiology
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Working with The Joint Commission

Subject matter experts

Joint Commission certification can help you elevate your ability to deliver the level of care and safety your patients deserve.

And to help you prepare for success during the certification process—and to address quality issues beyond—we provide you with a host of trusted, expert resources.



To further advance knowledge and expertise across your spectrum of services, our not-for-profit affiliate, Joint Commission Resources, provides an extensive offering designed to keep you and your staff on the cutting edge of cardiac excellence, including:

- Interactive Conferences, Seminars & Webinars
- Books, Manuals & Publications
- Innovative Software Solutions

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Your Source for Cardiac Certification

Whether you're looking to elevate a single cardiac specialty or strengthen your performance across your entire care continuum, 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 Joint Commission cardiac certification, please contact us at certification@jointcommission.org today.





Mission:

To continuously improve health care for the public in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.

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