

# Advanced Cardiac Certification



Getting to the heart of the matter

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, providing 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

### Certification Development

Joint Commission Advanced Cardiac Certifications are offered in collaboration with the American Heart Association.



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CERTIFICATION

Advanced Cardiac Certifications

# 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



# 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

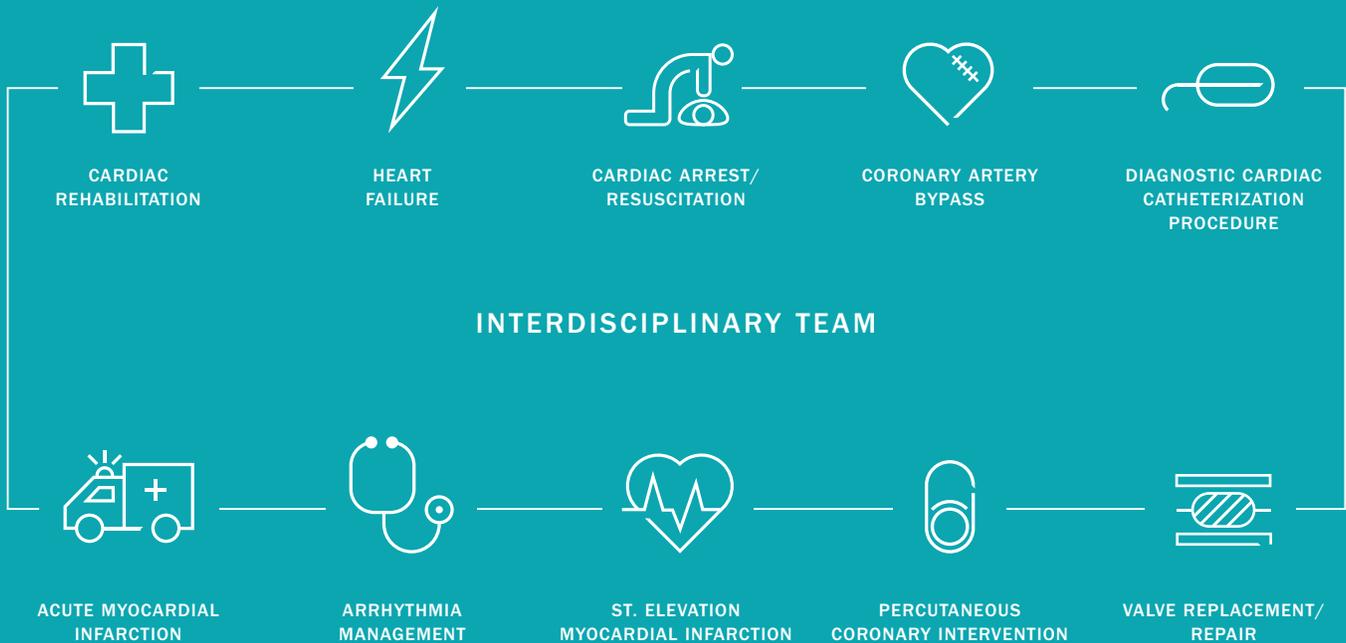
### Eligibility & Requirements

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



# Three Heart Attack Center Certifications

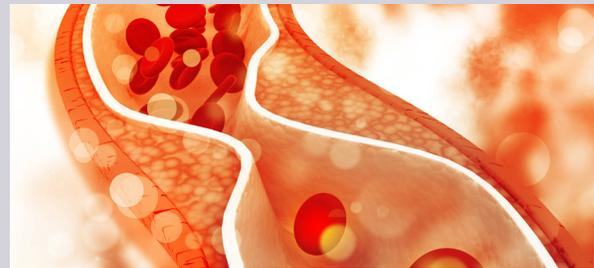
These Advanced Disease-Specific Care certification programs are for ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) heart attack patient care. The certifications focus on symptom onset and first medical contact (prehospital and upon hospital arrival),

emergency medical services, the emergency department, as well as catheterization laboratories and inpatient settings.

- Comprehensive Heart Attack Center
- Primary Heart Attack Center
- Acute Heart Attack Ready

## Value of Certification

These programs, offered in collaboration with the American Heart Association meet the characteristics of levels I, II, or III hospitals within a STEMI System of Care. Certification 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.

The American Heart Association recently published a policy statement, [Systems of Care for ST-Segment-Elevation Myocardial Infarction](#). This statement sets forth recommendations

for how the ideal STEMI system of care should be designed and implemented to ensure that patients with STEMI receive the best evidence-based care at each stage in their illness.



## Eligibility & Requirements

- Meet eligibility requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Certification Manual for Disease- Specific Care Including Advanced Programs for Disease-Specific Care
- Acute Heart Attack Ready centers do not provide on-site primary PCI coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or at all
- 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
- Comprehensive Heart Attack Centers provide everything a Primary Heart Attack Center does, plus provides cardiac surgical services on-site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## 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

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### 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

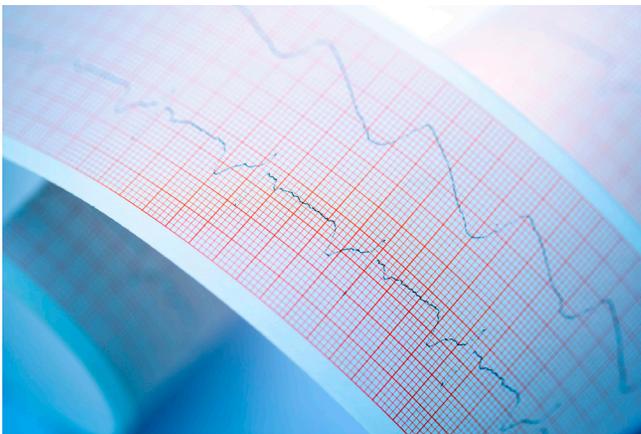
- Uses advanced Disease-Specific Care standards and additional expectations for transition of care
- Organization chooses and implements heart failure clinical practice guidelines
- Organization must track performance measures
- Organization must participate in the American Heart Association's Get With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

# 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.

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 Education
- Books, Manuals & Publications
- Innovative Electronic Solutions

**To learn more, visit [jcrinc.com](http://jcrinc.com) today.**

## Your Source for Cardiac Certification

In addition to these advanced certifications, The Joint Commission also offers a collection of core, or foundational, cardiac certifications. 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 our suite of cardiac offerings—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](mailto:certification@jointcommission.org).**





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The Joint Commission Enterprise envisions a future of zero harm and is committed to helping make it a reality. We believe zero harm is achievable and we're *leading the way to zero™* by helping hospitals like yours transform the way they work to prevent harm.

Examples of zero include zero patient falls, zero complications of care, zero infections, zero patient safety events, zero harm to employees, and zero missed opportunities to provide exemplary care.

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