

Advanced Certification in Heart Failure



Helping you provide optimal care for your patients

Recognize Excellence

The Advanced Certification in Heart Failure program is designed to recognize hospital inpatient or outpatient programs that demonstrate exceptional care and optimize quality of life.

Certification from The Joint Commission offers many opportunities to build and grow an outstanding heart failure program:



Improve the quality of care

The Joint Commission's standards and emphasis on clinical guidelines help establish a consistent approach to care and reduce the risk of error.



Achieve excellence

Certification standards can help organize and focus your heart failure program with data-driven, evidence-based performance measures.



Drive change

The Joint Commission reviewers are trained to provide expert advice and education on best practices during on-site reviews, helping you find meaningful opportunities to improve your program.



Demonstrate expertise

Showcase your commitment to provide the highest quality services to your patients and community through accreditation.



The Joint
Commission[®]



American Heart
Association[®]

CERTIFICATION

Meets standards for

Advanced Heart Failure
Certification

The Joint Commission offers Advanced Certification in Heart Failure in collaboration with the American Heart Association (AHA).

This certification is available to all U.S. hospitals that are compliant with all applicable federal laws, including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Conditions of Participation.



The Gold Seal of Approval[®]

For more than 60 years, The Joint Commission has been synonymous with quality, safety and performance improvement. Our standards are the most rigorous in the industry; our surveyors and reviewers are among the most knowledgeable in their fields; and our accredited and certified organizations are among the top in the marketplace.

The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval[®] is widely recognized by peers, payors, insurers and the public, and helps you stand apart from competitors and build confidence in the community.



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The Joint Commission's Advanced Certification in Heart Failure offers clear requirements for organizations eligible to receive certification.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Programs who apply for a certification in Advanced Heart Failure will demonstrate the following:

- A formal program structure
- A standardized method to provide clinical care to patients based on program-specific clinical practice guidelines and evidence-based practices
- An organized approach to program-specific performance measures
- An established inpatient heart failure clinical treatment program
- Ambulatory care service through a hospital-based and hospital owned heart failure clinic or a collaborative relationship with one or more cardiology practices

IMPACT ON PATIENT CARE

- Demonstrate commitment to a high standard of service
- Provide a framework to improve patient outcomes
- Helps to organize teams across the continuum of care
- Gain a competitive edge in the market
- Enhance staff recruitment and development
- Be recognized by insurers and other third parties

Advanced Certification in Heart Failure recognizes hospitals that meet Joint Commission standards to support better outcomes for patients with heart failure during hospital stays, in transition from the hospital to home and during outpatient care.

Key Characteristics of the Program:

- Core Disease-Specific Care standards plus additional expectations for transitions of care
- Organization chooses and implements heart failure clinical practice guidelines
- Organization must participate in the AHA's Get With The Guidelines® - Heart Failure quality improvement program
- Follows standardized performance measures
- Certification is for an inpatient program, but requires either a hospital-owned heart failure clinic or a formal arrangement with one or more cardiology practices for follow-up care

Start Your Certification Journey Today

Learn more about Heart Failure Certification and how it can help you improve your program. Contact us today to get started.

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