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American Heart Association®
CERTIFICATION

Heart Failure Certification: Guiding Teams to Optimal Patient Care.



Adherence to evidence-based guidelines improves heart failure patient care. The American Heart Association works with hospitals to enhance the quality and accessibility of heart failure care worldwide by offering International Heart Failure Center Certification.

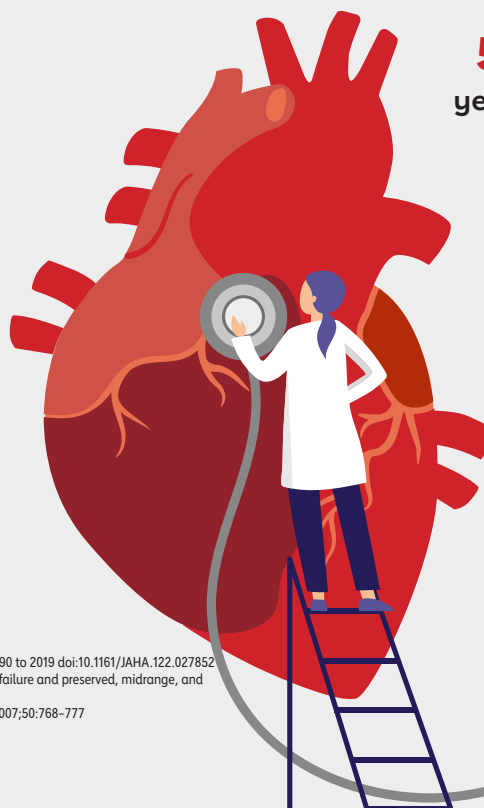
The Impact of Heart Failure

In 2019, there were
56.17 MILLION
prevalent cases of
heart failure.¹

Studies report that
**ischemic
heart disease,
hypertensive heart
disease and
chronic obstructive
pulmonary disease
(COPD),** all prevalent
worldwide, are signifi-
cant **risk factors for
heart failure.**¹

Heart failure
resulted in
5.05 MILLION
years lived with disability
(YLDs).^{1,2,3,4}

The age standardized
rate (ASR) of
heart failure
increased by
**0.6% from
2017 to 2019.**¹



¹ Burden, Trends, and Inequalities of Heart Failure Globally, 1990 to 2019 doi:10.1161/JAHA.122.027852

² Significance of ischemic heart disease in patients with heart failure and preserved, midrange, and reduced ejection fraction Circ Heart Fail 2017;10:e003875

³ OPTIMIZE-HF Investigators and Hospitals J Am Coll Cardiol 2007;50:768-777

⁴ Framingham Heart Study CIR. 0000039105.49749.6F.

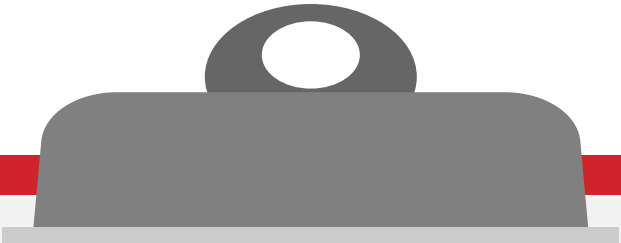


Outcomes improve when healthcare professionals and hospitals follow **data-driven processes** and procedures that lead to the development, management and implementation of **high-quality care**.

About International Heart Failure Center Certification through the American Heart Association

Integrated, Collaborative Heart Failure Care Across Service Lines with for Reduced Variations in Care and Improved Outcomes

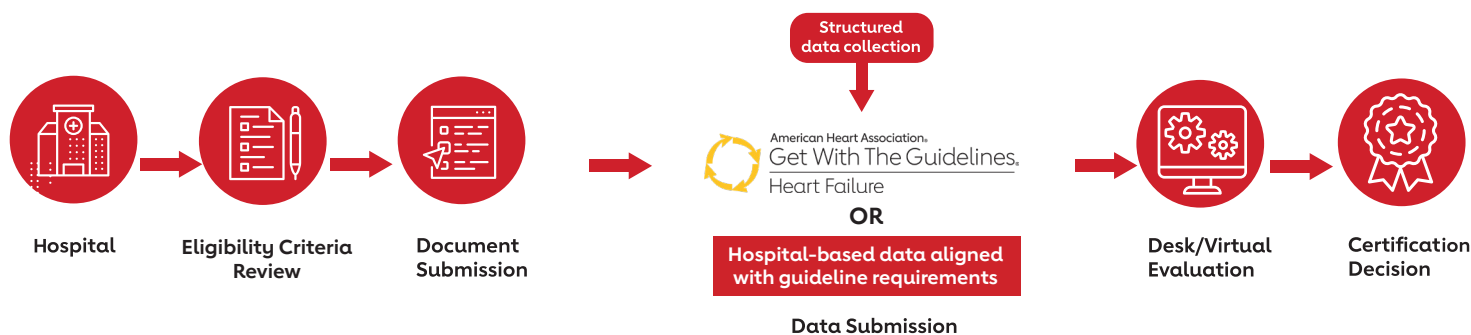
The American Heart Association's International Heart Failure Center Certification is a hospital-based, continuous quality improvement program helping hospitals and healthcare providers apply evidence-based treatment therapies, preventative measures and outpatient care to heart failure patients.

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- ☒ International Heart Failure Certified Centers must document and demonstrate how their organization has committed to providing quality care.
 - ☒ The de-identified data collected allows hospitals to identify gaps based on observed trends and minimize variations in care.
 - ☒ Previously collected data that aligns with certification guidelines may be uploaded into Get With The Guidelines® to start identifying areas to target for immediate improvement easily. This also reduces the burden on staff time.

Primary and Comprehensive Certification Levels

Level of Care	Primary Heart Failure Center	Comprehensive Heart Failure Center
Designated Cardiac Unit/ Cardiac Intensive Care Unit or beds for Heart Failure patients	✓	✓
Heart Failure clinic (where the patient receives follow-up care)	✓	✓
Heart Failure registry	✓	✓
Professional Education / Training Program	✓	✓
The facility has a charting system/consolidated record in place that allows for information to be accessible 24/7 by all team members.	✓	✓
Heart Failure experts available 24/7 with on-call schedules	✓	✓
Must treat a minimum of 25 patients annually (both inpatient and outpatient for a total of 50 per year)	✓	✓
Operating room		✓
Angio Suite		✓

Map to International Heart Failure Center Certification



Benefits of International Heart Failure Center Certification through the American Heart Association

Certification supports your hospital in its work to achieve:

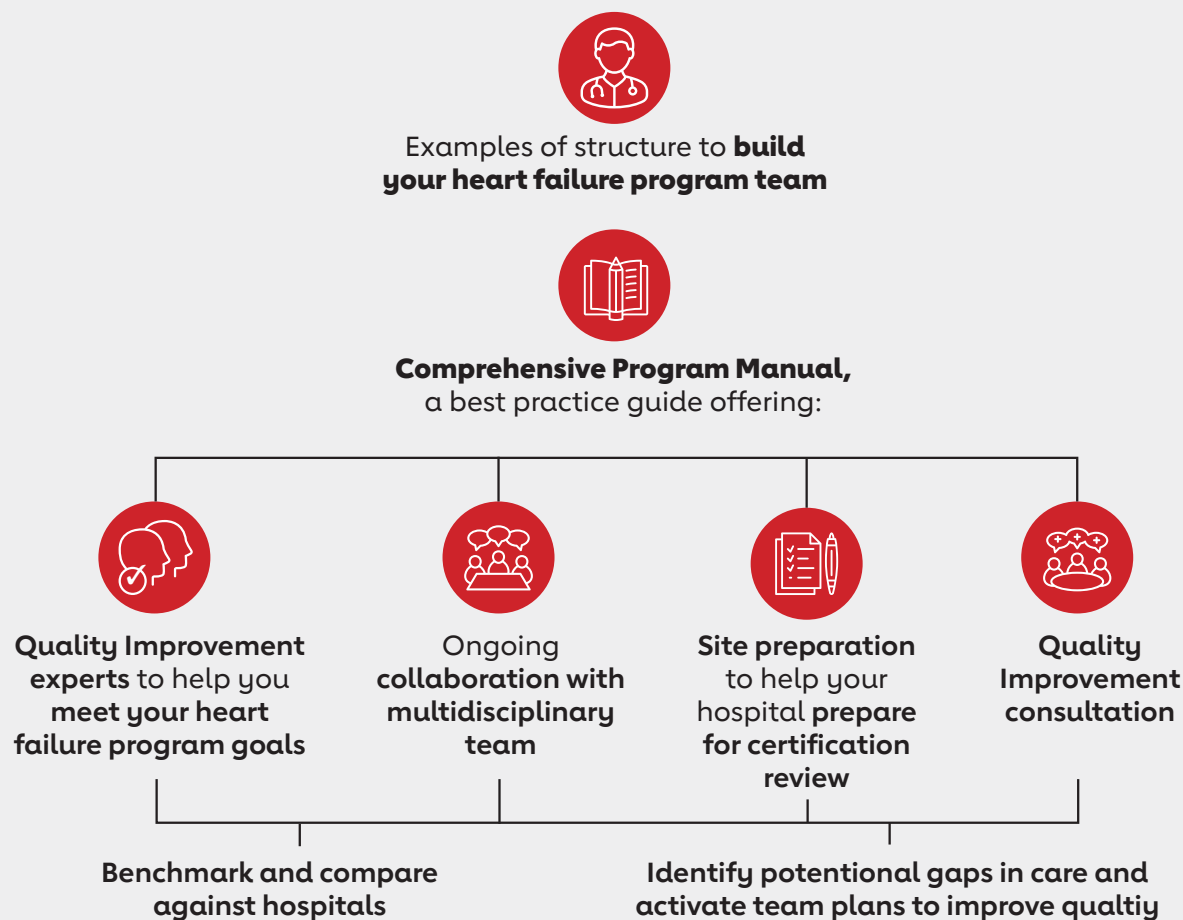
- ✓ Continuous and effective quality improvement in coordinated heart failure care
- ✓ Improved outcomes and survival in your community
- ✓ Reduced variations in care
- ✓ Improved efficiency
- ✓ Improved financial outcomes
- ✓ Recognition from a trusted international organization in in patient and community health
- ✓ Implementation of consistent and standardized care processes
- ✓ Education for healthcare professionals and the community
- ✓ Participation in research opportunities



Support For Implementation

The evidence-based guidelines for heart failure care are at the foundation of the International Heart Failure Certification program and **Get With The Guidelines®-Heart Failure**. Your hospital will receive world-class support to implement guideline-directed therapies equitably to all patients.

Support from the American Heart Association includes:



Powered by the World-Class Science of the American Heart Association

The American Heart Association has engaged in international efforts to save lives around the world. Our collaborative initiatives with global organizations provide support to governments, health care providers, hospital and pre-hospital systems and communities. Through these concerted efforts, we aim to enhance cardiovascular health outcomes and reduce the global burden of heart failure and related diseases.



Learn More

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