



Hospital Chest Pain and Stroke Center Certification



Improving outcomes for Chest Pain and Stroke patients

Standards of care that support adherence to guidelines and excellence in care delivery improve patient outcomes. The patient registries and quality improvement consultation offered within American Heart Association hospital-based quality improvement and certification programs have helped hospitals create the framework for this effort for more than 20 years.

Certification is the first step in an effective system of care

The AHA aims to improve acute coronary syndrome and stroke care and patient outcomes by extending our hospital-based quality improvement and certification program. Guided by a suite of science-based, evidence-informed tools and services, AHA Chest Pain and Stroke certification programs help hospital systems and emergency medical response systems improve timely and appropriate access to care for heart attack and stroke patients.

Hospitals certified as Chest Pain Centers and Stroke Centers may receive benefits like:

- Improved efficiencies, reduced costs
- Recognition from a trusted brand in patient and community health
- Implementation of consistent and standardized care processes
- Education for: physicians, nurses, patients, caregivers, other healthcare professionals and the community
- Participation in research opportunities
- Implementation of quality improvement activities

The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. We fund innovative research, advocate for stronger public health policies, share lifesaving resources and information and certify healthcare systems in nearly a dozen different categories in the U.S. and around the world.

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