# The Benchmark for Truly Significant Process Improvement

Assessing what's appropriate and effective care is best accomplished via an accreditation process that offers objective feedback and insight. The goal of ACC's Chest Pain Center Accreditation is to support your multidisciplinary team's clinical decision-making and reveal your team's potential for continued performance improvement. When you want to synthesize support for change, partner with ACC Accreditation Services.

Ask us how participation in the Chest Pain – MI Registry<sup>™</sup> can expedite data collection and your path to Chest Pain Center Accreditation.

# **10 Reasons** to Partner with ACC for Chest Pain Center Accreditation

**One-on-one navigation** and **consultation** throughout the accreditation journey

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- 2 Ongoing educational opportunities and resources for CV team coordinator, including informative webinars, Ask-the-Experts sessions, and on-demand accreditation workshop modules
- **3 National recognition** in the annual US News & World Report Best Hospitals edition
- 4 Access to the **suite of ACC resources**, quality campaigns, clinical toolkits, and other educational offerings
- 5 Abbreviated accreditation pathway for Chest Pain – MI Registry Performance Achievement Award recipients

- 6 Elevated cardiac patient care processes across the care continuum through the use of strategic requirements, reflecting current guidelines and published literature
- **7 Defined patient pathways** for all possible and known ACS populations
- 8 Community outreach and educational programs to promote cardiac health and ACS awareness among the general public and local providers
- **Complimentary registration** to the annual ACC Quality Summit
- **10 Roadmap to** help multidisciplinary teams **reach goals**, reduce inefficiencies, and implement sustainable process improvement



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### **Emphasizing Awareness**

Chest Pain Center Accreditation includes processes that are designed to enhance both internal and external assessment and diagnosis of ACS. Chief among the internal components are the ways in which accreditation helps the CV team determine patient risk and establish protocols that incorporate recent recommendations and guideline-driven medical therapies. Recognizing that rapid response is also critical outside the emergency department, it includes methods for increasing public awareness of heart attack signs and symptoms, an Early Heart Attack Care course that can be used to train schoolage groups and beyond, and suggestions for public health messages.

# Maximizing The Value of Accreditation

Hospitals interested in implementing best practices and strategies for sustainable process improvement have been relying on our consultative accreditation services for over 15 years. Using measures aligned with the latest ACC/AHA Guidelines — Chest Pain Center Accreditation provides actionable data to support more informed decisions. Through the Accreditation tool you can focus on:

- Calculated Measures for the care of Low-Risk, NSTE-ACS, and STEMI patient populations
- ✓ Key performance metrics to track quality of care and identify opportunities for improvement
- Operational measures associated with patient outcomes and organizational performance
- ✓ Greater collaboration and partnership between the entire multidisciplinary CV care team

## **Charting Key Performance Criteria**

Many forward-thinking organizations have discovered that Chest Pain Center Accreditation better positions their facility to avoid or decrease their risk for penalties and reduction of reimbursements related to Value-Based Purchasing; 30-day readmissions; and average length of inpatient stay and inpatient mortality.



"The ACC represents the highest goals of clinical excellence, continuing education and constant improvement in heart care."

C. Fagg Sanford, MD, FACC, Chief of Cardiology at the CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital - Tyler (Tyler, Texas)

Learn more about Chest Pain Center Accreditation at www.ACC.org/CPC



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### Advance Your Strategy

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