### Achieve the Distinction that Matters.

The HeartCARE Center™ National Distinction of Excellence is **the ultimate** recognition for your hard work and dedication to your patients. OISTINCTION ON TY HeartCARE Center™ AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY® The American College of Cardiology, professional home for your cardiovascular team, honors those forward-thinking institutions that advance the cause of sustainable quality improvement with a prestigious national distinction of excellence.

HeartCARE Center designations are reviewed and awarded annually to ensure that all facilities continue to meet the parameters and criteria of a highly-regarded and sustainable quality improvement program.

Tell your peers, improvemer your patients program. and your community that your commitment to quality patient care and successful outcomes is celebrated by the organization that has set the standard for world-class cardiovascular science and patient care guidelines for over 75 years.



### **Rewarding Excellence** in Your Commitment to Quality Patient Care

Becoming an ACC HeartCARE Center validates the significant steps you take to deliver exceptional care with repeatable success. The essential elements of the designation include:

- Two earned CV Accreditations offered by ACC
- Participation in an NCDR registry that satisfies HeartCARE Center eligibility criteria\* - OR a third earned CV Accreditation or approved Certification offered by ACC
- Minimum of two ACC Member CV champions:
  - One individual with FACC designation
  - One individual with AACC designation
- Annual participation in at least one of the following:
  - An ACC Quality Improvement Clinical Toolkit
  - An ACC Quality Improvement Campaign
  - Public Reporting in an eligible NCDR registry of choice
  - Abstract Submission related to quality of care to an ACC education conference
  - Manuscript submission related to quality of care to a peer-reviewed journal
- Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) Public Reporting of surgical outcomes. This criteria point applies only to those facilities that offer cardiothoracic surgical services\*

# Recognition that's **Attainable and Relevant**

Please contact us to learn more about the HeartCARE Center recognition program and any of the CV accreditations and certifications available through ACC Accreditation Services.



#### Consider the Fast Track

You might be closer than you imagine to achieving the HeartCARE Center designation. Contact us soon to discuss which combination of essential elements will fast track your path to national recognition.

## Hospitals that earn HeartCARE Center recognition

are featured in ACC's listing of awardees in the annual U.S. News and World Report "Best Hospitals" edition.

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