Surviving MI, ACC’s newest quality initiative for hospitals, seeks to increase the adoption of evidence-based strategies associated with lower 30-day risk standardized mortality rates (RSMR) for patients hospitalized with acute myocardial infarction (AMI) through the creation of a hospital learning network.

**Why Surviving MI?**
Recent evidence shows that proactive approaches to leadership, culture and communication are associated with lower 30-day mortality for patients hospitalized with AMI. The Surviving MI initiative is one of the first to explicitly focus on the impact of organizational culture change and patient outcomes (death after AMI).

**Key Strategies:**
Key strategies affect the whole hospital and different members of the care team including physicians, nurses, pharmacists and hospital administrators. These strategies include:

1. Evidence-Based Protocols And Processes in Place
2. Nurse AND Physician Champions
3. Creative Problem Solving Culture
4. Regular Case Reviews with EMS Providers
5. Cardiologist Presence Around the Clock
6. Dedicated Nursing Staff Assigned to Cath Lab
7. Pharmacists Involved With Care

*These strategies work!* Research indicates that each of these strategies can decrease 30-day mortality rates. Unfortunately, fewer than 10 percent of hospitals are consistently and routinely using at least four of these strategies. Changing organizational culture creates lasting change.

**Surviving MI Activity Plan**

- 2014 Webinar #1 & 2: Decision Makers
- 2014 Webinar #3: Intro to Evidence
- 2014 Webinar #4: Tools and Strategies
- 2014 Webinar #5: Best Practice/Barriers
- 2014 Assessment
- 2014 Toolkit
- March 2015: ACC.15/NCDR.15
- 2015 Community Call #1
- 2015 Community Call #2
- 2015 Community Call #3
- 2015 Webinar #6: Best Practice/Barriers
- 2015 Webinar #7: Lessons Learned

Approximately 6 webinars (30 minutes each with 15 minutes of Q&A) and 3 community calls (30 – 45 minutes each).

**Get Started at CVQuality.acc.org/SurvivingMI**

The Quality Improvement for Institutions program combines the ACC’s NCDR data registries with toolkits and proven hospital-based quality improvement initiatives like Hospital to Home, the D2B Alliance and Surviving MI. Release the power of your data at CVQuality.acc.org.