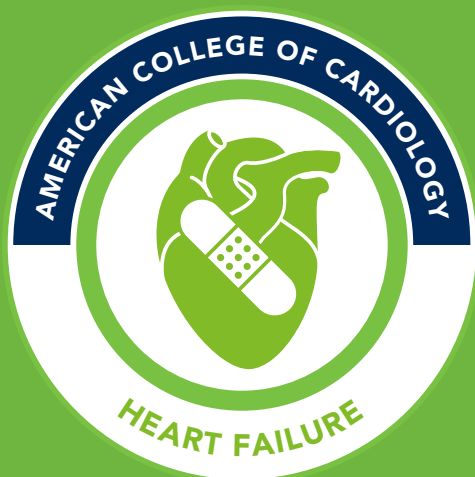


# The American College of Cardiology's Heart Failure v4 Accreditation

*A comprehensive  
quality improvement  
solution for hospitals  
and systems of care.*



ACC's Heart Failure Accreditation utilizes the principles of Value-Based Purchasing to help facilities avoid penalties and optimize reimbursement. Improved patient satisfaction is another highly anticipated benefit of accreditation.

## **The Value of HF Accreditation:**

ACC's Heart Failure (HF) Accreditation tool is the result of exemplary work by globally recognized clinical experts in heart failure. The tool provides an operational model that merges the latest science and process improvement methodologies across the continuum of care for heart failure patients.

The built-in Accreditation Conformance Database (ACD) manages patient data and calculates performance and outcomes based on guideline-directed medical therapies and clinical best practices. In lieu of using the ACD, other reports tracking HF quality improvement metrics may be accepted.

## **Enhanced Guidance, Improved Outcomes**



Ensure positive clinical trajectory for patients by identifying barriers to reduce length-of-stay



Incorporates heart failure guidelines and other evidence-based science with quality initiatives



Detailed guidance statements, access to resources, and examples of shared practices for Essential Components



Focused approach to reduce mortality, decrease readmissions, and improve patient satisfaction

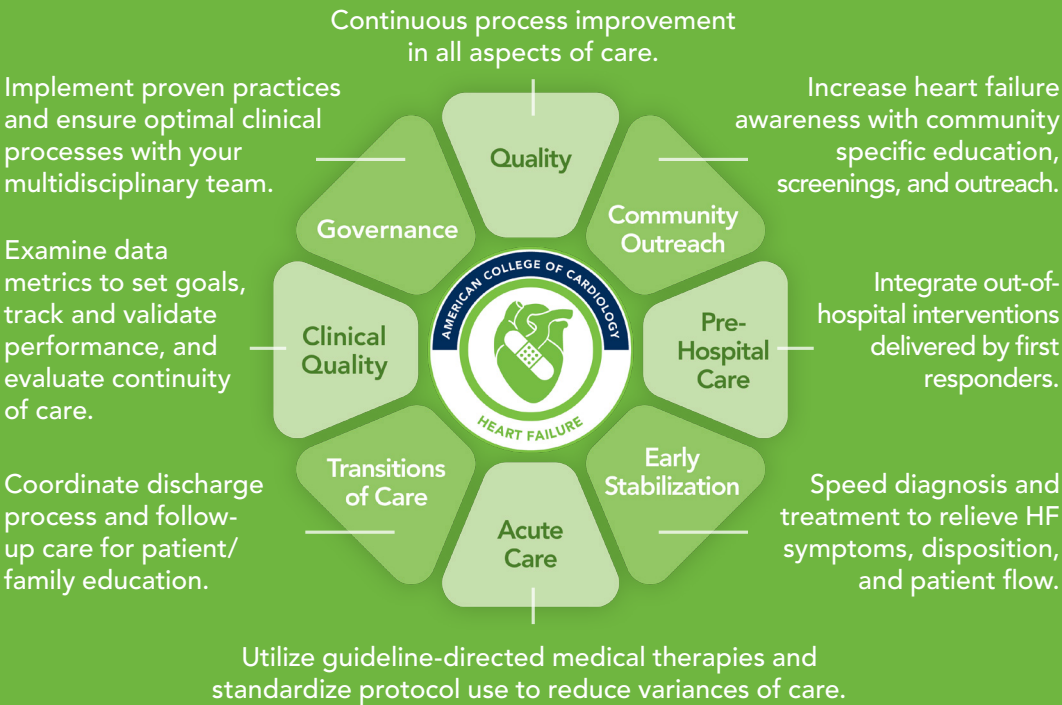
An Outpatient Services designation has been established for facilities that demonstrate implementation of transitional care initiatives to monitor patient compliance and lessen the risk of readmission.



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**The Essential Process Improvement Components Encompass:**



**Get Started**



Purchase HF Accreditation Services



Schedule time to complete HF Accreditation training



Ask us how HF Accreditation brings you one step closer to becoming an ACC HeartCARE Center™



Contact us – we're here to help you!

**Your Partners in Accreditation**

Our Accreditation Review Specialists guide you through the assessment and step-by-step process towards achieving accreditation for your HF program – without intimidating scrutiny or daunting penalties for non-compliance.

Through their counsel and the use of the HF Accreditation tool, you'll learn to:

- ✓ Implement evidence-based medicine to support decision making in care of individual patients
- ✓ Track key performance metrics and identify opportunities for improvement

To learn about other accreditations available through ACC Accreditation Services, please visit our website **Accreditation.ACC.org**.