

Why Get With The Guidelines®-Heart Failure?

The program's success in improving patient outcomes is highlighted in a number of published studies. Among the proven results are reductions in safely reducing 30-day heart failure readmissions, a measure now used by CMS in determining Medicare reimbursement rates.¹

PATIENT:²

- 6.5 million Americans have heart failure
- The incidence of heart failure is increasing among younger Americans
- Prevalence is expected to increase by 46 percent from 2012 to 2030
- 1 in 8 deaths has heart failure mentioned on the death certificate

HOSPITAL:

- Heart failure remains the leading cause of 30-day readmissions³
- 23 percent of heart failure patients are readmitted within 30 days of discharge⁴
- The cost of heart failure ranks among the leading US healthcare expenditures⁵
- Readmissions penalties are a financial burden for hospitals:
 - 2,573 hospital penalized resulting in \$564 million in Medicare penalties for FY18⁶

Heart failure is a major public health concern as well as a financial burden to the health care system. Consistently providing evidence-based care is key to improving patient outcomes and managing costs. Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure provides hospitals with tools and resources in order to improve adherence to the latest evidence-based treatment guidelines.

How Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure Works:

	<p>Hospitals enter or upload clinical data into the Patient Management Tool (PMT), powered by IQVIA. The PMT provides real-time data reports to show how hospitals are adhering to the latest guidelines-based measures.</p> <p>USING THE PMT, HOSPITALS CAN:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 01. generate data quality reports and patient-level reports*; 02. conduct real-time data checks to identify potential errors prior to submission; 03. benchmark by hospital size, region and other variables; 04. access point-of-care patient education materials.
	<p>The American Heart Association national quality improvement team works with hospitals to identify opportunities and implement plans to improve quality.</p>
	<p>Hospitals improve care and outcomes for patients through real-time quality improvement and by contributing to research that recognizes disparities in care and informs future treatment guidelines.</p>
	<p>Hospitals that perform at an award-winning level are nationally recognized by AHA. To earn recognition for program performance, a hospital team must attain established levels of adherence to Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure achievement measures. Public recognition for program performance helps hospitals hone a competitive edge in the marketplace by providing patients and stakeholders with tangible evidence of their commitment to improving quality care.</p>

1. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22235067>, 2. <https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/full/10.1161/CIR.0000000000000558>, 3. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22235067>, 4. <http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/ear-ly/2014/12/18/CIR.000000000000152.full.pdf>, 5. <http://archive.ahrq.gov/research/findings/factsheets/costs/expriach/index.html>, 6. <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/FY2018-IPPS-Final-Rule-Home-Page-Items/FY2018-IPPS-Final-Rule-Data-Files.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=ascending>

*Patient-level reports are de-identified.

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Added Benefits for Participating Hospitals :



Data: Data collection and feedback help identify opportunities for improvement, compare performance to other hospitals and reduce noncompliance and medical errors.



Educational Opportunities: Gain access to the most up-to-date research, scientific publications, clinical tools and patient education resources. Receive invitations to webinars, workshops and teleconferences.



Recognition: Receive public recognition at conferences, in national and local publications, and on the American Heart Association website.



Support: Gain personalized and hospital specific support from our national quality improvement team.



Cost Effectiveness: Low enrollment fees and discounts for hospitals participating in multiple Get With The Guidelines modules help make our programs affordable. Additionally, we offer uploading capability and a number of vendors support data interface solutions for our programs.

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