

VA Heart Failure Network

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Announcements

- Readmission Rate as a Performance Measure:
 - On Hold
- National VA Chronic Disease Collaborative
- ACC/IHI Hospital to Home (H2H)
- Joint Commission Advanced Certification in Heart Failure

ACC/IHI Hospital to Home (H2H)

- Sponsored by the American College of Cardiology and the Institute for Health Care Improvement
- Hospital level intervention
 - Hospitals promise to try several interventions to improve the transition to home.
- Goal of reducing readmissions for heart disease by 20%.

Joint Commission Advanced Certification in Heart Failure

- Requires enrollment with the AHA's Get-With-The-Guidelines
- Hospital Award: Must be at the "Bronze Level" 3 months reaching 85% on all 5 performance measures
 - CMS (ACEi if EF <40%, LVEF measurement, discharge instructions, smoking cessation)
 - Beta-blockers at discharge if EF < 40%

<http://www.jointcommission.org/CertificationPrograms/Heart+Failure>