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Accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence

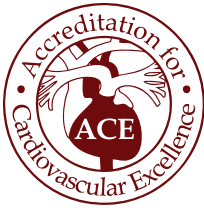
Specialists in Cardiovascular Program Accreditation and Quality Reviews, focused only on advancing quality.

What sets ACE apart?

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FEATURES			
Quality standards		✓	✓
Documentation review		✓	✓
Independent of association		✓	
Independent data collection to discover best practices and promote quality improvement		✓	
Accreditation decision requires on-site reiew			
Statistically significant, randomized case review			
Rigorous standards & process			
Over a decade of experience			
Supportive consultation <i>at no additional cost</i>			
Supportive resources <i>at no additional cost</i>			
Absolutely NO third-party revenue			

OUR CLIENTS SAY THAT ACE ACCREDITATION:

- is cost-effective.
- delivers multiple valuable services in one accreditation program:** chart audit, process, outcomes, case reviews, consultative support.
- provides a solid return on investment.
- improves documentation.
- reduces procedural variability.
- helps reduce risk.
- saves expenses.
- builds efficiency.
- maximizes revenue.
- improves quality!**



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SUPPORTIVE CONSULTATION AT NO ADDITIONAL COST: From ACE's perspective, the accreditation review process is not meaningful if there is not direction provided to accrediting institutions. To simply provide a stamp of approval does not advance the quality of care being provided, which is ACE's goal. We want our accredited organizations to not only continue to do the things they do well, but to advance in these areas and look at ways to improve even in areas of excellence! That is all part of a **supportive review: it's focused on strengths and is not punitive.** It recognizes each organization has its own culture and operations and supports implementation of standards that minimizes variability in outcomes (not in culture!).

ACCREDITATION DECISION REQUIRES ON-SITE REVIEW: The on-site review is a central part of ACE's accreditation review process, as this is the best way to understand more inscrutable elements of a facility's care delivery, such as staff morale and communication between team members. This information is difficult to glean from documentation and case logs alone, but is no less

important to determining the overall quality of care.

STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT, RANDOMIZED CASE REVIEW: To acquire a full view of a facility's processes, it is necessary to have a wide a sampling as possible of their cases. To only review four or even eight cases is unfair to the institution, as their fate rests on a very limited view of the facility. The greater the number of cases, the more effectively the accrediting body can understand the underlying patterns and processes that drive quality and care delivery at an institution, and consequently help to shape these processes in the most effective manner for advancing the quality of care.

INDEPENDENT DATA COLLECTION TO DISCOVER BEST PRACTICES AND PROMOTE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT: An accreditation that does not actively seek to improve itself risks stasis in the face of a constantly changing medical landscape. For this reason, ACE consistently updates and reviews our accreditation standards against the quality outcomes we seek to promote. By conducting regular research using data collected throughout our years of accrediting institutions, we are able to better understand not only our own accreditation practices in a more meaningful way, but also we are able to proactively prepare newly accrediting institutions for common obstacles, and offer them effective methods for overcoming these challenges by connecting them with other institutions that made similar improvements, sharing materials and action plans from these institutions, and generally remaining supportive and outcome-driven in our approach to alleviating accreditation impediments.




ABSOLUTELY NO THIRD-PARTY REVENUE: Remaining free from third party revenue allows ACE to focus on our accreditation practices and accrediting institutions without any distractions, outside influences, or concerns other than advancing quality at your institution. The fact that ACE does not receive third party revenue also eliminates any risk that may be posed by potential conflicts of interest. As ACE is not beholden to any outside organizations through financial connection or other revenue streams, the opportunity to build a one-on-one relationship with the institution seeking accreditation is more robust. *Note - this explains why our pricing is higher, too. We have looked at the costs of our rigorous accreditation process and know what these are precisely. As a result, our pricing reflects the concentration of our efforts SOLELY and without outside influences.*



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-  Truly independent.
-  Focused on what matters - outcomes.
-  Absolutely NO third party revenue.

Give your organization THE ACE™ ADVANTAGE

Learn more about how ACE accreditation and ACE Quality Review can give your organization the ACE Advantage on www.cvexcel.org.