ACC Transcatheter Valve Certification Consulting (TAVR and TEER)

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What to have ready

These are the items to gather first, each tied to the text that asks for it.

- Registry participation. ACC's page names the STS/ACC TVT Registry among its accepted data sources, next to other approved state or governmental databases (ACC, Transcatheter Valve Certification [https://cvquality.acc.org/accreditation/services/TCV], page opened October 3, 2026). The Program Requirements go further and call for active participation in that registry under a participation agreement (ACCF, Accreditation Services Program Requirements, REV 5.1, document opened October 3, 2026).
- Surgical database participation. The Program Requirements also call for participation in the STS Adult Cardiac Surgery Database (ACCF, Accreditation Services Program Requirements, REV 5.1, document opened October 3, 2026).
- Capacity to complete the Baseline Gap Analysis on time. The Program Requirements expect submission within 60 days of tool access (ACCF, Accreditation Services Program Requirements, REV 5.1, document opened October 3, 2026).
- A plan to file the application within 12 months of tool access, which is the window the Program Requirements set (ACCF, Accreditation Services Program Requirements, REV 5.1, document opened October 3, 2026).
- A budget line for site-review travel. The facility pays travel costs for up to two ACCF staff at each onsite site review (ACCF, Accreditation Services Program Requirements, REV 5.1, document opened October 3, 2026).
- A named heart team, since NCD 20.32 requires care by "a cohesive, multi-disciplinary, team of medical professionals" (CMS NCD 20.32 [https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncd.aspx?NCDId=355]).
- For a new TAVR program, the full set of NCD hospital conditions: at least 50 open heart surgeries in the prior year, at least 20 aortic valve related procedures in the 2 years before initiation, at least 2 physicians with cardiac surgery privileges, at least 1 with interventional cardiology privileges, and at least 300 PCIs per year, plus the NCD's separate heart team qualifications (CMS NCD 20.32 [https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncd.aspx?NCDId=355]).
- Registry participation that meets the NCD: a "prospective, national, audited registry that: 1) consecutively enrolls TAVR patients; 2) accepts all manufactured devices; 3) follows the patient for at least one year" (CMS NCD 20.32 [https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncd.aspx?NCDId=355]).
- For the Joint Commission route, outcome data by measure type. The cardiac page lists three inputs for ODC-CC: composite measures specific to each surgery or procedure, readmission rates, and HCAHPS patient experience results (Joint Commission [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/cardiac], page opened October 3, 2026).