Chest Pain Center Accreditation Readiness Consulting (ACC and Joint Commission)

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What to have ready

This is the list we would ask for first, each item tied to the text that requires it.

- A route decision: ACC CPC Accreditation, ACC CPC Certification for a CAH or free-standing ED, a Joint Commission/AHA certification, or DNV ACPC.
- Participation in the NCDR Chest Pain - MI Registry or data entry into the ACC Accreditation Conformance Database (ACC [https://cvquality.acc.org/accreditation/services/chest-pain-center-accreditation], page opened October 3, 2026).
- If you elect a designation that includes Shock, registry participation, since ACC names the Chest Pain - MI Registry as the data route for CV Shock (ACC [https://cvquality.acc.org/accreditation/services/chest-pain-center-accreditation], page opened October 3, 2026). REV 5.1 says the Accreditation Conformance Database alone does not satisfy the Shock designation (ACCF, Accreditation Services Program Requirements, REV 5.1 (document opened October 3, 2026)).
- For the CAH certification, a count of acute care beds that is at or below 25 (ACCF, Accreditation Services Program Requirements, REV 5.1 (document opened October 3, 2026)).
- For a CPC with PCI designation, records of the round-the-clock coverage the designation depends on (ACCF, Accreditation Services Program Requirements, REV 5.1 (document opened October 3, 2026)).
- Staff time to submit the Baseline Gap Analysis. REV 5.1 expects it within 60 days of the day ACCF emails the Key Contact that tool access has begun (ACCF, Accreditation Services Program Requirements, REV 5.1 (document opened October 3, 2026)).
- For Joint Commission, confirm eligibility. The DSC page says certification options are open to organizations accredited by The Joint Commission; the 2024 manual had appendices for programs not accredited by The Joint Commission, and we have not confirmed whether the 2026 edition keeps them (Joint Commission, DSC [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care]; 2024 DSC manual sample pages [https://digitalassets.jointcommission.org/api/public/content/assets/1/7/ebdscc24_sample_pages.pdf]).
- For Joint Commission, a program with a defined structure, care delivery standardized around clinical practice guidelines or evidence-based practice, and a way of measuring performance (Joint Commission, DSC [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care], page opened October 3, 2026).
- For Joint Commission, data collected every month for each standardized measure and sent in every quarter through the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP) (Joint Commission, DSC [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/disease-specific-care], page opened October 3, 2026).
- For Joint Commission's cardiac certifications, the cardiac page expects registry participation as part of the program's quality work (Joint Commission, Cardiac [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/cardiac], page opened October 3, 2026).
- For Joint Commission, access to Joint Commission Connect, the site where the application is filed (Joint Commission, Certification process [https://www.jointcommission.org/en-us/certification/process]).