

HOC Advanced Cardiac Care Program

Decreases use of inpatient and emergency services and increases utilization of hospice and palliative services for those with end-stage heart disease.

Hospice of Cincinnati, in collaboration with the American Heart Association (AHA) and the National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation (NPHI), announces the HOC Advanced Cardiac Care Program to address one of the nation's largest killers of Americans – heart disease.

HOC Advanced Cardiac Care program goals:

- Actively manage clinically complex cardiac patients at end of life
- Prevent hospital readmissions or decrease hospital readmission rates
- Decrease hospital length of stay
- Promote advance care planning conversations

Benefit to patients:

- Care team members who have received specialized cardiac education and training
- Implementation of AHA approved evidence-based cardiac clinical protocols for symptom exacerbation and increase awareness of how to access around-the-clock clinical resources and support.
- Patient and family education tools to prevent symptom exacerbation
- Improved quality of life and receiving care in their home

Patients are eligible if they exhibit any two of the following:

- Symptomatic despite optimal treatment with diuretics and vasodilators
- Recurrent chronic heart failure, New York Heart Association, Class IV/ Stage D (ejection fraction < 20%)
- Stage D heart failure with co-morbidities
- Heart failure with preserved ejection (HFpEF)

Supporting factors of:

- Arrhythmias resistant to treatment
- History of cardiac arrest or resuscitation
- History of unexplained syncope
- Cardiogenic disease

How to refer to this program:

All patients referred to HOC, with a primary cardiac diagnosis, will be automatically enrolled in the HOC Advanced Cardiac Care Program upon admission.



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