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Awards and Accreditations for Cardiac Care

Legacy Health wants you to be your own health advocate. We hope to make it easier for you by providing information on the quality of heart care you will receive from Legacy Health.

The following information is provided by medical associations, official agencies and special interest groups that measure performance in cardiac care quality and safety.

Heart Surgery

Legacy Health's cardiothoracic surgeons report to the [Society of Thoracic Surgeons](#) (STS) each year on the quality of care provided to our heart surgery patients. The STS is a nonprofit that represents more than 6,400 surgeons, researchers and related health professionals around the world. The society collects outcomes data to improve quality and patient safety. The STS has also developed quality performance measures for adult cardiac, general thoracic and congenital heart surgery.

Heart Attack Care



Legacy Emanuel Medical Center received the Mission: Lifeline® Silver Receiving Quality Achievement Award in 2016 for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.



The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval® — In 2015 Legacy Good Samaritan received four cardiac certifications by The Joint Commission.

The disease-specific areas are:

1. Acute coronary syndrome (lack of blood flow to the heart)
2. Acute myocardial infarction (heart attack)
3. Heart failure
4. Cardiac rehabilitation



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Legacy Good Samaritan has achieved the Mission: Lifeline Gold Receiving Center Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks. To achieve this gold award, hospitals must meet an 85 percent or greater score on eight different criteria. To learn more: [Mission: Lifeline Systems of Care Recognition Measures](#).



Legacy Health medical centers have been recognized for delivery of excellent care for patients with acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) by the American College of Cardiology.



- Legacy Good Samaritan: NCDR ACTION–Get with the Guidelines Gold Performance Achievement Award; for scores of 90 percent or better, sustained for eight consecutive quarters
- Legacy Emanuel: NCDR ACTION–Get with the Guidelines Silver Performance Achievement Award; for scores of 90 percent or better, sustained for four consecutive quarters
- Legacy Meridian Park: NCDR ACTION–Get with the Guidelines Silver Performance Achievement Award; for scores of 90 percent or better sustained for four consecutive quarters



The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval — In 2013 Legacy Good Samaritan was the first hospital in the nation to receive six cardiac certifications by The Joint Commission, including acute myocardial infarction (heart attack).

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Chest Pain Care



[The Joint Commission has recertified Legacy Emanuel the disease-specific Gold Seal of Approval](#) certification for chest pain care. Legacy Emanuel was the first hospital in Multnomah County to receive this certification. This recognition is given to those who demonstrate compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety in disease-specific care.

In 2013, [Legacy Meridian Park was the first hospital in the nation to be awarded the new disease-specific Gold Seal of Approval](#) for chest pain from The Joint Commission. The chest pain certification combines the disease-specific certifications for both acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) and acute coronary syndrome (lack of blood flow to the heart).



Five Legacy medical centers and Randall Children's hospital were accredited by the [Intersocietal Accreditation Commission \(IAC\)](#) accreditation in echocardiography in December, 2013. The accreditation demonstrates an unmatched commitment to provide quality cardiac diagnostic evaluations in the following testing areas: adult transthoracic; adult transesophageal; pediatric transthoracic; and pediatric transesophageal. The accreditation ensures that Legacy Health and Randall Children's provides high-quality patient care and demonstrates a long-term commitment to quality and self-assessment.

