

Arkansas Heart Attack Registry (ArHAR)
Participating Hospitals Program Guide
Program Year: July 2026 – June 2027 (FY 2027)

Thank you for your continued participation in the Arkansas Heart Attack Registry (ArHAR) and for your ongoing work to improve heart attack care across Arkansas.

Program Contacts

ArHAR is supported through a partnership between the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), the American Heart Association (AHA), and the American College of Cardiology (ACC).

Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)

Provides statewide coordination, quality improvement support, and education.

Primary ADH Contact

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American Heart Association (AHA)

Supports all **non-PCI hospitals** enrolled in the Get With The Guidelines®-Coronary Artery Disease (GWTG-CAD) registry.

Primary AHA Contact (GWTG-CAD)

• **Kristen Waller, RN**

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General GWTG-CAD Support

- User access/password: GWTGSupport@heart.org
- Technical support (Quintiles/IQVIA):
Phone: 888-526-6700
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American College of Cardiology (ACC)

Supports all **PCI-capable hospitals** enrolled in the Chest Pain–MI Registry.

Updated ACC Contact

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ACC Data/Measure Support

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Pulsara Support Contact

For questions about Pulsara workflows, configuration, hospital use, or EMS integration:

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Program Guidelines for FY 2027

GWTG®-CAD Requirements (Non-PCI Hospitals)

- Abstract and enter **100% of STEMI records** within **90 days** of discharge.
- NSTEMI entry is encouraged but not required.

Chest Pain–MI Registry Requirements (PCI Hospitals)

- Abstract and enter **100% of Type 1 NSTEMI and STEMI cases** per ACC deadlines.

Annual ArHAR Program Reviews

ADH conducts annual program reviews with each PCI and non-PCI hospital. These reviews provide meaningful value by examining your hospital's registry performance and benchmark comparisons to help identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.

Recommended attendees:

- STEMI/Chest Pain Coordinator
- ED leadership
- Nursing leadership
- Cardiologists
- Cath Lab manager/director
- EMS partners

Regional Heart Attack Meetings (New for FY 2027)

ADH now hosts **regional meetings across all 7 Heart Attack Regions**, which align with the Trauma Regions. These meetings support:

- Regional quality improvement
- Case reviews and discussion
- Sharing best practices
- EMS and hospital collaboration

Regional Representatives (names and contact details) are listed here on the State Heart Attack Advisory Council (SHAAC) web page:

<https://healthy.arkansas.gov/boards-commissions/councils/state-heart-attack-advisory-council-shaac/>

Regional Registry Reports

The same SHAAC webpage includes:

- **Regional ArHAR performance reports**
- Comparison to **state benchmarks**
- Trends and opportunities for improvement

Hospitals are encouraged to use these reports during QI meetings and EMS collaboration events.

Support for Non-PCI Referring Hospitals (When Funding Is Available)

- ADH may offer technical assistance and, when grant funding is available, financial support to help non-PCI hospitals strengthen their systems of care as referring centers for heart attack patients. This may include reimbursement of costs associated with obtaining heart attack certification through a national accreditation body. Funding availability varies annually.

Additional Resources Available

On the SHAAC webpage, hospitals can also access:

- Information on the **State Heart Attack Advisory Council (SHAAC)**
 - Facilities are welcome to attend meetings
 - Contact **Alicia Jacklin** if interested in participating
- State-recommended **Heart Attack Guidelines**
- Educational and clinical materials
- **Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) classes** for EMS providers
 - Improve 12-lead interpretation
 - Enhance ACS assessment and field recognition

Resource page:

<https://healthy.arkansas.gov/boards-commissions/councils/state-heart-attack-advisory-council-shaac/>

Requested Actions

Please complete the requested surveys and the hospital self-attestation status updates for heart attack care as needed by ADH.

Performance Awards

Award opportunities are offered by the AHA and ACC based on adherence to registry measures.

Contact your AHA or ACC representative for detailed criteria.