

# PRIMARY VS. COMPREHENSIVE RESUSCITATION CENTER REQUIREMENTS



## Primary Resuscitation Centers

Focus on foundational criteria to ensure high-quality care for resuscitation patients.

*Hospitals and EMS systems that participate in the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) meet Primary Resuscitation Center criteria.*

## Comprehensive Resuscitation Centers

Build on primary requirements, incorporating advanced capabilities and additional services.

*Must meet all primary resuscitation center criteria (including all recommended specialties).*

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<b>Bystander CPR Promotion</b> <i>Organize community initiatives to teach CPR and recognize cardiac emergencies.</i>	✓	✓
<b>Community Outreach</b> <i>Run programs to educate the public on heart health and reducing the risk of cardiac diseases.</i>	✓	✓
<b>EMS Collaboration</b> <i>Work Closely with emergency services to enhance the overall system of care for cardiac arrest.</i>	✓	✓
<b>Administrative Commitment</b> <i>Signed attestation from senior administration and medical staff.</i>	✓	✓
<b>Bundle of Care</b> <i>Use standardized care plans to ensure consistent, high-quality resuscitation care.</i>	✓	✓
<b>Evidence-Based Protocols</b> <i>Include specific criteria for resuscitation termination and care.</i>	✓	✓
<b>Cardiology Consultation</b> <i>Mandatory for sustained ROSC patients</i>	✓	✓
<b>Rapid Cardiac Cath Lab Activation</b> <i>For eligible ROSC patients within 60-90 minutes.</i>	✓	✓
<b>Targeted Temperature Management (TTM)</b> <i>Initiated within 2 hours for certain patients.</i>	✓	✓
<b>Post-ROSC Care Plans</b> <i>Develop strategies to prevent hypotension after a patient regains circulation.</i>	✓	✓

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<b>Transfer Guidelines</b> For higher-level care when needed.	✓	✓
<b>Multidisciplinary Rounds</b> Regular reviews of care plans and implementation.	✓	✓
<b>Comprehensive Patient Care</b> Address the patient's overall well-being, including nutrition, rehabilitation, and spiritual care, from admission.	✓	✓
<b>Organ Donation Protocol</b> Active participation with organ procurement organizations.	✓	✓
<b>CARES Participation</b> Enter patient data into a national registry to provide EMS agencies feedback and improve cardiac arrest outcomes.	✓	✓
<b>Patient Education</b> Cardiac risk reduction, CPR, and support services before discharge.	✓	✓
<b>Multidisciplinary Team</b> Designated roles for resuscitation care.	✓	✓
<b>Specialist Support</b> Ensure access to various medical experts, such as cardiologists, neurologists, and critical care specialists.	✓	✓
<b>24/7 On-Site Critical Care</b> Have pulmonary/critical care specialists and interventional cardiologists available at all times.	✗	✓
<b>Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS)</b> In-house advanced life-support machines like ECMO to support heart and lung functions in critical cases.	✗	✓
<b>Neurological Monitoring</b> Offer specialized neurological care with neuro-intensivists to monitor brain health during recovery.	✗	✓
<b>Research Involvement</b> Engage in research activities to improve treatment strategies for cardiac arrest.	✗	✓



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