

Hosting a Cardiac Rehab Legislative Site Visit

Bringing an elected official to our cardiac rehabilitation site offers a unique opportunity to showcase our program, spread awareness on the importance of cardiac rehab, and advocate for pending legislation aimed at improving reimbursements, and allowing for expanded capacity for both in-person and virtual cardiac rehabilitation.

Here are the key benefits of hosting a legislator at your site:

Showcase Real-Life Impact on Patients' Lives

- A site visit allows officials to witness firsthand how cardiac rehab supports patient recovery, reduces hospital readmissions, and promotes long-term heart health.
- Seeing our program in action highlights the meaningful difference cardiac rehab makes for individuals in our community, particularly among at-risk populations.

Position Our Facility as a Pioneer in Cardiac Rehabilitation

- Hosting officials demonstrates our commitment to advancing cardiac care and advocating for policy change, positioning us as a thought leader within the field.
- A visit from a legislator brings media attention and community recognition, showcasing our facility as a leader in cardiac rehab.

Highlight Health and Economic Benefits

- Cardiac rehab has a proven impact on reducing healthcare costs by decreasing future cardiac events and hospital readmissions.
- Demonstrating these benefits in person emphasizes the value of supporting cardiac rehab programs and relevant legislation, which can translate into long-term economic savings.

Strengthen Support for Legislative Action

- Educating officials about policy issues like expanded Medicare coverage, reimbursement adjustments, and telehealth access can foster their support for cardiac rehab-related legislation.
- The firsthand experience can transform a visit into long-lasting support for legislative initiatives that would benefit both patients and providers.

Emphasize the Need for Telehealth in Cardiac Rehabilitation

- A visit to our center-based facility can illustrate both the effectiveness of in-person cardiac rehab and the barriers that prevent some patients from accessing it. This makes a strong case for telehealth options, which can expand access for rural, elderly, and underserved populations who may face challenges in attending onsite sessions regularly.