AACVPR Program Certification
The American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) is the certifying body in the United States for cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation programs. Program Certification ensures that the content and scope of a facility’s programs meets the essential standards of care in providing cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services. The future importance of Program Certification is uncertain at this time, however, in the future Program Certification may play a role in third party reimbursement.

AACVPR Program Certification Applications
Applications for AACVPR Program Certification are made available in the fall of each year with a submission deadline in December. The key to successful application submission is planning ahead and developing means of tracking data on program participants and the various components of your rehabilitation program. Application submission requires accurate tracking of the required data for at least a six-month period of time as well as careful review of a program’s policies and procedures.

Program Certification Mentoring Series
The Nebraska Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Network has designed a series of three videoconferences to assist cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation professionals in identifying, developing and documenting the various standards of their programs in order to complete and submit an applications for program certification in the fall of 2005. This series of videoconferences is partially funded by a grant from the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

Content of the Mentoring Series
The first videoconference will cover outcome measures needed to address the various patient domains (clinical, behavioral, health, and service). The strengths and weakness of various outcome instruments will be discussed and recommendations provided on how participants should evaluate the instruments to select those best suited to their patient population and program needs.

Objectives of the Certification Mentoring Series
- Provide participants with information on patient outcome measures
- Discuss the strengths and weakness of various outcome measures so participants may select the measures best suited to their patients/program
- Define and develop documentation strategies related to “untoward events”, physician supervision, and “incident to” services
- Discuss the development of a timetable for completing the various components of the application process
- Discuss the specific requirements related to each section of the certification applications for both Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programs

Speakers
Gayla Oakley, RN, FAACVPR
Gayla Oakley is Director of Cardiology Services at Boone County Health Center in Albion, Nebraska. Gayla has been actively involved in the NCVPRN’s Program Certification Committee for the past 7 years as a member, reviewer and currently Chair of the committee. In addition to being an AACVPR Fellow, at the national level Gayla has served for the last three years as a member and reviewer of AACVPR’s Program Certification Committee. Gayla has presented at both the local and national level on topics related to AACVPR Program Certification.

Ruth Vacha, RN, BSN, RN-C
Ruth Vacha is Manager of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk, Nebraska. Ruth has been actively involved in NCVPRN in a variety of capacities including serving terms as President and Secretary on the Executive Board and as a member of numerous committees. Ruth has been actively involved on NCVPRN’s Program Certification Committee for the past six years as a member and application reviewer. Ruth has previously presented on topics related specifically to the AACVPR application forms and process.

Locations of the Videoconference Series
The videoconferences will originate from the Omaha site and be transmitted to seven other sites throughout Nebraska. The tentative distance sites include Lincoln, Kearney, Columbus, Norfolk, Grand Island, North Plate and Scottsbluff. However, depending on the distribution of registrants for the series, these sites may be exchanged for other sites that may be closer to participants. We have some flexibility in changing sites depending on the number of participants registered in the various regions of the state. Final site selections will be determined a few weeks prior to the actual videoconference so we can best serve our participants. We recommend participants register as early as possible identifying their preferred site location(s).
Dates of the Videoconference Series

The Program Certification Mentoring Series will consist of three videoconferences covering the various key elements of the program certification application process. The videoconference series will be held on:

Thursday, January 20, 2005,
Thursday, February 10, 2005, and
Thursday, March 17, 2005.

Registration Form

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Facility: __________________________________________________________________

Videoconference Site Wishing to Attend:
Preferred / Ideal site location: ____________________________________________
Second choice of location: ________________________________________________
Third choice of location: _________________________________________________

Phone Numbers: (Work) ________________________________________________
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Videoconferences to Attend and Cost:
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(“Discounted Special” if registering for all 3 conferences at once.)

(Reminder: NCVPRN Membership Dues are only $25.00/year)

Please make check payable to “NCVPRN” and include the full payment with your registration form. Send to:

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