

- 1. Beyond Hospital Discharge: A Holistic Approach to Heart Disease Recovery and Prevention
 - 1.1 Embarking on a journey with heart problems can be daunting, but with a skilled cardiac medical team by your side, you can navigate this challenging path and emerge victorious. However, the journey toward complete recovery doesn't end with hospital discharge. It's crucial to take the medical team's advice seriously and make cardiac rehabilitation a top priority. Neglecting this essential step can put you at risk as constant attention is required to prevent the recurrence of cardiovascular disease. The good news is that cardiac rehabilitation offers a ray of hope for those seeking to regain their health and reduce their risks of future complications. Let's take each step together, hand in hand, along this path of discovery where the wonders of cardiac rehabilitation await us.





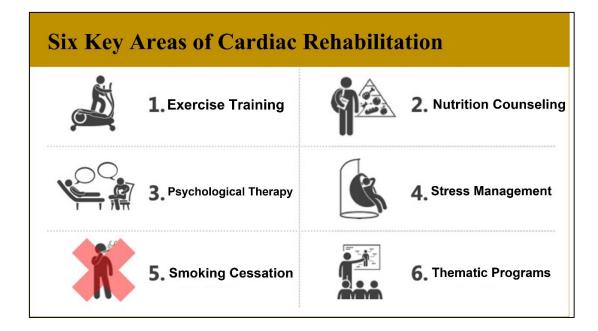
2. Cardiac Rehabilitation: Empowering You to a Stronger Heart and Healthier Life.

2.1 Cardiac rehabilitation is a comprehensive and collaborative approach involving a team of healthcare professionals dedicated to aiding in the physical, psychological, and social function recovery of individuals with cardiovascular disease. With customized treatment plans, patients are provided with the necessary support to halt or even reverse the progression of their condition, and reclaim their health. One of the most effective and safest forms of cardiac rehabilitation is aerobic exercise training, which is closely monitored by healthcare professionals and commonly offered in leading hospitals and treatment facilities. Let us embark on this journey towards recovery together and work towards achieving a healthier and happier life with the help of cardiac rehabilitation, a cornerstone of successful heart disease treatment.

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Early Cardiac Rehabilitation: Empowering You to a Healthy, Worry-Free Life.

2.2 Cardiac rehabilitation is a holistic and team-based approach that involves a team of healthcare professionals dedicated to aiding in the physical, psychological, and social function recovery of individuals with cardiovascular disease. The program covers various areas such as exercise training, nutrition counseling, psychological therapy, stress management, smoking cessation, and education on cardiovascular disease-related topics like high/low blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol. According to the American Heart Association, cardiac rehabilitation programs should be conducted in hospitals and consist of 2-3 hour weekly sessions lasting for 12-18 weeks, totaling at least 36 hours. Advanced cardiac rehabilitation programs may also offer courses on nutrition, stress management, and group support, which may require up to 72 hours of instruction.





- **3.** Should I consider cardiac rehabilitation? A guide to improving your heart health.
 - 3.1 Cardiac rehabilitation can be a crucial step for individuals who have had heart surgery or are experiencing problems related to cardiovascular disease. The table below lists various conditions that can indicate a need for cardiac rehabilitation. By referring to this table, you can determine whether or not you may benefit from cardiac rehabilitation.

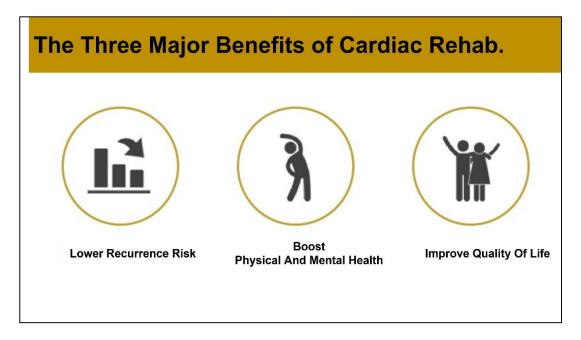
Should I consider cardiac rehabilitation?	
Top Reasons to Attend Cardiac Rehabilitation Program If You Have Experienced These Conditions:	
	1. Heart Attack in the past year
	2. Acute Coronary Syndrome
	3. Angina (chest pain or shortness of breath)
	4. Symptoms of Heart Failure
	5. Percutaneous Coronary Stenting
	6. CABG (coronary artery bypass surgery)
	7. Heart Valve Surgery
	8. Heart Transplantation



4. Unlocking the Benefits of Cardiac Rehabilitation: Improving Your Heart Health and Quality of Life

- 4.1 Your heart health is essential, whether you have had successful heart surgery or are on medication. Ongoing care is necessary as there is still a chance of recurrence. By participating in a comprehensive cardiac rehabilitation program, you can significantly improve your overall health. Studies have shown that participating in cardiac rehabilitation can reduce the risk of readmission and death by 25% to 50%, boost exercise capacity, aid in weight loss, and lower cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels. Moreover, when combined with proper medication, it can further reduce the risk of complications such as heart attack and stroke.
- 4.2 Furthermore, cardiac rehabilitation programs can assist you in managing the underlying causes of heart disease, such as high blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels. Positive modifications can be made to the cardiovascular system by improving aerobic exercise, stress management, and healthy eating habits, including reducing inflammation, relaxing blood vessels, and lowering the risk of blood clots. As a result, cardiac rehabilitation not only lowers the risk of disease but also enhances the quality of life and reduces feelings of depression and anxiety, making it a genuinely holistic approach to healthcare.





5. Summary

Discovering that you have heart disease can be a devastating experience, but with the support of a professional cardiac healthcare team and a customized cardiac rehabilitation program, not only can you recover quickly but also adopt a healthy lifestyle and regain a fulfilling life. The Heart Team at Cheng-Hsin General Hospital is always available to assist you with any of your heart-related needs.