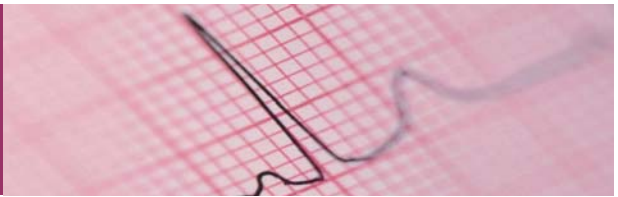
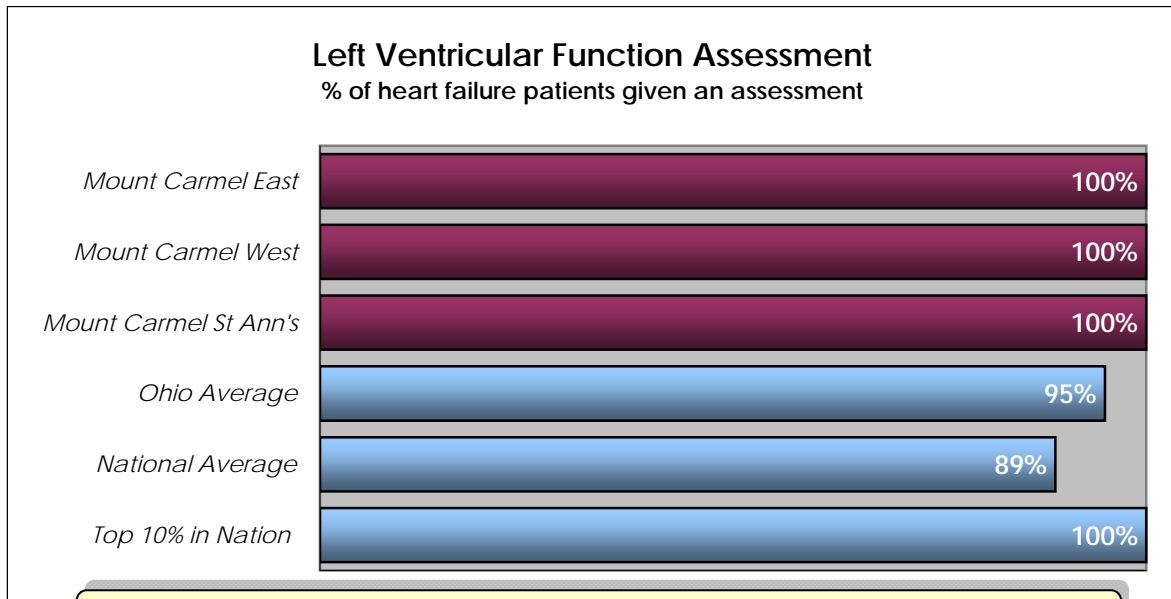


# HEART FAILURE

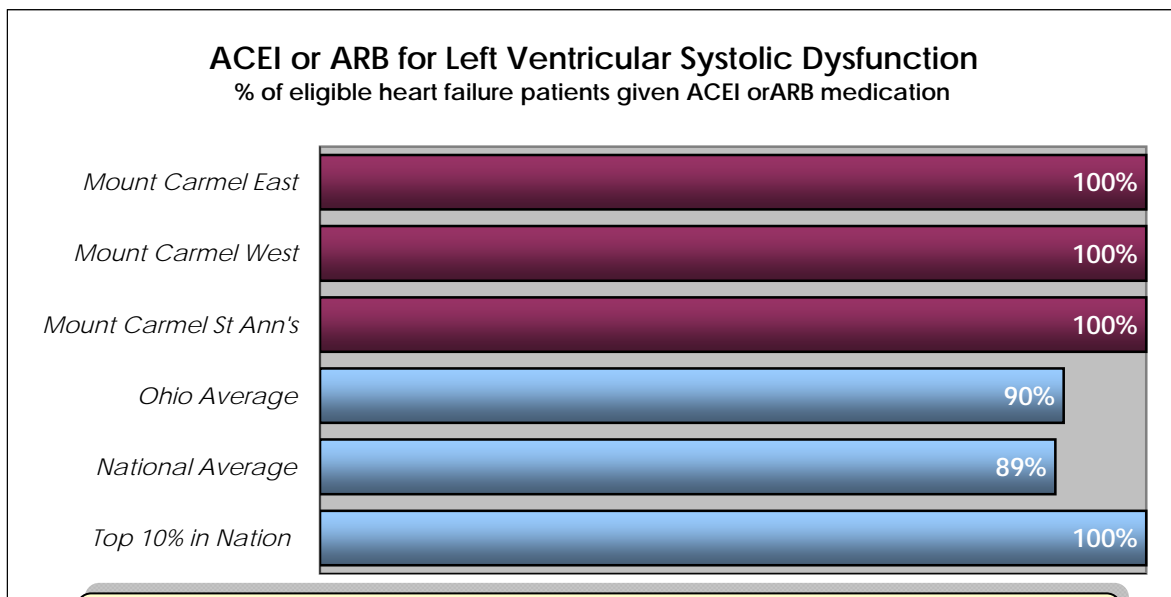
## Quality Indicators



Scientific research indicates that the following four measures represent best practice in the treatment of heart failure. Mount Carmel data is for the time period October 2008 - March 2009. Ohio and national data is from the Hospital Compare website and is for the time period January 2008 - December 2008. Instances with fewer than 25 cases are too small to reliably predict hospital performance.



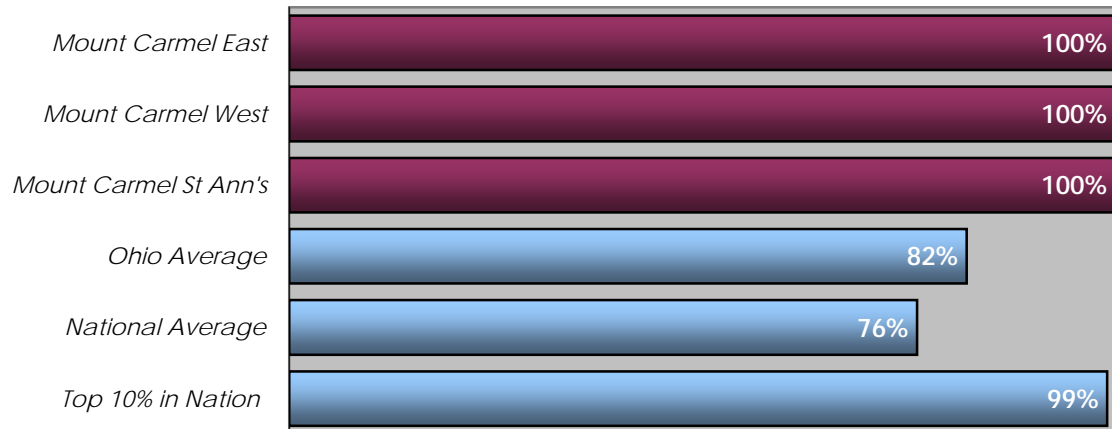
The proper treatment for heart failure depends on what area of the heart is affected. This indicator can test whether the left side of the heart is pumping properly



For patients with heart failure and decreased function on the left side of the heart, early treatment with ACE inhibitors (angiotensin converting enzyme) or ARBs (angiotensin receptor blockers) can reduce mortality from future heart attacks

## Discharge Instructions

% of heart failure patients given discharge instructions



To help manage symptoms after being discharged, patients should receive written instructions or materials that addresses: activity level, diet, discharge medications, follow-up appointment, weight monitoring and what to do if symptoms worsen

## Smoking Cessation Advice

% of heart failure patients given smoking cessation advice or counseling



Smoking increases the risk for developing blood clots and heart disease that can result in a heart attack, heart failure or stroke -- quitting smoking may prevent future heart attacks