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The Heart of Arizona

Fall 2015

Arizona ACC Annual Meeting

May 19, 2016

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Join us for chapter and national updates, quality education and networking with your peers. Stay tuned for the Agenda and course details.

Location:

JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn
Resort and Spa
5402 E Lincoln Dr.
Scottsdale, AZ 85253

\$20: Chapter Member. Upon attendance, fee will be reimbursed or donated to the PAC (your choice).

\$50: Non-Member

[Register Here!](#)

Submit your Posters to azacc@aminc.org. All submitted abstracts will be displayed as posters at the meeting and registration fee will be waived for participants.

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President's Corner Craig A. Hoover, MD, FACC President/Governor

An Arizona State of Mind - As we close out 2015, I want to wish all of our membership Happy Holidays and best wishes for a fantastic 2016. In reflecting over the past year, we can count a number of successes.

We have supported Fellows-in-Training with programs focusing on the transition from training to practice environments. We held a successful statewide meeting organized by incoming Governor Chris Breburda, including poster presentations of original research from students, fellows and associates. We followed this with a "Business of Cardiology" session this fall, where we learned about the changes facing both us as Cardiologists as well as our place in the broader spectrum of health care services as hospitals, payers, pharmaceutical and device companies all face a changing market.

We had an active contingent travel to Washington, D.C, last month for the annual ACC Legislative Conference. Your members met with representatives from Senators McCain and Flake's offices as well as Congressional offices from across Arizona. I was personally surprised at the welcoming reception we received across the board. While legislators may not always agree with our positions, we gain a receptive audience because they recognize that we are not a self-serving interest group – our power in advocacy rests upon our profession's drive to deliver quality CV services to our patients.

We have started a registry of state STEMI sites. A few states, such as Washington, have well-developed STEMI networks. Arizona does not, and we are starting with an inventory of locations and services provided across the state. Kwan Lee has been instrumental in gathering this data and heading up this effort. We are contemplating a website for public information or partnering with the State to disseminate this information. If you have ideas on where to go from here, please contact Dr. Lee.

Looking forward to next year, the Board hopes to encourage and facilitate member engagement. Both statewide and nationally, we are exploring options to deliver value to your membership. In addition to our regional and statewide meetings, we plan to work with the established ACC Sections. A great example of this is the recent Women In Cardiology (WIC) meeting, which was driven not by the Arizona ACC Board, but by the Women in Cardiology of Arizona and spearheaded by Sarika Desai, WIC Chair. Once again, they had a great turnout, fantastic speakers and service to our cardiovascular community.

Please take home this message: if you have a passion, an idea or an educational session to share with our community, we will help you turn that idea into a reality. We will be sending out invitations for interested section members to work with the Board to develop content over the next year and beyond; we appreciate and welcome your participation.

Finally, as Thanksgiving nears, please take a moment to give thanks for our own health, friends, family and community. I had a patient this week presenting days after an anterior wall MI in cardiogenic shock. Even with intensive hemodynamic support, she will not be with her family over the holidays. Despite our best efforts at prevention and early recognition of disease, and fully armed with modern technology, we sometimes run out of miracles. Each one of you has a unique opportunity to touch the lives of our patients every day. Keep working your own miracles, because we need them as much as ever.





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Women in Cardiology Coming Together for Education and Networking Sarika Desai, DO

We had a very successful chapter Women-in-Cardiology event in Phoenix on 11/5/15 with over 50 attendees, including medical students from the University of Arizona, residents, cardiology fellows from Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, and practicing cardiologists (both male and female) from the AZ community. We had a powerhouse of speakers including Drs. Walsh, Itchhaporia, Sweitzer, and Gulati.

I am so proud that ACC supports such important events to open the channels of communication among women in cardiology. We started our journey 3 years ago in 2013 with Dr. Noel Bairey-Merz as our first speaker and then held the first ever ACC WIC mentoring event in 2014. We have grown drastically this year as shown in the [photo link attached](#). We cannot thank our nationally renowned speakers enough for taking time to share their journey to help foster a younger generation of medical professionals.

Dr. Sweitzer, one of the few female cardiology chairs in the nation, began the event by speaking on equality for females in an academic environment. She detailed two major barriers that women often place on themselves-perfectionism and internal attributes that hinder their own progress. She cited Sheryl Sandberg's book "Lean In," stating that we have to recognize that no one is perfect and that we have to be happy with ourselves and keep climbing.

Dr. Itchhaporia spoke on thriving as a successful interventional female cardiologist. She explained that an estimated 18% of interventionists are female and that we hope to continue to draw more and more women. Perhaps there are issues with radiation safety, work life balance, and/or concerns over physical health that need to be addressed to create a more suitable environment for women to be drawn to this subspecialty.

Dr. Gulati shared on equality and career advancement as women within cardiology. Dr. Gulati, who among her many accolades, sits on the steering committee for the AAMC educational committee for graduate medical education, was able to provide insight into why there is minimal growth of women in cardiology at approximately 22%.

Dr. Walsh, proceeded to speak on "Leadership without title." She stated specifically that she wasn't telling women not to achieve the most they can in their careers, including prominent titles/positions, but rather that the new model of leadership is about every single stakeholder showing leadership in the work they do. This is really all about distributed leadership. Every single person within an organization shares a stake in the success of that organization.

One cardiology fellow from Mayo Clinic stated, "Thank you for hosting this type of event for us. We learned so much, and we thank the ACC AZ chapter for creating a forum for open dialogue about our issues." Another medical student from the University of Arizona stated, "This event has inspired me to pursue a possible career in cardiology." This gratitude makes all the efforts placed into organizing this event completely worth it.



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Hospitals Nationwide Begin Reporting PCI and ICD Measure

As of today, data on several measures related to percutaneous coronary intervention and implantable cardioverter defibrillator procedures are publicly available for the first time. CathPCI Registry® hospitals and ICD Registry™ hospitals that volunteered to participate in the ACC's public reporting program now have their results posted on FindYourHeartaHome.org, powered by CardioSmart. By publicly reporting, hospitals demonstrate their dedication to quality improvement and transparency, and empower patients to make informed decisions about their cardiovascular care.

“Our hope is that by tracking and publicly reporting these measures we can raise awareness of variation where it exists and help to ensure consistent, evidence-based care is provided across the U.S.,” said ACC President Kim Allan Williams, Sr., MD, FACC.

Hospitals can opt in to publicly report at any point by submitting a data consent form for the CathPCI Registry and/or ICD Registry. Hospitals that choose not to publicly report will be listed as “not participating” with ACC public reporting.

The ACC has developed a Public Reporting Communications Kit to help participating CathPCI Registry and ICD Registry hospitals communicate their participation in ACC's public reporting program and their measure performance. If you are part of a hospital that is participating in this public reporting effort, feel free to pass the CathPCI Registry Communications Kit and/or ICD Registry Communications Kit along to your communications or public relations team. (Note: you must be logged into ACC's Quality Improvement for Institutions Site to access the communications kits).

NCDR hospitals can also download a new Data Quality Checklist to ensure that all steps in their data management process produce complete, accurate, reliable and valid data.

Read more on ACC.org. Patient-focused information on the measures is available at FindYourHeartaHome.org, powered by CardioSmart.





NEWS YOU CAN USE

IHE Connectathon Registration is Open

The Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) Connectathon is a cross-vendor, live, supervised and structured testing event attended by more than 100 participating vendors and more than 550 engineers and information technology (IT) architects. These experts will meet in Cleveland, OH, Jan. 25—29 for one full week of interoperability testing and problem resolution. IHE is a unique collaboration of health care professionals and industry focused on improving the way computer systems in health care share information. The ACC has partnered with IHE to develop [cardiology profiles](#) for cardiac catheterization, echocardiography and stress testing workflows, electrocardiogram retrieval, implantable device cardiac observations, and cardiovascular displayable reports. [Register here.](#)

ACC Response to ABIM Report on Vision for Certification and MOC Programs in 2020

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) in September released a report entitled “A Vision for Certification in Internal Medicine in 2020,” that was drafted to inform the reshaping of ABIM’s Certification and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) programs. It includes three key recommendations that are similar to those [being proposed by the ACC](#) on behalf of its members, as well as the rest of the internal medicine community. Specifically, the report proposes to: 1) replace the 10-year MOC exam with more frequent, less burdensome assessments; 2) focus assessments on cognitive and technical skills; and 3) recognize specialization. [Read the full report here.](#) and read ACC’s [statement in its entirety here.](#)

Join the Senior Cardiology Workgroup

As the baby boomer generation approaches its eighth decade, ACC leadership is eager to focus attention on the special attributes and needs of this large cohort of maturing cardiologists, and the potentially unique contributions they might make to the College and our profession. As of March 2015, there are approximately 12,668 FACC members who are 60 years of age and older, of this group, 8,615 are not emeritus status and 4,053 are designated emeritus. Most of the emeritus members are age 75 and older. 60+ non-emeritus FACCs tend to mirror FACCs in general in terms of non-age demographics and needs.

The College invites you to join the Senior Cardiologist work group led by Samuel Wann, MD, MACC. Please contact Ashton Princell at Aprincell@acc.org if you are interested in learning more.





Upcoming Events:

For all event details, please visit our [website calendar page](#).

Dec. 18th - 20th: 32nd Annual Advances in Heart Disease, San Francisco

January 12th, 2016: ICD-10 -CM | CPT | HCPCS

Reimbursement & Coding Seminar For Cardiology, Phoenix

February 18th - 20th: 2016 Cardiovascular Summit: Solutions
for Thriving in a Time of Change, Las Vegas

March 9th - 12th: SIF 2016: Scottsdale Interventional
Forum, Scottsdale

April 2nd - 4th: ACC.16, Chicago

May 19th: AZ ACC Annual Meeting, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm,
Scottsdale, AZ



Is Your ACC Member Profile Up-To-Date?

The ACC wants to make sure it's sending members only the most relevant information. To that end, the College is encouraging all members to update their ACC profile, including contact information, specialty areas, clinical interest areas and practice information. Don't miss out on the latest cardiovascular research, new clinical guidelines, advocacy updates, ACC news and member benefits. Update your profile online at ACC.org/MyProfile.

Check out the Special Issue of @ACCinTouch Cardiology Magazine which focuses on Member Sections. ACC.org/Cardiology#ACCChapters

