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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

■ CHRIS BREBURDA, MD, FACC ■



**The Arizona Chapter had its most successful and dynamic year in 2018 ever:**

Member Value and Engagement | Total AZ members – 770 | MACC - 1 | FACC/Physicians - 576  
| FIT - 52

CVT - 124 | Students - 17

The Board of Directors held two board meetings in spring and fall with a focus on strengthening the subspecialty sections and the future strategic vision for the chapter.

The national BOG meeting recognized the educational efforts of our AZ CVT as our AZ CVT Chapter Chair Marci Farquhar-Snow ACNP, who will become the National CVT State Liaison Chair. Sharon Dickinson PA-C is the Region 2 Director for the ACC State Liaisons. Sharon Morgan ACNP is our incoming AZ CVT State Liaison.

The chapter awarded Dr Wilber Su, section chair EP Banner University the AZ ACC Teaching Award 2018 and Dr. Kris Vijay, Chair of Heart Failure Abrazo Heart Center Phoenix its Lifetime Achievement Award.

## Purposeful Education

We started out in January receiving the “2017 Chapter Recognition Award For Achievement in WIC Member Engagement Awarded to the Arizona Chapter by the National Board of Governor.”

We held our competitive statewide FIT jeopardy completion under the leadership of FIT chair Dr Santosh Desai and entered the semifinals at the annual Scientific Sessions FIT Jeopardy competition.

The poster chapter competition winners were:

1st place: J.R.Exequiel “Keng” Pineda, MD, PhD; University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson - Persistent Fetal Cardiac Troponin

2nd place: Giuliana Repeti; University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson - 3D Imaging

3rd place (tie): Justin Lee; Mayo Clinic Arizona - Stroke in Lead Extraction

Pierce Bradley; University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson - Post-Hoc Evaluation of Immune Response

The CVT team held its second annual CME Update course for the CVT team at Mayo Clinic under the direction of Marci Farquhar–Snow ACNP. Interprofessional speakers were represented and a poster session was held.

Dr Wilber Su held two large EP section interactive Case Symposia at the Phoenix OdySea Aquarium.

Dr. Lee, our incoming Governor elect, held an Interventional FIT Jeopardy competition in Tucson in November

2018 which uniquely featured a finalist procedural simulation showdown of a STEMI and is planning a state FIT jeopardy competition for January 2019. More sub-specialty FIT Jeopardy competitions are planned including in Electrophysiology, Advanced Imaging and Heart Failure

A CME Heart Failure Dinner talk is planned in Tucson in January 2019 and a Vascular Case Dinner Symposium for February 2019 in Phoenix will be held.

We had a tremendously successful ACC AZ Annual Meeting: 35 posters, 110 participants, 12 cutting edge state specialists updates, academic debates and awards: biggest event ever.

Our ACC AZ Chair of Innovation Dr Heuser, Chief of Cardiology, St. Lukes Medical Center Phoenix, held a tremendously successful two day CMT Meeting "Update in CV Management" with a preceding one day CVT/Nurse Symposium at the Biltmore, Phoenix, which was also our dedicated annual chapter fall meeting.

#### Transformation of Care

President Breburda represented the AZ ACC at several ArMA (Arizona Medical Association) meetings as we participate in the State advocacy efforts of ArMA.

An engaged delegation including FACC, FIT and CVT members were represented ACC AZ at the ACC legislative conference, Washington DC, 9/30-10/1/18.

AZ ACC member Heather Ross DNP ACNP was a Democratic candidate for Arizona's 6th Congressional District in the U.S. House.

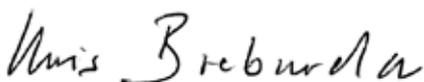
Our Arizona ACC website features a Primary PCI digital map of every hospital in the state. This will be updated in 2019 to additionally include public reporting, Structural Heart, Electrophysiology and Cardiac Rehab data.

#### Diversity and Inclusion

Our November WIC meeting under the leadership of Dr Sarika Desai boasted more than 90 participants, inspiring young women to choose a career in Cardiology.

Our Chapter is as dynamic and energized as never before. A particular focus of our chapter leadership is to engage the mid-career FACC's by organizing numerous educational opportunities including the reintroduction of annual state chapter scientific meetings with poster sessions, dinner symposia, MOC sessions, FIT competitions and the international partnership with the Mexico ACC Chapter.

The vision of AZ ACC's President is to build an active and strong state chapter and Dr. Breburda is deeply grateful that with the help to the engaged Board of Directors and the newly created section chairs we accomplished this goal.



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# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## INFORMATIONAL

### **New Versions of ACCSAP, CathSAP and EP SAP Released**

Discover three brand new self-assessment programs, created just for you. These new educational products include: [ACCSAP](#), [CathSAP](#), developed in collaboration with the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, and [EP SAP](#), developed in collaboration with the Heart Rhythm Society. All three products have moved to a continuous update model, with new science and guidelines added yearly. Plus, your purchase gives you five years of access, so you won't have to guess which version you should buy to meet your needs/timeline. Each product includes learning material and practice questions that offer both CME credit and MOC Medical Knowledge points. Plus, ECME credit and Canadian MOC credit are now available for users outside the U.S.

### **ONC, CMS Proposed Rules Promote EHR Interoperability**

On Feb. 11, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released two proposed rules supporting the seamless and secure access, exchange and use of electronic health information.

The proposed rules follow requirements in the 21st Century Cures Act, directing ONC and CMS to develop policies that foster interoperability through data sharing and identify activities that do not constitute information blocking.

The rules would increase choice and competition while promoting innovation to expand patient access to and control over their health information. [Access fact sheets for both rules and more on ACC.org.](#)

### **ACC's Official Social Media Policy and Hashtag Guide**

ACC has released its official social media policy on ACC.org – along with a handy guide to ACC's official hashtags. [Access both here.](#)



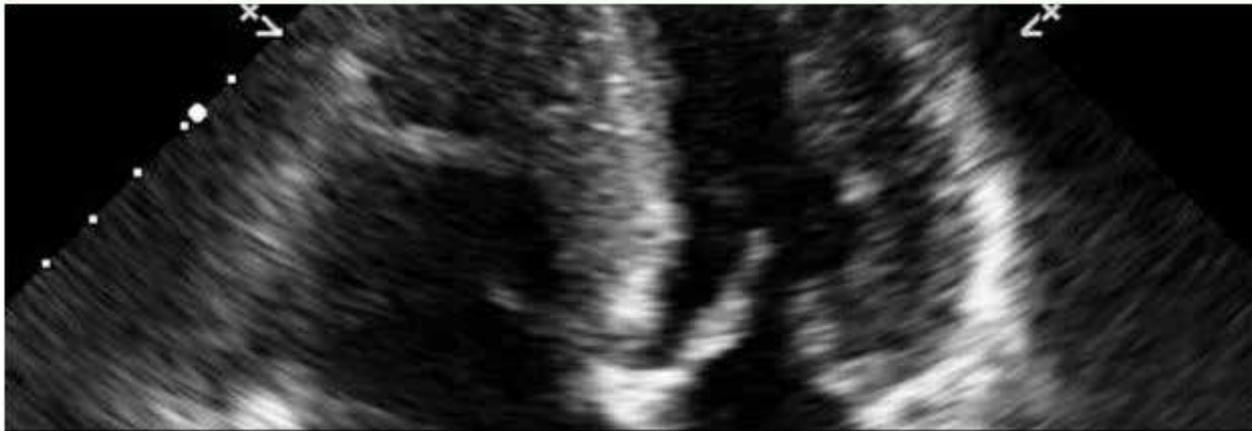
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*"The ACC exists because of its members—no matter where they live and work," he writes. "While we may live in different places, speak different languages, and come from different cultures and backgrounds, our commitment to our patients is one and the same. We are all part of one world, and one College." ACC President C. Michael Valentine, MD, FACC, [Read more.](#)*

# UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### MAR

**27th - 30th** 15TH ANNUAL SCOTTSDALE INFORMATION FORUM

**Location:** [Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort at Gainey Ranch](#) Scottsdale, AZ | [Register](#)

**30th** 2019 CARDIOLOGY SYMPOSIUM: CARDIOLOGY IN THE DESERT

**Location:** Kimpton Hotel Palomar Phoenix, AZ | [Register](#) | [View Flyer](#)

### APR

**6th - 7th** CAREMORE HEALTH'S THIRD ANNUAL CARIOVASCULAR SYMPOSIUM

In association with CareMore Health and endorsed by the California & Arizona Chapters of the American College of Cardiology

**Location:** [JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa](#) 3800 W. Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson AZ 85745

[Program & Details](#) | [Register](#)

### MAY

**17th** ANNUAL MEETING

**Location:** [The Scott Resort & Spa](#) (formerly FireSky Resort) 4925 North Scottsdale Road Scottsdale, AZ 85251 **Time:** 5-9PM [View Map Here](#) | [Register Here](#)

# JUN

**28th - 29th** 3RD ANNUAL AZ ACC CARDIOVASCULAR TEAM CONFERENCE

**Location:** [The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa 3800 E Sunrise Dr. Tucson, AZ 85718](#)

[Agenda](#)

# JUL

**19th - 21st** ASPC 2019 CONGRESS ON CVD PREVENTION

**Location:** [La Cantera Resort & Spa 16641 La Cantera Parkway San Antonio, TX](#)

[Register Here](#) For Reservation Call 201-558-6500 and reference the ASPC 2019 Congress or block code ASPO719A or [click here to make your reservation online.](#)

## Win a gift card! Request for participation in a short survey about Chagas

The Arizona Department of Health Services and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health would like to assess current knowledge, attitudes, and practices of Arizona cardiologists in regard to the diagnosis, testing, and treatment of Chagas heart disease.

To be entered into the \$100 Amazon gift card drawing, you will have to provide your contact information upon completion of the survey, but will not be connected to the initial responses.

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