Are You Ready for the Sunshine Act?

The ACC strongly encourages physicians to register to preview reports of industry payments made to them before the reports are made public on Sept. 30 as required by the Physician Payments Sunshine Act. The registration system opened on June 1 and is now available at portal@cms.gov. Tips for successfully registering:

- **Review these slides** for step-by-step instructions (starting on slide 14).
- Physicians must register themselves – staff will not be able to register for you.
- Have a copy of your credit report next to you while registering.
- Designate a member of your staff to be given access to your report during the preview period.
- You do not need to create a new CMS Enterprise Identity Management system (EIDM) account if you use the Health Insurance Oversight System, the Medicaid and CHIP Program System or other CMS systems.
- PECOS, the National Provider Identifier enumeration system and the Surrogate User Program are not connected to the EIDM system, so you cannot use existing accounts on those systems for Sunshine Act purposes.
- Contact openpayments@cms.hhs.gov with any problems with registration.
- Contact Experian Proofing Support Services for assistance with identity proofing concerns.

Share Your Successes!

What are you doing and/or achieving for CV health? Tweet it to @WashingtonACC and be sure to post it on Facebook!
President's Corner
Tim Dewhurst, MD, FACC
President/Governor

I hope that everyone reading this is having a great summer. While summer is a time to recharge and explore, your ACC has still been at work, laying the groundwork for progress on our strategic plan. Thanks to all who have joined and those continuing to serve. Click here for a Board of Directors contact list.

There is always room for energetic individuals to participate in the state ACC. This is your organization, the leadership team is listening to your thoughts and concerns, please let us know what we can do.

The ABIM Maintenance of Certification remains a priority of the physician members, thanks to all who filled out the recent online survey. Washington members felt the cost was too high, generally supported Part 2 (MOC learning modules) and were mixed on the secure exam and practice improvement modules. Half of the members wanted the ACC to assume certification responsibilities. The ACC is in dialogue with the ABIM about MOC, we will keep you updated. See here for the full survey results.

The changes in the business end of medicine are continuing. There is no question that the US cannot afford the 19.6% of GDP currently spent on health care related expenses. The ACC rightly takes credit for bending the Medicare cost curve down with the AUC guidelines. We have made sure the legislators know and understand that our efforts to be proactive in reducing low value care have worked. Now we have to make them understand that we, the professionals who deliver the care, are much more valuable than many others getting these monies.

Washington continues to be the national leader in sudden cardiac arrest survival. A national registry of cardiac arrest resuscitation exists and shows that most big cities have survival rates below 10%, while in King County the rate is an astounding 62%. There are many factors contributing to this and the sum of the parts is greater than the whole. Take pride in being part of a system that is so successful!

Please let me know your thoughts, passions, and problems so we can effectively represent you and your patients.

Sincerely,
Fellows in Training (FIT) Corner

The FITs on the Go video blog contains fellow-focused cardiology news and content made by fellows in training (FITs), including coverage of national meetings. See time lapse photography of the ACC.14 FIT lounge.

ACC Advocates MOC Changes at AMA Meeting

Representatives from the ACC were at the American Medical Association's (AMA's) annual House of Delegates meeting in Chicago in late June advocating for a number of policies, including maintenance of certification changes and increased involvement of younger physicians in the AMA. ACC’s delegates joined the House of Medicine in commending CVS/Caremark for taking tobacco off shelves and urged others to implement similar policies. Additionally, ACC delegates expressed support for public health initiatives regarding scholastic athlete safety and the prevention of sudden cardiac arrest. Other hot topics included clinical registries and the Choosing Wisely program; tobacco regulation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and nutritional labeling and education; and the appropriate use criteria mandate included in the Sustainable Growth Rate patch.

ROAD TO 10: YOUR PATH TO ICD-10 COMPLIANCE

In preparation for the transition to ICD-10, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have launched the Road to 10 Program. The Program is designed to provide resources and tools to small physician practices as they prepare for the ICD-10 transition. Click here for more.

Federal Budget Overview of Select Health Provisions for 2015

On March 4, 2014, President Obama released his FY 2015 budget proposal to Congress. This is the base budget proposal that Congress will consider as it develops the federal budget for FY 2015. The President’s budget assumes enactment of certain legislative proposals that would make key changes in Medicare program policy and save $407 billion over 10 years. Some of these provisions could be addressed when Congress considers Medicare payment reform. Click here to see select policy provisions requiring legislative action.
ACC’s Strategic Plan Goes to Implementation Phase

ACC staff and member leaders are now in the implementation phase of the College’s five-year Strategic Plan, as drawn out over the last year and was approved at the December ACC Board of Trustees meeting. The Strategic Plan is intended to direct the College’s activities and ensure the ACC’s strategic priorities are mission-focused. Learn more about the direction of the ACC online here.

New Medical Mobile App Reviews Help You Enhance Patient Care

With a plethora of medical mobile apps on the market, it can often be challenging to know which ones to implement in clinical practice. To solve this problem, the ACC’s Informatics Task Force has developed a series of Mobile App Reviews to help providers adopt tools that optimize patient care. Current categories include Patient Education apps, Manuscript Writing Assistance apps, Protected Health Information Sharing and HIPAA Compliance apps, and Recording Patient Data for Patients apps. Read the reviews to decide which apps are the right fit for you and be sure to check back often for updates. Do you have an app to recommend? Please email reviewsubmissions@acc.org to submit a review.

September 14 - 16, 2014
ACC’s 2014 Legislative Conference
Fairmont Washington, DC, Georgetown
Click here for the details.

October 16 - 18, 2014
14th Annual Maui Cardiovascular Symposium
Presented by John B. Gordon III, M.D., F.A.C.C., Course Director.
The Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui Resort
Click here for the details.

Employment Opportunity
Check out our website’s WA Employment page for:

Interventional Cardiologists in Washington now through January 2015. Coverage 2.5 hours South of Seattle.