Dear WA ACC Members,

I hope all of you are enjoying the warm weather as we head into summer! I apologize up front, but this is going to be a long update, as our chapter has been very busy since last fall!

Advocacy:

Under the leadership of advocacy chair, Dr. Sandeep Krishnan, we have made great progress tackling an issue critical to all of our members- prior authorization. Our WA ACC advocacy day, entitled “Cardiology at the Capitol,” was attended by 12 members and held in Olympia on February 6th, 2018. We were graciously hosted by Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib and performed blood pressure screenings on legislators and their staff. Our talking points focused on two issues- tobacco 21 and prior authorization.

As highlighted in last fall’s newsletter, Dr. Krishnan's WSMA RUBRIC act resolution was passed requiring insurers to use ACC AUC to determine eligibility for cardiac imaging. With the assistance of the Washington Healthcare and Wellness Committee, we were able to draft a bill to introduce to members of the state legislature during our advocacy day. Reps. Vandana Slatter (WA, 48th district) and Cindy Ryu (WA, 32nd district) expressed interest in sponsoring this bill. We are currently engaging with them to form a working group to advance the bill and send it to the floor of the House during the next legislative session.

Additional highlights:

• Visit by U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal (WA, 7th district) to UW Medical Center to discuss prior authorization and her South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act of 2017, H.R. 3592 (sponsored by ACC)

• Tours by WA Senator Patty Kuderer (WA, 48th district), UW Medicine Eastside Specialty Center and Senator Jamie Peterson (WA, 43rd district), UW Medical Center

• In April, FIT Co-Chair Dr. Jill Steiner represented ACC and briefed members of Congress about South Asian cardiovascular disease in support of H.R. 3592. See link to the news article here: https://cardiology.uw.edu/news/cardiologists-working-congress

The annual ACC Legislative Conference will be held September 30th-October 2nd, 2018 in Washington, DC. I encourage all of you to attend this important meeting. Travel awards for FITs, ECPs, and CVTs are available through this portal: http://www.acc.org/membership/member-benefits-and-resources/award-programs/travel-awards for additional information see below.

Finally, I want to express my deepest appreciation to Dr. Krishnan for his commitment to advocacy for WA ACC and wish him the best of luck as he embarks on his new career in Oklahoma. His passion and energy will be sorely missed.
Education:

Our annual state chapter meeting was held on November 3rd-4th, 2017 at the Motif Hotel in Seattle. I want to express my gratitude to our meeting organizers, Drs. Gautam Nayak, Matt Newman, and Tim Dewhurst, for their efforts to make this event a great success. We reviewed interesting cardiology cases during dinner on Friday evening. Highlights of the Saturday meeting include our first Women in Cardiology (WIC) session organized by WIC Chair, Dr. Rachel Wyman and FITs Drs. Vidang Nguyen and Katie Dawson, and engaging interventional cardiology pro/con debates led by Dr. Creighton Don.

Our sections have been very active. Under the leadership of our outstanding CVT liaison, Jennifer Beckman, two well-attended CVT networking events were held in January and April, and a third is planned for June. WIC chair Dr. Rachel Wyman organized our first WIC networking event in January. ECP chair Dr. Alec Moorman and FIT co-chairs Drs. Jill Steiner and Billy Chen hosted a career-mentorship event in February.

Upcoming events:

Our CVT annual meeting will be held on September 5th, 2018 in Spokane at the Davenport Grand Hotel and will feature our CVT liaison, Jennifer Beckman, and Dr. Mark Harwood from Providence Spokane Heart Institute. Please click here to register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wa-acc-cardiovascular-team-dinner-program-tickets-44767741520

Finally, our annual state chapter meeting will be held on November 3rd, 2018 at the Bellevue Marriott Hotel. Our keynote speaker will be ACC president-elect, Dr. Richard (Dick) Kovacs, Clinical Director of the Krannert Institute of Cardiology at Indiana University School of Medicine, Associate Dean for Clinical Research and Associate Director of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute.

National:

During the annual scientific sessions meeting in Orlando, FL, several issues were highlighted on the national stage at the Board of Governors meeting:

ABIM-MOC- The ACC has played a critical role working with the ABIM to reduce MOC requirements for recertification of our members. Currently, the ACC is building modules (ACCSAP) for recertification that it hopes to partner with the ABIM. If these efforts fail, then the ACC is committed to developing its own recertification process for its members.

Prior authorization- The ACC continues to focus on this issue on the national stage. The ACC PARTool was created to acquire data about prior authorization challenges across the country that can be used to inform us about where the pressure points exist in this process and which insurers are most likely to require peer-to-peer review. Please use this simple tool to add your prior authorization data to this growing database: http://www.acc.org/tools-and-practice-support/advocacy-at-the-acc/prior-authorization/tools/prior-authorization-questionnaire

Quadruple Aim- President Mike Valentine spoke about the alarming increase in physician/provider burnout during his address during convocation at ACC.18. Member well-being and ways to improve the workplace environment are key elements of the new ACC strategic plan for 2019-2024. See more details about this topic from President Valentine below.

I hope everyone has a great summer and look forward to seeing you at our ACC meetings this fall. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime via email: eyang01@uw.edu

Best wishes,
Eugene Yang, MD, FACC
JACC Leadership Page: Social Media and Cardiology

In the recent Journal of the American College of Cardiology (JACC), ACC Immediate-Past President Mary Norine Walsh, MD, FACC, writes about the importance of social media in cardiology. Twitter in particular is emerging as a key tool in disseminating health information and many in the cardiovascular field regularly use the platform to share ideas and information and also discuss current trends and issues. “Social media as a form of communication in health care is here to stay,” Walsh writes. “Whether you are an active participant or in a ‘listening only’ mode, engagement with patients, other clinicians, scientific conferences, and professional journals will increasingly occur via social media.” Read more.

Are You Reading Cardiology?

Your ACC member publication, Cardiology, outlines relevant and timely topics for cardiovascular professionals each month. Easy to read online or in print, Cardiology is your not-to-miss source for clinical, professional and policy news. Engaging images, articles, scientific journal highlights, member profiles, expert commentary, and more are combined in a comprehensive round-up of news and resources for the entire cardiovascular community. Watch for a survey from Kantar Research this spring intended to gauge awareness and use of this publication among cardiovascular professionals. Catch up on the latest issue and browse archives at ACC.org/Cardiology.
JACC Leadership Page: Tackling the Quadruple Aim

“A robust, diverse, and healthy workforce is key to achieving the College’s new vision of a world where innovation and knowledge optimize cardiovascular care and outcomes,” writes C. Michael Valentine, MD, FACC, ACC president. The importance of incorporating professional wellbeing into ongoing discussions about improved outcomes and cost savings.

“Like most things, there is a need to grow and adapt over time,” he writes. “Although the focus on better outcomes, improved care, and lower costs is still fundamental, increasing administrative, regulatory, and professional burdens are leading to clinician burnout and running counter to the goals of the triple aim.

This has led to a call for a fourth aim addressing professional well-being.” Valentine highlights the many things the College is already doing to address the “Quadruple Aim,” including helping members navigate new federal reporting and payment requirements; finding ways to increase diversity and inclusion in the workforce; exploring innovative ways to relieve administrative and maintenance of certification burdens; and more. The Quadruple Aim is a key element of the College’s strategic priorities and next Strategic Plan. “For the majority of physicians, we practice medicine because of our passion for improving and saving the lives of patients,” he writes. “We can and must take care of ourselves to best take care of those we took an oath to serve.” Read more.

Advocacy

ACC Releases New Alternative Payment Model Framework on ACC.org

The continued shift toward a value-focused health system is driving more clinicians toward participation in alternative payment models (APMs), but knowing how and when to participate in an APM can pose significant challenges. ACC’s newly launched APM Framework is the College’s answer for members navigating the APM landscape. The APM Framework guides members through their consideration of the most critical implications of APM participation. The Framework is composed of closed-ended questions introducing areas of focus within four categories – Organizational Readiness, Clinical Practice Transformation, Reporting and Analytics and Financial Risk. Within these categories, individuals can self-select criteria applicable to their specific practice environment to determine readiness for APM participation. “Helping ACC members understand and successfully participate in APMs is a strategic priority of the College,” said APM Workgroup Chair Paul N. Casale, MD, MPH, FACC. “We heard from members about a desire for information to aid in their understanding of APMs. They asked us to help them identify the capabilities needed to be successful in an APM – and the APM Framework is the answer.” Learn more about APMs and determine whether your practice is ready for participation at ACC.org/APM.

ACC Archived Webinars

Did you know that you can find archived webinars from throughout the years from the ACC on ACC.org? As a member, you have access to this wealth of information at www.acc.org/WebinarsOndemand. Questions? Contact ACC’s Resource Center at Phone: 202-375-6000, ext. 5603 or 800-253-4636, ext. 5603 or resource@acc.org.

JACC Editions in Spanish, Portuguese and Mandarin

JACC is launching three new translated online editions this year in Spanish, Portuguese and Mandarin. Each of the translated editions are led by regional editors-in-chief and editorial boards and will feature translated JACC manuscripts selected for their relevance to each local community. Six issues of each edition will be published online annually and will include unique commentary by regional contributors. The articles will be available in PDF format, free to download or print.

See JACC.org/International. The Spanish edition is the first to launch, with article PDFs, editor-in-chief bios and a list of editorial board members available at JACC.org/Spanish. The first issue of the Spanish edition is also available at http://jacc.elsevier.es/.
Dear Colleagues,

The Cardiovascular team (CVT) has had a very productive spring!

We continue to work towards building a community of CVT members in order to collaborate across Cardiology in Washington state. Over the past 6 months we have welcomed 12 new CVT members!

We have continued to offer networking events in order to promote awareness and collaboration within the Cardiovascular Team. Most recently, in January we held a networking event at Redhook Brewlab which offered a presentation by Dr. Inder Singh on “LifeVest and Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death.” This was a fantastic event to meet new and existing CVT members from across multiple health care systems and specialties.

In April we also hosted another networking event at Wild Ginger in Seattle. There was a presentation offered by Dr. Debleena Dutt on “Hyponatremia in Heart Failure.” Another successful excellent educational and networking opportunity! Stay tuned for more details to come regarding our next networking opportunity in June. Visit our website for updates.

In September, we will offer an educational event in Spokane, WA at the Davenport Grand Hotel. Register Here. This program will provide members with education on heart failure and atrial fibrillation management. Click here to get registered!

Looking towards the future, there is work being done to incorporate CVT members into the WA ACC annual meeting. Please consider attending this excellent educational offering or reaching out to myself if you are interested in participating.

I would be honored if you would join the WA chapter CVT membership. Please use the link below to complete your membership application and share this with any of your colleagues who might be interested.

Please reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions and let me know if you have interest in becoming a CVT leader within the WA chapter.

Thank you very much!

CLICK HERE to become a member.

Jennifer A. Beckman, MSN-FNP, ARNP, CHFN

CVT Liaison, WA Chapter of ACC
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

TRAVEL AWARDS

FIT, CVT & EARLY CAREER PHYSICIANS

Fellows in Training:
The ACC has made a select number of travel awards available to cover expenses for fellows in training (FITs) to travel to ACC’s 2018 Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. The award provides funding for travel, lodging and other expenses to and from the Conference held September 30th-October 2nd, 2018.

Eligibility: All current FIT members are eligible to apply. Award recipients will need to receive confirmation that they are able to attend the conference from their training program director. No more than one award will be granted from any single training program.

The recipients of this award are expected to attend all sessions of the Legislative Conference and visit the Hill to meet with their assigned Representatives. Recipients of this award are also expected to write a short article on their experiences at the Legislative conference and how they will use this award and experience for furthering advocacy efforts in their chapter.

The Award: Travel expenses will be reimbursed for travel, lodging and other expenses up to $1,000 for travel to and from ACC’s 2018 Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, September 30th-October 2nd, 2018.

The application period for this award ends on June 25, 2018. Click here to apply.

Early Career Physicians:
The ACC has made a select number of travel awards available to cover expenses for Early Career members to travel to ACC’s 2018 Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. The award provides funding for travel, lodging and other expenses to and from the Conference held September 30th-October 2nd, 2018.

Eligibility: All current Early Career members are eligible to apply. Award recipients may not have received a legislative travel award in the past year.

The recipients of this award are expected to attend all sessions of the Legislative Conference and visit the Hill to meet with their assigned Representatives. Recipients of this award are also expected to write a short article on their experiences at the Legislative conference and how they will use this award and experience for furthering advocacy efforts in their chapter. The best write up will be published in the ACC Early Career Webpage.

The Award: Travel expenses will be reimbursed for travel, lodging and other expenses up to $1,000 for travel to and from ACC’s 2018 Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, September 30th-October 2nd, 2018.

The application period for this award ends on June 25, 2018. Click here to apply.
Thanks to these FITs for representing us in Orlando during the FIT Jeopardy this year:

Robin Brusen, MD
Akash Kataruka, MD
Andrew Harris, MD

We are looking forward to 2019!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATIONAL

A Thank You From Kate Kearney Regarding Travel Grant to National ACC

Many thanks to the Washington ACC Chapter for supporting my travel to the national ACC meeting this past month in Orlando, FL. I had a wonderful experience at the meeting and was able to gain valuable exposure in a number of arenas. This is always a great opportunity to hear from thought leaders in Cardiology on topics including management of shock in our current era of technology and assessing quality of PCI care, in addition to the late breaking clinical trials and educational sessions. This was also a great opportunity for me to present, and I gained valuable experience presenting at the oral session for Interventional Challenging Cases toward developing this very different skillset. I was also able to personally meet several leaders in the field that have inspired my interests. Overall it was a great meeting and we returned with renewed enthusiasm for our clinical and academic work.

Sincerely,

Kate Kearney
Interventional Cardiology Fellow
University of Washington
Congratulations to the new AACC and FACC’s

Warangkana Chokesuwaitthanaskul MD, FACC
Jeffrey Ho MD, FACC
Sameer Gafoor MD, FACC
Joel Wilson MD, FACC
Moses Mathur MD, FACC
Mohit Jain MD, FACC
Andrea Vitello MD, FACC
Brydan Curtis DO, FACC
Liam Morris MBBS, FACC
Deirdre Mooney MD, MPH, FACC
Kenta Nakamura MD, FACC
Charles Rossow MD, FACC
Mariko Harper MD, FACC
Paolo Garbriel MD, FACC
Jason Reese DO, FACC

2018 ACC Nurse Appreciation Month Campaign

As you may know, the ACC has recognized CV Nurses during the month of May since 2011. Detailed below is information regarding the 2018 ACC Nurse Appreciation Month Campaign.

As ACC Leaders, we hope you will:

• Encourage your nonmember nurse colleagues to join the ACC in May and save 40% off their first year’s membership dues – either as a CV Team Member or AACC (if they qualify).

• Support your colleague’s advancement to AACC by offering to write letters of recommendation (if you are a current AACC or FACC).

• Take advantage of the 15% off discount on ACC Education Products and Programs during May.

Ads for this year’s campaign are available for viewing here.

Note that this year, we’re focusing on AACC advancement instead of CV Team recruitment. As a reminder, there is no longer a 2-year waiting period for advancement to AACC. May 2, 2018

ACC.org webpages for Nurse Appreciation Month 2018:

• Our Marketing, Design and Website Staff Teams have created webpages for the four (4) main target audiences – to support this campaign:


**Email Communications (PDF attachments):**

• **Emails to CV Team Members and Prospects:** Attached are emails that went to current CV Team Members and AACCs, as well as prospective members. Each of these emails link to one of the aforementioned webpages.

• **Board of Governors:** Since most CV Team Members join through the ACC Chapters, the Board of Governors Chair and Chair-elect (Drs. Andy Miller and Akshay K. Khandelwal) will send messages throughout the month – encouraging BOG Members to recruit nurses to join as AACCs or CV Team members.

**List purchases for the 2018 campaign:**

**This year, we've purchased a number of mailing lists including:**

• American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) Journal Ad

• SK&A List Rental – Email List of over 14K nurses

• Internal ACC List of Nonmember Nurses – Over 20K nurses

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The ACC runs similar recognition campaigns for other CV Team Member Segments including:

• October – Physician Assistants Appreciation Month (Coincides with AAPA’s Physician Assistants Appreciation Week.)

• October – Pharmacists Appreciation Month (Coincides with APhA’s Appreciation Week.)

• February – Cardiac Rehabilitation Appreciation Month (Coincides with AACVPR’s Appreciation Week.)

• February – CV Technologists Appreciation Month ((Coincides with Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals’/ACVP’s Appreciation Week.)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

20th  SAVE THE DATE: CVT NETWORKING EVENT
More details to come. Watch the website for details as they occur.

SEP

5th  CVT DINNER PROGRAM
Stay tuned for more information at: WAACC.org/calendar
Location: Davenport Grand Hotel | Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm  Program Agenda Here  Register HERE

OCT

19th-20th  SAVE THE DATE: 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Full Spectrum of Heart Failure Therapy: Optimizing Outcomes  Location: Motif Hotel, Seattle
Visit uwcme.org for more details.

25th-27th  SAVE THE DATE: MAUI CARDIOVASULAR SYMPOSIUM
Stay tuned for more information at: WAACC.org/calendar

NOV

3rd  SAVE THE DATE: WA ACC 2018 ANNUAL MEETING
Location: Marriott Bellevue | Stay tuned for more information at: WAACC.org/calendar