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NEWS YOU CAN USE

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Your Voice is Needed: ACC.19 Diversity and Inclusion Town Hall

All are welcome and invited to attend the ACC.19 Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Town Hall to be held Friday, March 15 from 4 – 5 p.m. (CT) at the Sheraton New Orleans, Maurepas Room (500 Canal Street).

Join D&I ACC Task Force members and leaders to discuss the activities, accomplishments and challenges to increasing D&I in the cardiovascular workforce, including ACC's [newly approved D&I Principles](#).

The Task Force will host a discussion panel, representing perspectives of program directors, industry, center leadership, and payer and regulatory experts. The session will conclude with recognizing Richard Allen Williams, MD, FACC, ACC's inaugural Distinguished Awardee for D&I Leadership. Your participation, ideas and experience are needed! Please [RSVP here](#).

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.](#)

CVT CORNER

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At the end of September, Jennifer Beckman (CVT Liaison), Jim McRae (Advocacy Chair) and Meghann Karch represented WA state CVT at the 2018 Legislative Conference, a three-day conference bringing ACC members from across the country to advocate for cardiovascular professionals and their patients. Other Washington ACC attendees included governor Dr. Eugene Yang, immediate past-governor Tim Dewhurst, FIT member Jasleen Tiswana and Gautham Nayak. It was the largest meeting with more than 450 attendees! After two days of educational sessions and advocacy training, the conference culminated in a day of face-to-face meetings with legislators on the Hill. It was a fantastic opportunity to advocate for vital state and national efforts!

During the Legislative Conference, the WA ACC received special recognition for successes in advocacy and CV Team growth! WA state received a top award for achieving all of the ACC CV Team goals for 2017. This was an award only given to two states in the country. Congratulations to all in making this effort a success!

The annual eastern Washington State ACC CV Team dinner was held on September 5, 2018 in Spokane, WA. There were two speakers, WA state CVT liaison Jennifer Beckman spoke on current management and treatment options for the growing advanced heart failure population and Mark Harwood spoke on atrial fibrillation treatment and management. The dinner was well attended with registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, Cardiologists and other professionals from across the state.

On November 3, 2018 our annual state chapter meeting was held at the Bellevue Marriott Hotel in Bellevue, WA. The keynote speaker was ACC President-elect Dick Kovacs from Indiana University School of Medicine. There was a CV Team session where Deanna Tregoning ARNP (UW Medicine), Katie Bates DNP (Confluence Health), Jennifer Beckman, WA CVT liaison (UW Medicine) and Joel Rhyner, PA (Confluence Health) discussed topics related to CV members such as: advocating for nutrition and dietary education in the cardiovascular patient, role of health literacy in improving cardiovascular health, and expanding the role of the APP in the outpatient/inpatient settings.

A continuing effort for the WA state Cardiovascular Team heading into 2019 is growing our membership base across the state. We want YOU involved in our educational forums and advocacy efforts. Please reach out to me if you have further interests in becoming actively involved!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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21st NW INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

We'll be focusing on the topic of Complications—coronary, structural, and vascular. The discussion will be entirely case based, so please bring your cases on a USB drive to share. **Location:** [The Collective](#)
[400 Dexter Ave North Seattle, WA 98109](#)

[RSVP Here](#)

APR

2nd-3rd SPRING IN SEATTLE XVIII CLINICAL PEARLS FOR PRIMARY CARE

Location: Husky Union Building (HUB) Ballroom University of WA, Seattle, WA

[Agenda](#) | [Register](#)

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20th-21st 2ND ANNUAL CV SUMMIT – BY INVITATION ONLY

Location: 1200 Carillon Point Kirkland, WA 98033

[More Details to Follow, Check the WAACC.org Website](#)

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26th WA ACC ANNUAL MEETING

Location: Motif Hotel 1415 Fifth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101 [Click here for directions.](#)

Time: 8am - 4pm Agenda TBA [Register Here](#)