The Heart of Washington

Washington CHAPTER

Spring 2009

"Celebrating the Year of the Patient"

Our mission: ***To improve Cardiovascular health for residents of Washington through education, care, and advocacy.***

New ACC Member Category - Practice Administrators!

Given the challenges of running a practice in today's changing health care environment, the ACC is committed to providing practices with the education, tools and resources necessary to continue to thrive and serve their local patient community.

2009 Chapter Goals:

1. Quality – successful STEMI & Healthcare Reform Summit
2. Leadership – A. Reinvigorate the council and get more members involved
   B. Continue efforts to improve chapter finances.
3. Advocacy – Cardiologist For A Day
4. Education – Another successful Cardiac Care Associate (CCA) meeting
5. Membership – Add new CCA and Practice Administrator members

Election - Ballot

Our election for Governor is only held every three years. Hence, one will be held this Fall. If you are interested in serving as President of the Chapter, contact the office!

Partner Courses??

Does your facility of other affiliated professional society hold courses? The Washington Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (WA ACC) is interested in partnering with hospitals, societies, clinics and others that provide quality professional education. WA ACC can help market your event to our 550+ cardiovascular care team and help improve patient care throughout the state of Washington!

First Annual STEMI Summit

Partnering with the Washington Hospital Association, American Heart Association, and the Washington State Department of Health. WA ACC plans to coordinate our first Stemi Summit this Fall! Bringing together all parts of the system of care, from dispatch and ambulance drivers through surgeons, our goal is to lower the Door to Balloon time across the state.

Coding Alert: NCCI Corrects Echo "Add on" Codes

On April 1, 2009, the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) removed its restriction on billing the echocardiography "add-on" codes (CPT 93320 and 93325) together. The NCCI accepted the ACC recommendation to retroactively remove the coding edit and permit medical providers to bill these codes with the appropriate echocardiography CPT code during the same visit on the same day.

+ 93320 - Doppler echocardiography, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave with spectral display (List separately in addition to code for echocardiographic imaging); complete
+ 93325 - Doppler echocardiography color flow velocity mapping (List separately in addition to code for echocardiographic imaging)

The College advises its members and office practices to resubmit any claims on or after Jan. 1, 2009 denied for using both CPT 93320 and 93325 together. For more information about coding changes for 2009, see The ACC 2009 Guide to Cardiology Coding and Payment Changes.