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President's Message

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As the summer kicks into high gear I hope you have plans for travel and quiet reflection. I have just a few updates and important upcoming events to share.

Updates:

In local news, we welcomed a new President-elect, Dr. Lavanya Kondapalli, she will be the first woman President of Colorado ACC and her family tree hails from India. What makes Lavanya special is not her gender or country of origin but the unique content of her character. She is the first cardio oncologist to be elected chapter President and has committed her career to protecting the hearts of those battling cancer.

Please reach out to myself at or her at if you have any items you want us to address.

In national news, the board of governors met at ACC this year in Atlanta and people were most excited about the new Cardiology CV Board that gives us autonomy as a rapidly evolving and innovating specialty.

Medicare payment:
Medicare reimbursement went down again for but partial relief was effectuated by ACC working with congress.

The American Medical Association (AMA)'s Physician Practice Information Survey (PPIS) NEEDS RESPONSES to understand the cost of doing business! This will help offset future cuts. If you get an email request, please fill it out promptly as accurately and comprehensively as possible to protect ourselves.

3 Upcoming events we would love you to join us for:

- The Sept 12 Women in Cardiology Seminar, at the lovely Wellshire Inn on the golf course and the interactive session will be wonderful. All are invited irrespective of gender, we value your ideas and input.
- The Sept 21 Cardiovascular Team (CVT) meeting at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center
- The December 12-14 Annual Meeting at the incredible Broadmoor. Please register NOW and book your incredibly INEXPENSIVE-rate rooms and BRING YOUR FAMILY! This event is not to be missed.

CVT Corner

Congratulations to Shari Nieman,

Nurse Practitioner *of South Denver Cardiology

for being awarded the first FACC in the state for the CVT section

The FACC is now available for CVT members.
See here: https://www.acc.org/Membership/Join-Us/FACC



CV Team & FIT/Early Career Travel Awards Applications

Now Open - Apply Today!

Applications for national CV Team & FIT/Early Career travel awards for Legislative Conference from September 30 – October 1, 2024,
are now open!

Please spread the word at your institution.

Application period will close the week of July 15.

CV Team Application | FIT & Early Career Application



Call for Applications:

Hani Najm and William A. Zoghbi Research Awards

The ACC is seeking applications through Aug. 28 for both the Hani Najm Global Scholar Award Observership Program and the William A. Zoghbi International Research Award.

As part of the Hani Najm Global Scholar Award Observership Program, early career cardiologists residing in the Middle East and Africa can elevate their training by completing a three-to four-week observership program in the U.S. Under the program, award recipients will shadow practicing cardiologists and health professionals at a U.S. hospital, watch procedures and surgeries firsthand, take part in patient rounds and teaching conferences, and attend ACC.25 in Chicago, IL.

Learn more about the program.

The William A. Zoghbi International Research Award seeks applications from cardiovascular investigators residing in low-to middle-income countries. Proposals addressing innovative pathways for preventing and treating cardiovascular disease in specific communities and/or patient populations are encouraged. Preference will be given to individuals with five to 10 years of experience in clinical research. Recipients will receive $25,000 in funding to support the pursuit of their innovative research ideas.

Learn more about the award.



Share Your Support for an Independent CV Board of Medicine

The 90-day open comment period seeking feedback on the joint society application to create a new, independent American Board of Cardiovascular Medicine is underway! The last day to submit comments is July 24.

It is important that the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) hear from cardiologists, other clinicians, patients, the public and other stakeholders regarding the new Board and how it answers the call for a certification process that facilitates "continuous learning and improvement while simultaneously assuring patients that their physicians are up to date in their specialty."

Visit the Get Involved section of the CVBoard.org website to submit your comments and learn more about the new Board.





Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendars!

Sept 12

Women in Cardiology Networking & Educational Event
More information coming soon!

Sept 21

CV Team Annual Symposium
Learn more and register!

Sept-Oct 29-1

ACC Legislative Conference 2024
Save the date!

Dec 12-14

2024 CO ACC Heart Failure Summit
Learn More | Register Today! | Reserve your Room