I hope that this newsletter arrives with everyone having a wonderful spring. I’m writing this on my way back from the Scientific sessions of the ACC that were held in Washington, D.C. Certainly one of the major topics of conversation, especially at the Board of Governors meeting, were the changes that have been implemented by the American Board of Internal Medical (ABIM) regarding new requirements for the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Indeed, David May, who just finished his term as Chair of the Board of Governors, remarked that he didn’t want it on the agenda of the Steering Committee of the BOG because it would hijack the program… which promptly became the case. Few items have generated as much passion as this one. Because it influences all cardiologists, including those that thought they would be free of such requirements, increases the cost and time requirements that must be borne by each cardiologist (often substantially), and is of uncertain impact on improved patient care, this has truly become a “hot topic”.

To begin with, it is important to stress that these changes come directly from the ABIM (rather than the ACC). The American Board of Internal Medicine is an independent non-profit organization with a certification program established by the American Board of Medical Specialties. Thus, on January 1st of this year ABIM, who implemented alterations in its MOC program that affects all cardiologists, including those who were certified prior to 1990 (this group, previously exempt from such requirements, is frequently referred to as “grandfathered”). All cardiologists- in Kentucky and elsewhere- will now have their status reported by the ABIM. As of April 1st the ABIM is now beginning to report if physicians are enrolled in their MOC program; they list on their website whether a physician is “Meeting MOC Requirements.” At this point, as soon as a physician is registered they are listed as meeting MOC requirements. Physicians are then required to complete activities to earn 20 MOC points every two years and a total of 100 MOC points every five years. While there are other requirements as well, I want to focus on the MOC requirements and how to obtain them.

As noted above, the ACC did not initiate these changes, but is committed to helping our cardiologists meet these new requirements. Among other actions, the ACC is actively moving to provide a wide variety of opportunities to obtain MOC points. MOC points can be obtained at national meetings. At ACC.14 this year the MOC sessions - where you could go through one of the MOC tests, enter your answers and then obtain a MOC certificate - were very popular. These sessions were available each day of the session (and will be available at ACC.15 in San Diego), and would allow up to 60 MOC points to be obtained during the meeting (with mind-numbing effort, of course!). Cardiosource is another rich opportunity for MOC points, and all of the “SAP” programs (ACCSAP, ECHOSAP, etc.) also permit one to obtain a large number of MOC points.

An exciting new offering, and one which I think is going to be a wonderful resource, is the “ACC Journal Club” that has been promulgated by past-BOG chair Dipti Itchaporia and was just announced at ACC.14. Every ACC member is eligible to enroll; a pertinent article will be distributed and then discussed online, with three subsequent questions to be answered for 1 MOC credit. There will be ten articles a year= 10 MOC points available per year, which will meet the 20 MOC requirement/two year period. These MOC points will thus be available at no cost and with no need to travel or take time off- an increasingly important point these days. Look for information to be sent out soon on this important new program.


Sincerely,

Jesse Adams III, MD, FACC
Governor
Kentucky Chapter - American College of Cardiology
My Experience at the Leadership Forum  
*By Alison Bailey, MD, FACC*

I was selected to participate in the ACC Leadership Academy after being nominated by you guys at the Kentucky Chapter. The purpose of this endeavor is to teach leadership skills to a group of individuals with an interest in becoming more involved with the ACC and its leadership positions.

This is the inaugural group so I’ll keep you guys up to date as we progress through this experience. For this initial meeting, we gathered at the Leadership Forum at the Heart House in Washington, D.C. The day was packed with meetings and began at 7:30 AM with networking and then a message from John Harold, current president of the ACC. The next hour was spent discussing the benefits of the ACC as well as the strategic priorities of the college and an overview of the different components that make up the college.

After that, I convened with the thirteen other members of the Leadership Academy and underwent an evaluation of our individual leadership styles. This was an eye-opening look into how we behave in group environments and what makes each of us “tick”. The afternoon was spent learning about different kinds of leadership styles from a variety of experts in the field as well as some useful breakout sessions.

Overall, this was an amazing experience. I learned a lot about how the college works and the goals in place for our ACC in the coming months-years. I also learned a lot about leadership skills, styles and opportunities. I look forward to the next step in this amazing program! Thank you all for allowing me this privilege!

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**Legislative Update: Roundtable with Senator Paul**  
*By Sara D. Brouse, PharmD, BCPS (AQ Cardiology), FCCP*

In November, members of the Kentucky Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (KY-ACC) and several FITs met with Senator Rand Paul in a physician roundtable regarding legislative issues affecting the practice of medicine. Three major legislative issues were addressed: 1) Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula, 2) In-Office Ancillary Services Exemption (IOASE) protection, and 3) Torte Reform.

Senator Paul discussed the challenges associated with permanently repealing and replacing the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. He expressed his continued support of a permanent solution and recognized that most in Congress also are supportive. Since the SGR is determined by CMS rules and policies, as well as Congressional Budget Office (CBO) approval, a permanent fix for SGR is expensive and unlikely, unless a direct appropriations bill is introduced to the House.

In-Office Ancillary Services Exemption (IOASE) protection was briefly discussed. Legitimate concerns were expressed regarding declines in patient satisfaction, increases in overall healthcare costs, increases in complexity of patient workflow, and delays in care that will occur if the exception is removed, particularly in a state such as Kentucky with significant rural areas. A bill was introduced into the House, entitled, “Promoting Integrity in Medicare Act of 2013 (H.R. 2914),” or PIMA, that threatens to eliminate the IOASE to prevent Medicare fraud. Torte reform was another topic of conversation at the roundtable. Senator Paul discussed his opinion that tort reform is a state-level issue and urged the roundtable members to contact their state-level legislators.

Updates: The Senate passed the “Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (H.R. 4302)” on March 31, 2014. This legislation delays for 12 months a 24 percent Medicare physician payment cut, thus temporarily patching the SGR for the 17th time since 1997. The House passed the bill by voice vote.

House Representative G. Andy Barr (R-KY) introduced a bipartisan bill with Congressman Ami Bera, M.D. (D-CA) entitled, “Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act (H.R. 4106)” addressing federal level torte reform. He held a press conference at University of Kentucky on Friday March 21, 2014 to answer questions related to the bill and garner support. This bill addresses torte reform for the growing number of patients with the federal government as the payor or if a federal statute applies within the case. ACC is currently reviewing the bill.

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**The ACCPAC March Madness results are in!**

Kentucky was one of four Chapters to win the ACCPAC’s March Madness campaign, with the most new PAC contributors in the month of March in the “division”. The Kentucky Chapter will receive a $1,000 scholarship to the 2014 Legislative Conference. Watch your inbox for details on how to apply for a Legislative Conference Travel Award.

Thank you to all who participated!
Two Perspectives on the ACC CV Summit

The KY-ACC offered two travel awards in 2014 for Fellows-In-Training to attend the CV Summit in January 16 – 18 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. John Loughran, University of Louisville and Dr. Vedant Gupta, University of Kentucky were the recipients of this year’s awards and share their experiences below.

John Loughran, MD, University of Louisville

I would like to thank the ACC for the opportunity to attend the annual Cardiovascular Summit 2014. It was an incredible educational experience. Being a fellow-in-training, there is an expansive amount of clinical and theoretical information that requires assimilation over the three - four years of training. Unfortunately, there simply are not enough hours in the day to include much of the education required to be successful in the business of Medicine over that timeframe. Being in the last six months of my fellowship and currently in the process of exploring job opportunities made this an extremely timely educational event. I must admit that terminology such as “service line” and “bundle pricing” were quite foreign to me prior to this conference. Furthermore, learning of the various compensation models and other details of contract negotiations was eye-opening. Ultimately, the most informative message of the conference was that the financial future of Medicine, for Cardiovascular Disease specialists in particular, critically depends on the involvement of physicians as a part of the process of change to ensure that fair, market-based reimbursement models are put in place to allow for the maintenance of well-organized and efficient service lines in order to deliver the highest quality of guideline-driven treatment for our patients.

Vedant Gupta, MD, University of Kentucky

“Value based care, payment reform, patient-centered medical home, etc.” The use of these terms has become ubiquitous, often without a clear understanding of meaning or purpose. This is especially true for trainees, even those in the most progressive training programs. With the emphasis being on acquiring medical knowledge and procedural skills, there is often little time or expertise to teach these crucial concepts that influence the environment in which we work. In this time of increasing educational demands and work hour restrictions, there is little to suggest that this will change. A clearer understanding of health care reform only enhances our ability to practice in the current environment, as well as prepare for the career ahead.

With this in mind, the opportunity to go to the Cardiovascular Summit: Solutions for Thriving in a Time of Change was a uniquely rewarding one. The Cardiovascular Summit is the second largest conference hosted by the American College of Cardiology, after the annual scientific sessions. The keynote speaker was Mr. Harold Miller, CEO for Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform, who is considered a national expert on quality improvement and payment reform. He has presented to Congress subcommittees and health care organizations around the country and has continuously emphasized the central role physicians have in improving health care quality while controlling health care costs. He feels a future led by physicians, not insurance companies or health care systems, is a more sustainable model that allows for better quality of care. As cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of cost to the system, cardiologists ought to be leading the charge. It was encouraging to hear a national leader emphasize what clinicians already know: that physicians and patients need to be at the center of the discussion. His ability to translate this philosophy into real life application helped in a short time to teach concepts that would take months of recurrent didactics. The breadth and depth of the rest of the conference was impressive, focusing on not only different aspects of health care reform, but also the effect of reform on different practice settings.

Thanks to the Kentucky ACC Chapter, who made this experience possible, and I am better prepared for practicing cardiology in the ever-changing health care environment.

KY-ACC Governor Adams Appointed to ACC Board of Governors Steering Committee

Jesse E. Adams, III, MD, FACC has been appointed to the ACC Board of Governors (BOG) Steering Committee for a two year term.

The BOG Steering Committee’s mission is to encourage and stimulate interaction between the BOG, Chapters, and the Board of Trustees; discuss issues and concerns as identified by ACC Governors; plan interesting and innovative Board of Governors’ meetings based on identified BOG issues and concerns; and address strategic planning for the BOG.

Congratulations Dr. Adams!

Appointment Letter on next page
Women in Cardiology Update
By Alison Bailey, MD, FACC

The purpose of the Women-In-Cardiology section of the ACC is to increase both the absolute numbers of women interested/involved in cardiology, but also to increase the exposure of those women already involved. As most of you know, women are an underrepresented minority in cardiology. We comprise 10-15% of the workforce and that has not changed significantly over the last 20 years. Current trends in fellow in training and fellow applicants suggest this is not likely to change in the next few years despite the fact that women now comprise >50% of most medical school classes.

We had our first WIC national meeting via teleconference two months ago. We went over the overarching goals of the national chapter as well as plans for the future including local events, etc to increase exposure in our own small areas. We discussed ways to improve visibility of female cardiologists as well as dedicated mentoring programs for medical students, residents and fellows who have an interest. Agenda items included planning a networking event on the state/tri-state level as well as goals for the upcoming national meeting.

I am hopeful that we can plan a networking event in coordination with our annual meeting either this year in 2014 or definitely in 2015.

January 17, 2014

Dear Jesse:

Congratulations! We are pleased to welcome you as a new member of the ACC Board of Governors Steering Committee (BOG SC), effective March 27, 2014. Your selection reflects the esteem and respect you have earned during your tenure as an ACC Governor. Your term on the Steering Committee will be from March 27, 2014 to April 2, 2016.

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The committee consists of the chair of the BOG, who serves as chair, the immediate past chair of the BOG, the chair elect of the BOG and five other governors appointed by the chair of the BOG. The current CCA Liaison also serves on this committee, and the chair of the Chapter Executives Steering Committee is invited to participate as a guest.

The committee meets monthly by conference call, and face-to-face at the January, March and September Board of Governors’ meetings (subject to change). An agenda, materials and dial-in instructions will be sent to you prior to each call or meeting. During the above term of office, under Dr. Mansour’s chairmanship, the day and time for these calls will be the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm Eastern, subject to periodic change.

You are invited to attend the March in-person BOG SC meeting at ACC.14 on Thursday, March 27, 2014, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Renaissance Hotel as a guest of the BOG SC meeting prior to taking on your official role following the annual meeting. Post ACC.14 marks the official transition of membership on all committees.

Please RSVP to Jessica at jirizarry@acc.org and let her know if your schedule will allow you to join us at this meeting.

If you have any questions or comments, or issues you would like the Steering Committee to address, please feel free to contact David or myself, or Chapters staff at any time. Meantime, we are all looking forward to working with you as we go forward in 2014!

All best wishes,

Michael Mansour, MD, FACC
Chair-elect, Board of Governors

David C. May, MD, PhD, FACC
Chair, Board of Governors
The American College of Cardiology’s Political Action Committee (ACC PAC) was established in 2002 to increase the political power and reach of the College. The mission of ACC PAC is to support federal candidates who back legislation and policies that:

• Improve health care for patients with cardiovascular disease;
• Facilitate the delivery of high quality, cost-effective cardiovascular services; and
• Fund cardiovascular research and prevention

ACC PAC is a voluntary, non-profit, unincorporated association independent of and not affiliated with any political party or candidate. One-hundred percent of the personal contributions to PAC are used to support the campaigns of congressional members who are supportive of the College’s mission.

Now in its 11th year, ACC PAC is ranked among the top 10 medical specialty PACs in the United States, surpassing $1 million in voluntary contributions from individual members around the country in the 2011-2012 election cycle.

Facebook: The most popular social network out there, Facebook allows KY-ACC members to interact with each other online. Comment and “like” different events and happenings, post news, photos, articles, questions or issues you’re facing.

“Like” the KY-ACC Facebook page at facebook.com/kentuckyacc

Twitter: Twitter is ideal for fast-paced real time dialogue. Tweets are limited to 140 character limit, which makes communication more streamlined. Hashtags allow you to follow conversations posted my multiple users. Use and follow #KYACCAnnlMtg for the latest updates on the KY-ACC Annual Meeting

Follow KY-ACC’s Twitter at @kentuckyacc or twitter.com/kentuckyacc and use #KYACCAnnlMtg

Website: www.kentuckyacc.org serves as the “main hub” for the Chapter. On the website you will find all the latest information on Chapter initiatives, the latest ACC news, current and past annual meetings. The website is where you register for the Annual Meeting and where FIT’s submit abstracts for the annual poster competition.

Visit the website at www.kentuckyacc.org

It’s Easy to Contribute

1. Visit www.accpacweb.org
2. Click on “Join the PAC”
3. Follow the three simple steps on the screen:
   a. Verify your contact information
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   c. Finalize with electronic signature
4. Then…you’re done!

Please join us in making Kentucky a more powerful presence in the federal legislature through the ACCPAC!
The program encourages participation by adult and pediatric cardiologists, other clinicians, researchers, CV Surgeons, interventionalists, electrophysiologists, echocardiographers, nurses and pharmacists.

7:00 am Registration
7:30 am Posters & Exhibit Viewing
8:30 am Welcome - Jesse Adams

SESSION 1
Morning program on Aortic Valve Stenosis
Chairs: Roberto Bolli, Steve Raible and Paula Hollingsworth

8:45 am Honored Lecturer - Blasé Carabello (Dr. Bolli)
9:20 am Clinical ECHO & Pathology - Norman Silverman (Dr. Raible)
9:50 am Advanced ECHO Imaging (Stress, Strain) - Julio Perez (Dr. Raible)
10:20 am Break & Exhibit Viewing
10:40 am Other Advanced Imaging (CMR) - Steve Leung (Dr. Hollingsworth)

SIMULTANEOUS SESSION 1A
Morning program on Aortic Valve Stenosis (continued)
Chairs: Roberto Bolli, Steve Raible and Paula Hollingsworth

11:05 am Transcatheter Techniques and Indications - Michael Mack (Dr. Hollingsworth)
11:35 am TAVR for Everyone! Some Important Considerations in Selection of Aortic Valve Prostheses - Hartzell Schaff (Dr. Hollingsworth)

SIMULTANEOUS SESSION 1B
Live & Hands On Echo Session - on Cardiac Valves
Chair: Mini Das

11:10 am Aortic Cusps and Coronaries - Norman Silverman
11:40 am Mitral Valve (2D, 3D and Color Doppler Techniques) - Marcus Stoddard

12:00 PM Break & Exhibit Viewing
Lunch & Presentations
Moderator: Juan Villafane
Chairs: Jesse Adams, Alison Bailey and Rita Coram

12:25 pm ACC Update - Michael Mansour (Dr. Adams)
12:50 pm Young Investigators Award - (Dr. Bailey)
12:55 pm Abstract Presentation - (Dr. Coram)
1:05 pm Abstract Presentation - (Dr. Coram)
1:15 pm Honorable Maestro: Dr. Laman Gray - (Dr. Adams)
1:25 pm Announcements - (Dr. Adams)

1:30 pm Break & Exhibit Viewing

SESSION 2
Jeopardy
Chair: Patrick Withrow

1:45 pm Jeopardy - Michael Brook
2:25 pm Awards for Travel/ACC.15 Meeting - (Dr. Smyth)

SESSION 3
Distinguished Lecturer
Chair: Christopher Johnsrude

2:30 pm Distinguished Lecturer: Atrial - Fibrillation 2014 - Andrea Natale
3:05 pm Break

SESSION 4
Afternoon program on MITRAL VALVE
Chairs: Manish Sharma and Hassan Reda

3:10 pm Clinical Echo & Pathology - Steve Sanders (Dr. Sharma)
3:40 pm Advanced Echo Techniques (3D) - Marcus Stoddard (Dr. Sharma)
4:05 pm Other Advanced Imaging (CMR) - Vincent Sorrell (Dr. Reda)
4:30 pm Usefulness of Volumetric Assessment of Mitral Valvular Regurgitation - Hartzell Schaff (Dr. Reda)

SIMULTANEOUS SESSION 4A
Live & Hands On Echo Session - on Cardiac Valves
Chair: Richard Ansindi

4:05 pm Pediatric and Adult Congenital - Brian Holland
4:35 pm Adult Aortic Valve Disease - Mike Smith

SIMULTANEOUS SESSION 4B
Simultaneous Afternoon Session on ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY
Chairs: Brad Sutton and Jeff Schoen

3:15 pm Epicardial Ablation for Supraventricular Tachycardia - Andrea Natale (Dr. Sutton)
3:40 pm Epicardial Ablation for Ventricular Tachycardia - Andrea Natale (Dr. Sutton)
4:05 pm Ablation Tips for Difficult Supraventricular Tachycardia - Andrea Natale (Dr. Schoen)
4:35 pm ICE in the EP Laboratory - Gery Tomassoni (Dr. Schoen)

CCA/NURSES SIMULTANEOUS SESSION
Chairs: Lindsay Lewis, Leasa Schwarz, Patricia Horvat, Audrey Lyon BSN, RN, PCCN

10:40 am Peri-operative management of the TAVR patient - Vickie Turner and Larissa Spurgeon (Lewis)
11:10 am Biventricular Devices in Heart Failure - Stephanie Lusher EP APRN (Schwarz)
11:40 am The Impact of Cardiac Rehab for Valve Patients - Jo Carol Stephens, MSN, RN, C (Horvat)
12:10 pm Atrial Fibrillation, Clinical Considerations - Brad Sutton (Lyon)

CARDIOVASCULAR PHARMACISTS SIMULTANEOUS SESSION
Chairs: Sara Brouse and Chris Betz

1:00 pm NOACs for Atrial Fibrillation: Can We Finally Retire Warfarin? - Chris Betz, PharmD, BCPS, FKSHP, FASHP (Brouse)
1:40 pm JNC-8 and ATP 4 Are Finally Out: Now What? A Case-Based Discussion - Terri Cook, PharmD, BCPS, AQ Cardiology (Brouse)
2:20 pm Do We Really Have to Start this Patient on Flolan? Evaluation of New Therapies for Pulmonary Hypertension - Rachel Scope, PharmD, BCPS (Betz)
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Challenges Facing Early Career Academic Cardiologists

The Journal of the American College of Cardiology (JACC) recently published Challenges Facing Early Career Academic Cardiologists, which was spearheaded by the ACC’s Early Career Section. The article outlined the primary categories within early career academic cardiology, challenges facing early career cardiologists and possible solutions. As a College leader, your review and comments on opportunities to address these challenges would be welcome. The article may be found here: https://content.onlinejacc.org/article.aspx?articleid=1859523. Please send comments to Dr. Carl Tong at CTong@medicine.tamhsc.edu.

Open Comment Period for ICD Registry Proposed Test Metrics

As part of ongoing efforts to collect meaningful data and improve patient care, the ACC’s NCDR is seeking comments on the proposed test metrics for the ICD Registry Version 2.1. The measures provided for review are based on ACCF/HRS/AHA/ASE/HFSA/SCAI/SCCT/SCMR 2013 Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) for Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillators and Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy, and are proposed with the goal of incorporating AUC scenarios as test metrics into the ICD Registry. Inclusion of the metrics will allow for limited AUC reporting within the registry. The NCDR plans to include additional AUC metrics in the coming years as part of a planned data collection tool update. The comment period will end on Tuesday, May 13. To provide comments, access the survey here: http://www.surveys.acc.org/se.ashx?s=0B87B74466D5C4B6. Please email ncdr@acc.org with any questions.

ACC Launches New PVI Registry

The ACC’s suite of data registries has been expanded to provide data collection and reporting on lower extremity peripheral arterial catheter-based procedures. Part of the ACC’s NCDR, the new Peripheral Vascular Intervention (PVI) Registry was created to address the need for more information on the use and outcomes of interventional procedures for the treatment of peripheral vascular patients. Like other ACC registries, the PVI Registry provides physicians and hospitals with quarterly risk-adjusted benchmark reports and executive summary dashboards that allow for detailed comparisons. Data can be used to assess guideline adherence, for performance improvement efforts, and to meet new ABIM Maintenance of Certification Part IV requirements. Learn more on CardioSource.org.

ACC Mentoring Program

The ACC Mentoring Program provides mentees with knowledgeable mentors based on their interest areas or career and professional development needs. The ACC’s online mentoring portal, powered by the HEALTHeCAREERS Network, connects cardiovascular practitioners, researchers and faculty members so they can form relationships that will enhance their skillset and promote intellectual growth. Early career professionals are looking for folks to learn from that may not be available from their own institution, and as such, we need you. Please click here to sign up and encourage early career members in your states to sign up as mentees: http://www.cardiosource.org/ACC/ACC-Membership/Career-Resources/Mentoring-Program.aspx.

Download the Annual Meeting Guidebook App!

New this year, the Kentucky Chapter Annual Meeting features an app for your mobile device, to help you make the most of this year’s event. The Guidebook includes information about the Annual Meeting, schedule of events, exhibitor information, and maps of the venue. In addition, the app allows you to make a custom schedule and to-do list in order to personalize and enhance your experience at the 2014 KY-ACC Annual Meeting.

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The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2014 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2014, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 56 cents per mile for business miles driven
- 23.5 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The business, medical, and moving expense rates decrease one-half cent from the 2013 rates. The charitable rate is based on statute.

The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) or after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle. In addition, the business standard mileage rate cannot be used for more than four vehicles used simultaneously.

These and other requirements for a taxpayer to use a standard mileage rate to calculate the amount of a deductible business, moving, medical, or charitable expense are in Rev. Proc. 2010-51. Notice 2013-80 contains the standard mileage rates, the amount a taxpayer must use in calculating reductions to basis for depreciation taken under the business standard mileage rate, and the maximum standard automobile cost that a taxpayer may use in computing the allowance under a fixed and variable
It was a wonderful meeting of about an hour with Congressman Guthrie where various Ideas on future of Cardiology were exchanged.

Present Were Cardiologists Dr. Prabodh Mehta, Dr. John Holt, Dr. Amar Desai, John Horvath, Director Of Cardiology HMH and Melissa Pruitt, Practice Manager.

Topics Discussed included:

- **The SGR fix** for cardiology and its effects on Cardiovascular care. It was well received By Congressman Guthrie and we have high hopes that a permanent fix is definitely in Horizon.

- **Effect of ACA on Cardiology**: though the ACA is supposed to have more insured patients, its overall effect is negative, since our regular patients are losing their private insurance or their deductibles are so high, most of them are avoiding essential routine tests in office. This leads to a large pool of patients with low overall payment, which many Hospitals and Cardiologists refuse.

- **Effect of Physician run ACO on cardiology**: for many patients, cardiologists are primary providers. It seems subserving if now these patients have to find a new PCP or the PCP feels that the patient does not need to the cardiologist as a cost saving measure as part of ACO incentives. The Congressman strongly felt that certain specialties should have their own ACO or Medical homes.

- **Tort Reform**: Was discussed and the overall cost saving to medicine was again impressed upon to the congressman.

Overall this was a great experience for both sides and I would strongly recommend contacting ACC to arrange a Legislator Practice Visit. Email Elizabeth Shaw at eshaw@acc.org or call 202-375-6404. This is the only way to develop positive attitudes to the concerns of Cardiology by our Legislators.
ACC Upcoming Events

For more details on these events visit: www.cardiosource.org/Certified-Education/Courses-and-Conferences/All-Courses-and-Conferences.aspx

**JULY**

07/10/2014 - 07/12/2014
3rd Annual Chicago Cardiovascular Update (ACC Co-sponsored)
Prentice Women's Hospital
Conference Center, Chicago
Sponsored By: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Charles J. Davidson, MD, FACC; Patrick M. McCarthy, MD, FACC; Clyde W. Yancy, MD, MSc, FACC

**AUGUST**

08/21/2014
ACC Study Session for Maintenance of Certification Interventional Cardiology Updates
The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, FL
Larry S. Dean, MD, FSCAI, FACC;
Frederick G.P. Welt, MD, MSc, FACC, FSCAI

08/22/2014 - 08/24/2014
ACC/SCAI Premier Interventional Cardiology Overview and Board Preparatory Course
Gold Package includes MOD and MOC - SAVE $645
The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, FL
Larry S. Dean, MD, FSCAI, FACC;
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**SEPTEMBER**

09/02/2014 - 09/06/2014
ACC Cardiovascular Board Review for Certification and Recertification
Gold Package includes MOD and MOC - SAVE $740
The Swissotel, Chicago
Kim A. Eagle, MD, Macc;
Patrick T. O’Gara, MD, FACC

09/04/2014 - 09/06/2014
Arrhythmias in the Real World
Heart House, Washington, DC
Peter N. Smith, MD, FACC

09/06/2014
ACC Interactive Study Session for Maintenance of Certification: General Cardiology Module 12 and Valvular Heart Disease Module 1
The Swissotel, Chicago
Rick A. Nishimura, MD, Macc;
Patrick T. O’Gara, MD, FACC

09/14/2014 – 09/16/2014
ACC Legislative Conference
Washington, DC

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Upcoming KY-ACC Councillor Teleconference Dates
All meetings are at 7:15 am Eastern /6:15 am Central
Thursday, August 28
Thursday, October 2

**OCTOBER**

10/11/2014
KY-ACC Annual Meeting
Valvular Summit 2014 with Emphasis on the Left Heart
Louisville, Kentucky
10th Annual Meeting & Scientific Session

Valvular Summit 2014 with Emphasis on The Left Heart

Saturday, October 11, 2014 | 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Kentucky International Convention Center
Louisville, Kentucky

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