Statement from Your Governor

Jesse Adams III, MD, FACC

KY-ACC Governor

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well.

First, I want to offer congratulations to Susan Smyth, MD, FACC who has been elected as governor-elect for the Kentucky chapter. She will assume responsibility of Governor and President of the Kentucky Chapter at the ACC Scientific Sessions in March 2016. I know you join me in wishing her congratulations, and I also hope you will join me in supporting her as she continues to strive for the growth of Kentucky chapter and to help facilitate the best cardiovascular care for our fellow citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Keep in mind that the ACC strives to “Transform Cardiovascular Care and Improve Heart Health” by removing obstacles that threaten the success of the mission and improve the effectiveness of the CV professional.

We had an exceptional year for the Kentucky chapter. You will find information on many of our activities elsewhere in this newsletter, but I do want to highlight a few particular points. First, we had a record-setting annual meeting September 26, 2015 at the Lexington Convention Center. We had record attendance and record support. One of the gratifying aspects of this meeting was the breath of our offerings. The American College of Cardiology was founded in 1949 by a group of cardiologists that did not feel that they were being represented within the American Heart Association and did not feel that the AHA was providing the education necessary to advance the delivery of cardiology care as new diagnostic tools and therapies were developed. Accordingly, the American College of Cardiology has historically sought to provide state-of-the-art education and to serve as an organization that welcomes all members of the cardiovascular team, and our meeting exemplifies these values. As you will find elsewhere in this newsletter, we had sessions specifically directed towards echocardiography including hands-on and live sessions, cardiovascular pharmacology, practice administration, and nursing, just to name a few. All of the sessions were well attended and received high grades. And unofficially, it appears this was the second largest chapter meeting for the American College of Cardiology! Congratulations to all members they contributed to the success of this meeting- I want to give special thanks to members of the Board, the Scientific Committee, and the Promotions Committee who worked tirelessly for 2015 meeting (and have already expanded significant effort crafting our 2016 offering). Our 2016 meeting will be held again at the Lexington Convention Center October 8th-10th, 2016- please plan your schedule accordingly.

We also had a session on the Business of Cardiology. This was jointly presented by Joel Ozman of MedAxiom and Mike Valentine MD FACC and presented an abbreviated snapshot of what is presented at the ACC Cardiovascular Summit. This session was extremely well attended and generated a tremendous amount of interest. The 2016 ACC CV Summit will be held February 18-20 in Las Vegas, and we anticipate having a number of members from the Kentucky chapter attending this meeting. I would love to have others join us; I already know of a reasonable number of Kentucky ACC members planning on going to this meeting. There is no other ACC offering that provides this information.

And congrats to the University of Louisville FIT Jeopardy team- you will find their story in this newsletter, and we wish them luck as they go to represent KY in the first interstate Jeopardy competition being held by the ACC at ACC.16! We just returned from a successful 2015 ACC Legislative Conference. For the first time, we did not have to advocate for a repeal of SGR! However, there are many potential land mines in MACRA, MIPs, and Alternative Payment Models (APMs). Those that are unaware of the details of the transformational changes that are shortly going to occur will be rudely surprised! There are many resources at ACC.org that can give you a good understanding of the fundamental changes that will be occurring rapidly over the next several years. We will be disseminating information as it becomes available, so please keep a watch out for this.

We have a lot of work yet to be done. In the Commonwealth we manifest (both adults and children) some of the highest rates of obesity (32% in adults and 37% in children), tobacco abuse (29% in adults and 25% high school
With each passing year, our chapter scientific meetings have continued to improve. It can be safely stated that this year was a transitional year with the production of a well-orchestrated and superior educational offering. Quality speakers both local and national performed superbly with their chosen topics. There were a total of eight sessions and over thirty speakers presenting.

The Presidential Lecture was given by Dr. Kim Allan Williams, Sr. on diet and cardiovascular disease. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Valentin Fuster, addressing prevention of cardiovascular disease beginning in the very young. Our Distinguished Lecturers were Dr. Michael Ackerman addressing cardiac channelopathies and associated arrhythmias as well as Dr. Allen Jaffe discussing high sensitivity troponins.

The posters and abstracts presented by our fellows in training continue to grow in number and scientific complexity.

Dr. Jesse Adams, our Governor, presented the young investigator awards to 1) Amr Idris, 2) Catherine Allen, and 3) Prabha Nagareddy. I was honored to be the recipient of this year's Honorable Maestro award. As usual, the Jeopardy Challenge and Debate were lively and competitive between the University of Kentucky and Louisville.

The subject matter of this year’s meeting was broad based and appealing, not only to physicians but many other cardiovascular professionals. Inclusivity of nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, echocardiogram technicians, business managers, administrators and students resulted in clear participant engagement. This was reflected in the evaluation results: “great topics”, “informative and relevant material”, “wish I had been coming to all of these meetings” and “great job by the meeting planners”.

Our KY ACC Chapter meeting this year was one of the largest ACC Chapter meetings in the United States with nearly 300 registered participants.

Hats off to our Scientific and Promotion Committee members for their successful efforts. Our chapter executives / administrators, Jennifer Rzepka and Sandy Carlson-Kaye are indispensable. Many thanks to our local and national exhibitors without which this scientific session would be impossible. Finally, this chapter would not be where it is today without the energy and vision of our past and present Governors. Thank you Dr. Juan Villafane and Dr. Jesse Adams.

Hope to see you next year!
Governor’s Message continued from cover

students), diabetes and hypertension, while perhaps not surprisingly having some of the lowest levels of activity. By most measures of health, Kentucky ranks near the bottom in the US. Our state is predominantly rural with large areas that are > 60 minute drive from the closest PCI capable center, and our MI mortality rate is 49th in the US. Advocacy is critical as we seek to improve the health of our state, and this year we will be meeting in Frankfort on February 9th with the AHA for Advocacy Day to push for Smokefree KY (no smoking in enclosed public spaces) and hands-only CPR in schools. Please Join Us as we advocate for a healthier KY!

It has been often said that medicine is a collaborative science, and that is definitely true of KY ACC Board. One of my greatest honors has been the opportunity to work with some of the brightest and most passionate cardiologists and CV team members from across the state. As members of the Board, one of our responsibilities is bidirectional communication between Kentucky and the national infrastructure of the ACC. Please reach out to myself, anyone on the Board, or our chapter administration if you have any suggestions, issues, or want to get involved. You can easily reach me, any of the board members, or our chapter administration through the “contact” section of the KY ACC website www.kentuckyacc.org. If you want to get involved in any manner- we want to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Jesse Adams III, MD, FACC
Governor
Kentucky Chapter - American College of Cardiology

FIT Dinner Recap

On the eve of the KY-ACC Annual Meeting, area FITs gathered at Woodford Reserve Distillery for the 2nd Annual FIT Dinner. Kim Allan Williams, Sr, MD, FACC, FAHA, FASNC, Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD, MACC and Allan S. Jaffe, MD, FACC were our honored guests. FITs in attendance got a chance to speak with each of the nationally recognized cardiologists one on one during the informal event.

Thank you to our supporters
Friends of the KY-ACC
This past October, I was able to attend the ACC Legislative Conference in Washington DC. This annual three-day conference discusses current legislative issues being proposed or discussed in Congress and raises money for the ACC political action committee. On the third day, the conference attendees take the ACC message to capital hill, meeting with congressional members from their respective states. All fifty states were represented. From Kentucky, I would like to thank the office of Senator Mitch McConnell, Senator Rand Paul, the office of Representative Thomas Massie, and Representative John Yarmuth for taking time out of their busy day to meet with us. The specific issues we discussed this year included the newly passed Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), our concerns over the current state of electronic health records, and a bill that would allow nurse practitioners or physician assistants the ability to monitor cardiac rehabilitation programs.

My biggest take home message from this conference is to get involved. If you have never participated, I would highly encourage you to do so next year. For far too long, our profession has avoided the legislative process. However, decisions made in Washington effect our daily professional lives. The ACC Legislative Conference is a great opportunity to advocate for our profession and ensure the best possible care for our patients.

By Kevin Parrott

I really enjoyed my trip to the recent ACC Legislative Conference October 18th-20th in Washington, D.C. On Sunday night, Dr. Charles Krauthammer, a political commentator and trained psychiatrist, gave an excellent keynote address was both entertaining and insightful regarding the current presidential race and political situation on Capitol Hill. I was also able to connect with fellows from all across the U.S., including several residency classmates during the fellow’s mixer. The following day brought national speakers who revealed to us the far reaching impacts the Medicaid and CHIP Reauthorization ACT (MARCA) will have on our future careers. Finally, on Tuesday we were able to actually meet our legislators and advocate for issues that were particularly dear to my heart such as increased access to cardiac rehab, improved funding for graduate medical education, and increased innovation and cooperation among developers of electronic medical records. I would like to thank Thomas Massie, Rand Paul, and John Yarmuth for meeting with us personally to discuss these important issues.

By Abbas Bitar

As a cardiology fellow in training, I was honored this October to attend the American College of Cardiology Annual Legislative conference with other delegates representing the Kentucky Chapter of the ACC.

The conference took place between October 18 and 20 and it had the highest attendance level with more than 400 cardiologists and 60 FIT attending this year.

The first day was an opportunity for all chapter delegates to meet and get to know each other. The second day was filled
Cardiac arrest is estimated to be the third leading killer of adults in our country behind cardiovascular disease and cancer. One of the most important steps for survival of a cardiac arrest is to receive bystander CPR. Since 80% of cardiac arrests happen in a private setting, this often forces lay medical people to act in a medical capacity to save the victim’s life. The national average for cardiac arrest victims receiving bystander CPR is 30%. The number one reason that people do not perform bystander CPR is a lack of education of what to do in a cardiac arrest. Since 2010, the AHA has recommended that non-medical or lay people perform hands only or compression only CPR and not perform rescue ventilation. Hands only CPR is very easy to learn, perform and does not take a long time to teach.

Survival statistics are not available at a statewide level for cardiac arrest. Given the fact that Kentucky ranks near the bottom of most cardiovascular mortality measures it is easy to assume that we are near the bottom for cardiac arrest survival. Twenty-seven states have passed legislation that requires CPR education as a graduation requirement for high school. It is estimated that over 1 million students will be taught hands only CPR each year. The last 2 years a bill has been entered into the Kentucky House of Representatives that would require CPR training prior to graduation from high school. Last year the house voted 99-1 in favor of the legislation. The bill then went to the senate and was sent to the education committee only to die without ever being brought to the floor for a vote. The Republican leadership in the Kentucky Senate had concerns about an unfunded mandate for the schools. This year a bill will be introduced by Republican Senator Max Wise in the senate for CPR training to occur anytime from the 7th to 12th grade. This allows for greater flexibility for the schools. In addition, we have secured support from the Kentucky Board of EMS and Kentucky ambulance providers Association to help provide this CPR education to schools at minimal cost for the school.

Please contact your Kentucky senator and house of representative member in your district and tell them of your support for this import piece of legislation which may help to save many Kentuckians.

Go to http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Find%20Your%20Legislator/Find%20Your%20Legislator.html to find your legislator and then follow the biography to send a quick email requiring CPR education as a requirement for high school graduation. Thank you for your support.
I n our last newsletter, we announced the formation of an Early Career Professional (ECP) Committee within the KY ACC to engage and better support cardiologists in the first seven years of their career following their fellowship. Since then, our ECP work group comprising myself, Jacqueline Dawson, MD and Carrie Lenneman, MD, have been working towards formalizing a successful program, with specific initiatives, to engage and support the early career cardiologists in Kentucky.

As a first step, we organized the first “ECP Happy Hour” meet and greet session alongside the KY ACC Annual Meeting in Lexington on Sept 26, 2015. It was a great opportunity to meet with colleagues in an informal setting to discuss common issues affecting cardiology practice in KY. This was an encouraging start and we certainly plan to continue this as part of the program for KY ACC 2016 annual meeting.

Our next goal is to better understand specific needs of our early career colleagues in KY. To this end, a short survey (see below) has been sent to ECPs in KY and the responses should help focus our efforts to the most pressing needs.

The ECP committee is also working on developing a half-day session on ‘Transition to Practice’ geared towards graduating fellows as well as those in the first 2 years out of fellowship. More details to come on this!

Wishing all of you a great holiday season from the ECP Committee! Thank you for all your support.

I am interested in (Indicate one or more areas of interest)

- ACC Research Collaboration Network
- ACC Mentoring Program: Mentorship from a national or regional ACC member expert in your subspecialty/area of interest.
- Kentucky and National Legislative/Advocacy Issues
- Best practices and advances in the field
- Financial planning/transition to practice
- Other (please indicate):

The American College of Cardiology – Kentucky Chapter was recognized with the American Heart Association’s 2014-2015 Distinguished Achievement. The award was presented by Tonya Chang, AHA’s Senior Director of Government Relations for Kentucky and West Virginia at the 2015 Annual Meeting to KY-ACC Governor Jesse E. Adams, III, MD, FACC and KY-ACC Advocacy Committee Chair Rita Coram, MD, FACC. The Chapter was selected for this honor because of its valuable contributions to the Coalition for a Smoke Free Kentucky and other advocacy efforts.
Exhibits are promotional events and these companies had no influence on the selection of speakers, topics or other components of the CME activity. Their acceptance of the offer to exhibit in no way created an expectation or obligation to purchase or recommend the companies products or services.
Thank you to our 2015 Platinum Exhibitor

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Dr. Susan Smyth has been chosen as KY-ACC Governor-Elect in the special election held earlier this year. Dr. Smyth will conclude her term in March at which time she will assume her three year term as Governor. Congratulations Dr. Smyth!

Governor-Elect
Susan Smyth, MD, PhD, FACC
Chief, Cardiovascular Medicine, University of Kentucky
Top Science and Quality News

Hospitals Nationwide Begin Reporting PCI and ICD Measure Results
Hospitals across the country are now voluntarily reporting their results on several measures related to percutaneous coronary intervention and implantable cardioverter defibrillator procedures. CathPCI Registry® hospitals and ICD Registry™ hospitals that volunteered to participate in the ACC’s public reporting program have their results posted on FindYourHeartaHome.org, powered by ACC’s CardioSmart program. “Our hope is that by tracking and publicly reporting these measures we can raise awareness of variation where it exists and help to ensure consistent, evidence-based care is provided across the U.S.,” said ACC President Kim Allan Williams, Sr., MD, FACC. Hospitals can opt in to publicly report at any point by submitting a data consent form for the CathPCI Registry and/or ICD Registry. Hospitals that choose not to publicly report will be listed as “not participating” with ACC public reporting. Read more on ACC.org.

Physicians Can Track Care with Confidential CathPCI Physician Dashboard
Did you know that ACC members affiliated with NCDR CathPCI Registry hospitals can use the CathPCI Registry Physician Dashboard to track and improve the quality of care provided to patients? The free dashboard, which can be accessed securely through ACC.org, allows physicians to privately view their registry data including appropriateness of percutaneous coronary interventions, volume of cases treated, observed and expected mortality, door-to-balloon times and vascular complications. It also allows comparisons to other CathPCI Registry physicians in aggregate. In addition to raising awareness of performance, the dashboard can also help physicians earn Maintenance of Certification Part IV credit. Learn more at ACC.org/PhysicianDashboard.

Check Out ACC’s Diabetes-Related Tools and Resources
As November kicks off Diabetes Awareness Month, the ACC has a growing number of tools and resources for clinicians to help prevent and treat this disease. The Diabetes Collaborative Registry – the first global, cross-specialty clinical registry – is designed to help track and improve the quality of diabetes and cardiometabolic medicine across the primary care and specialty care continuum. Joining is free and the process is even easier for practices already participating in the PINNACLE Registry. The College also has a number of Cardiometabolic initiatives, including online clinical topic hubs focused on Dyslipedemia and Diabetes and Cardiometabolic Disease designed to keep clinicians up-to-date on news, trends and clinical guidelines. Additionally, ACC’s CardioSmart initiative offers several patient resources, including infographics and educational factsheets. ACC President Kim Allan Williams Sr., MD, FACC, talks about these resources and more in a recent blog post.

NQF Now Accepting Public Comments on CV Measures 2015 Phase Three Project
The National Quality Forum (NQF) is seeking public comments until Monday, Nov. 23, on 23 cardiovascular measures. Eight of the 23 measures were submitted by the ACC. Of these, three were submitted solely by the ACC, and five were co-developed by the ACC/American Heart Association (AHA) Task Force on Performance Measures and the American Medical Association Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (AMA PCPI). The public comment period provides an opportunity for members of the cardiovascular community and other stakeholders to play an active role in the development of performance measures that could have a direct impact on hospitals and physician practices. The ACC, solely and through work with other organizations, including AHA and the AMA PCPI, has committed significant resources over the years to both developing and testing cardiovascular measures. We encourage you to submit comments via the NQF website by the Nov. 23 deadline. In order to comment on the measures, you must have an NQF log in. If you do not
have one, you can set one up here. Learn more and see a list of the eight measures submitted by the ACC on ACC.org. Email comment@acc.org with questions.

Surviving MI Webinar: Cardiology Presence Around the Clock
Everyone knows that continuous cardiology coverage is essential, but may not be feasible for most hospitals due to financial resources needed and/or inadequate supply of cardiologists. During the next Surviving MI webinar on Dec. 3 from 12-1 p.m. ET, experts will address this pressing issue and provide participants with solutions they can implement at their respective hospitals. The webinar will include a panel discussion with perspectives from rural, urban and academic settings. The session will be moderated by Richard Kovacs, MD, FACC, and will feature presentations by Eric Bates, MD, FACC, John Brush, MD, FACC, and Susan Farkas, MD, FACC. There will also be a live Q&A session where participants can ask the presenters questions. Register now.

Roundtable Discusses Periprocedural Management of Anticoagulation and Management of Bleeding
Anticoagulation management is a rapidly-evolving field, presenting challenges to clinicians across a broad range of specialties. With new reversal agents on the horizon, there is a critical need for guidance. In an effort to better guide clinicians to address the evolving challenges of anticoagulation care, the ACC brought together a number of stakeholders across the health care spectrum for its third Anticoagulation Consortium Roundtable this past weekend. ACC President Kim Allan Williams Sr., MD, FACC, discusses the outcomes of the Roundtable in a recent post on the ACC in Touch Blog. Some of the topics being addressed during the meeting were: periprocedural management of anticoagulation, including the BRIDGE Trial; tools and resources available to help clinicians offer better anticoagulation care; bleed management within the hospital; as well as the reversal agents in development. Read more on the ACC in Touch Blog.

Latest Issue of CardioSource WorldNews: Examines Advances in Miniaturization
The cover story in the latest issue of CardioSource WorldNews focuses on the “fantastic journey” of miniaturization in technology, with references to the Micra Transcatheter Pacing System, the REVEAL LINQ insertable cardiac monitor, adhesive heart monitors and other advances in technological miniaturization. In a conversation with the Pacific Heart Institute, a cardiology group in Southern California that provides a full range of cardiovascular disease management services, Katy Reed and Tessa Kerby of ECG Management Consultants examine the Institute’s “enhanced access” hybrid concierge program and other innovative practices. Additional articles include a piece with Steven E. Nissen, MD, MACC, in which he discusses what the approval of PCSK9 Inhibitors could mean for the future of lipid treatment. The issue’s featured ACCEL article explores the need for innovation in the treatment of atrial fibrillation.

Top Advocacy and Health Policy News
CMS Releases Final 2016 Physician Fee Schedule and Hospital Outpatient Rules
Last week, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released two final regulations of note to cardiovascular professionals. These rules determine the payment levels and associated policies for services provided under the Physician Fee Schedule and the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System. Consistent with the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, physicians will see a 0.5 percent formula increase on Jan. 1. Unrelated payment formula changes result in an estimate that payment for cardiology services will neither increase nor decrease from 2015 to 2016. However, this estimate is based on the entire universe of cardiology services and can vary widely depending on the mix of services provided in a practice. Also of note, CMS will delay the requirement that clinicians ordering advanced imaging services (i.e., CT, MR, SPECT) consult with AUC through a qualified clinical decision support mechanism starting on Jan. 1, 2017. CMS will issue additional regulations on this program in the 2017 and 2018 rulemaking cycles. The Agency also finalized with modifications the process for selecting AUC developed by national professional medical specialty societies and other provider-led entities for the AUC consultation requirement that will apply to professionals ordering advanced imaging services. Additional details on the final rules are available on ACC.org. More information will be forthcoming as ACC Advocacy staff review and analyze the regulations.

Supporting women’s heart health

The Women’s Heart Health Program at the UK Gill Heart Institute’s addresses the unique cardiac needs of women with a specially tailored program. It’s a unique, comprehensive approach that provides individualized heart care for women by women physicians, nurses and staff. For appointments or additional information, call 859-323-0295.
Questions About ICD-10 Claims?
Have questions about processing and billing ICD-10 claims? Check out CMS’ Frequently Asked Questions page for more information on ICD-10 coding, national coverage determinations and more. Visit the ICD-10 Medicare Fee-For-Service Provider Resources web page for a complete list of Medicare Learning Network educational materials.

JACC Leadership Page: Legislative Conference and What’s Next for ACC Advocacy
In a recent Leadership Page published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, ACC President Kim Allan Williams Sr., MD, FACC, reflects on ACC’s Legislative Conference, held October 18-20 in Washington, DC, and looks at what’s ahead in health policy. Williams discusses the importance of lowering health care costs, a cardiovascular team-based care approach and engagement in advocacy. With the repeal of the Sustainable Growth Rate, “the College now has an opportunity to be more forward-thinking in discussions with lawmakers,” he writes.

FDA Update on Tobacco Sales to Minors
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced on Oct. 29 that it will take action against retailers that have repeatedly sold tobacco products to minors, initiating the first-ever No-Tobacco-Sale Order actions. According to the announcement, a No-Tobacco-Sale Order can be pursued after a total of five or more repeated violations of the restrictions on the sale and distribution of tobacco within 36 months. If the FDA’s No-Tobacco-Sale Order goes into effect, the eight retailers will be prohibited from selling regulated tobacco products for 30 days.

Top Education and Career Growth News

Expert Journal Club Faculty Discussion of Triple Therapy Among Older Patients With Acute MI and AFib Now Available Online.
The October ACC Journal Club discussion is now available online. Click here to view slides and hear experts discuss the “Use and Outcomes of Triple Therapy Among Older Patients With Acute Myocardial Infarction (MI) and Atrial Fibrillation (AFib),” published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology. Visit ACC.org/JACCJournalClub to view the article, learn more about the program, and access a past collection of Journal Club recordings and articles. Also, take the Journal Club 2014 activity to earn 2 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™ per month and up to 10 MOC II points! The activity includes links to past webinars and articles – including PARADIGM-HF, HPS2-THRIVE, INVEST and more – as well as three multiple choice questions per session. Start the activity here.

Membership
ACC Member Renewals are Due Dec. 10!
Renew your ACC membership today and continue their access to tools and benefits that help them stay up-to-date on the latest in the field and navigate practice change. With 300+ educational opportunities online, five JACC journals and resources to help members improve patient care, the ACC is the best investment a CV professional can make in their career. And with representation across governmental and professional forums, the ACC is an advocate for you and your members’ interests, championing the priorities that matter to cardiovascular team members and patients alike. Renew online at ACC.org/Dues or by calling the Resource Center at +1 202-375-6000, ext. 5603.

Is Your ACC Member Profile Up-To-Date?
The ACC wants to make sure it’s sending members only the most relevant information. To that end, the College is encouraging all members to update their ACC profile, including contact information, specialty areas, clinical interest areas and practice information. Don’t miss out on the latest cardiovascular research, new clinical guidelines, advocacy updates, ACC news and member benefits. Update your profile online at ACC.org/MyProfile.

Population Health, Prevention and Patient Audience News:

JACC Leadership Page: Health Care in Transition, Primary Prevention and Health Disparities in Focus
In a recent Leadership Page published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology (JACC), Robert A. Shor, MD, FACC, chair of ACC’s Board of Governors (BOG), and Michael Mansour, MD, FACC, immediate-past chair of the BOG, discuss ways ACC Chapters can make a difference in tackling the burden of cardiovascular disease around the world, such as supporting the World Health Organization’s goal of a 25 percent reduction in non-communicable diseases by 2025. According to Shor and Mansour, “ACC chapters can play leading roles in supporting ways to address population health in a manner that improves health and lowers the cost of health care delivery.”

Digital ACC Resources

Home Improvements: ACC.org Keeps Getting Better
Several enhancements have recently been made to the College’s online home, ACC.org. From new tools that make it easier to find specific types of content within the Latest in Cardiology feed, to faster access to the latest Journal of the American College of Cardiology journal articles and popular editor-in-chief audio summaries, ACC.org is evolving to meet the needs of cardiovascular professionals. In a recent post on the ACC in Touch Blog, Kim A. Eagle, MD, MACC, editor-in-chief of ACC.org, highlights the recent updates and the website’s popular personalization options such as email
digests featuring the latest ACC.org content and customization options for the homepage “Recommended For You” news feed. Read more.

Stay In Touch with the ACC via Social Media
Stay in touch with the ACC and the latest clinical and advocacy news through ACC in Touch. ACCinTouch connects ACC members and those interested in cardiovascular news through popular social networking channels like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube. Join each of these networks to connect with ACC members and those interested in cardiology. In addition to the ACC’s main Twitter profile @ACCinTouch, the College also has a profile dedicated to advocacy-related news (@Cardiology). CardioSmart, the ACC’s patient education and support program, also has patient-centered cardiovascular news available through Facebook, Twitter (@CardioSmart), and YouTube. For more information about ACC’s social media channels, visit ACC.org/ACCinTouch.

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 here. To access them, you must have an ACC.org log-in and use the confirmation code and webinar access link emailed to you once you. Questions? Contact ACC’s Resource Center at Phone: 202-375-6000, ext. 5603 or 800-253-4636, ext. 5603 or resource@acc.org.

Download ACC’s Advocacy Action Mobile App
Be sure to download the ACC Advocacy Action mobile app to get easy access to ACC’s advocacy priorities and timely talking points to share during congressional visits. The app was designed to help members engage with lawmakers and influence health policy. Download it today on iTunes (iPhone, iPad) and Google Play (Android devices).

KY-ACC Immediate Past Governor Juan Villafane, MD, FACC has been appointed to the American Heart Association Great Rivers Affiliate Board for 2015 - 2017. He has also been named Co-chair for the Publications and Communications at the American Academy of Pediatrics. Congratulations Dr. Villafane!
Recent Research on Kentuckyacc.org

The Kentucky Chapter posts recent research submitted by members to the website. Links to the latest works published by your colleagues can be found at kentuckyacc.org/research/.

Have an article to share? Just email info@kentuckyacc.org with a PDF or link and we will include it on the site.

Make Your Voice Heard!

Take the KY-ACC Member Survey! The Chapter is conducting a survey of the membership to help determine how to best meet your needs in 2016 and beyond. The brief survey will take just a few minutes of your time.

Take the survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W88C9CV
ACC Upcoming Events
For more details on these events visit: www.acc.org/education-and-meetings/meetings

DECEMBER

December 3 - December 5, 2015
Innovations in Pediatric Heart Failure Symposium
Loews Coronado Bay Resort, San Diego, CA

December 4 - December 5, 2015
How to Become a Cardiovascular Investigator
Heart House, Washington, DC

December 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM
Heart Failure and Valve Strategies for Clinical Application
Hilton—Lexington/Downtown, Lexington, KY
Arm yourself with heart failure and valvular disease guideline-driven strategies and tools that lead to improved clinical practice and patient outcomes.

December 11 - December 13, 2015
New York Cardiovascular Symposium
New York Hilton Midtown, New York, NY

JANUARY

January 16 - January 20, 2016
Cardiovascular Conference at Snowmass: Contemporary Approaches to Clinical Care
The Westin Snowmass Resort, Snowmass, CO

FEBRUARY

February 6 - February 7, 2016
2016 Women in Cardiology (WIC) Section Leadership Workshop
Heart House, Washington, District of Columbia

February 9, 2016
AHA/KY-ACC Advocacy Day
Capitol, Frankfort, KY

February 15 - February 19, 2016
38th Annual Cardiology at Big Sky
Huntley Lodge, Big Sky, MT

February 18 - February 20, 2016
2016 Cardiovascular Summit: Solutions for Thriving in a Time of Change
The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

APRIL

April 2 - April 4, 2016
ACC.16 65th Annual Scientific Session & Expo
Chicago, IL

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12TH ANNUAL MEETING & SCIENTIFIC SESSION
OCTOBER 8, 2016
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Practice Managers • Echocardiographers

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American Heart Association and the Kentucky Chapter of the American College of Cardiology
Kentucky Lobby Day
State Capitol, Frankfort
February 9, 2016

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