Hola Amigos,

A delegation of six from our Kentucky Chapter went to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual ACC legislative conference. The members included Governor Elect, Dr. Jesse Adams; Dr. Vaughn Payne; Andrew Bronson; Sarah Brouse; two of our Fellows-in-Training: Shahab Ghafghazi and Brian Lea; and myself.

During the conference, we met with other Governors and chapter members to exchange ideas. On September 11th we headed toward Capitol Hill to visit the offices of Senator Mitch McConnell, Senator Rand Paul, Representative Ben Chandler and Representative John Yarmuth. Our delegation had a chance to share with the legislators regarding the upcoming potential Medicare payment cuts due to the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula and sequestration, which is part of the Budget Control Act of 2011. We also voiced our concern about a proposed CMS rule (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) which seeks to cut technical component payments by 25% for the second and subsequent cardiovascular diagnostic service furnished for the same patient on the same day. This is called Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction which would severely impact a practice’s ability to provide quality imaging services in a timely and effective manner. Finally, we talked about enacting a medical liability reform (TORT reform).

This is my fourth trip to Capitol Hill, and I feel that our voices are being heard. We have already established correspondence with all four offices during the past week and have heard back from two of them already. This is one more way that your Kentucky Chapter is working for you and our patients’ interests. Our goal is to keep accessible, quality care throughout our Commonwealth.

The Chapter is already working on next year’s CME-CEU annual meeting, which will include a Jeopardy session. Please be sure to read Dr. Jesse Adam’s report regarding the 2012 and 2013 meetings.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to bring to our attention, kindly contact us at info@kentuckyacc.org or 414-755-6297.

Best Regards,

Juan Villafañe, M.D., F.A.C.C.
President KY Chapter ACC
Building on the great success of last year, the eighth annual meeting of the Kentucky ACC chapter was held at the Rudd Heart and Lung Institute, Jewish Hospital, in Louisville Kentucky on August 18. Our goal this year was to increase attendance from last year (approximately 130 attendees at the 2011 meeting), while increasing support to allow us to bring a world-class faculty to Kentucky. We also wanted to increase the attendance of Fellows-In-Training (FITs) to encourage their involvement in the Kentucky chapter; the chapter supported their attendance by providing free registration. We had a record turnout – in fact, this year the meeting was SOLD OUT. We had 206 registrations (the room holds 200). Over 100 physicians attended the meeting, with approximately 50 FITs. There was good representation of Cardiac Care Associates (CCAs) and echocardiography technicians as well.

The focus of this year’s meeting was “Hot Topics in Cardiomyopathies.” The Scientific Committee (FACCs Juan Villafañe, Alison Bailey, Rita Coram, and Jesse Adams; FITs Lakshmana Pendyala, Bruce Kuo, Martin Espinosa and Eric Wallace; CCA Patricia Horvat and PA Christine McIntyre) created an exciting and scientifically robust agenda with world-class faculty. The day started out with poster presentations; we had 16 posters presented at this year’s meeting (many more were submitted), and at lunch three FITs (Drs. Matthew Wissanen and Eric Wallace from University of Kentucky and Dr. Thorsten Leuker from University of Louisville) were presented with Young Investigator Awards. ACC President Dr. William Zoghbi gave a presentation on Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, as well as a President’s Lecture of “What’s Up at the ACC?” Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum presented the Keynote lecture on “Strain and Echocardiography in Cardiomyopathy.” Drs. Vincent Sorrell, Jeffrey Towbin, and John Gurley discussed advanced imaging, genetics and alcohol ablation of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. One of the founders of the KY-ACC chapter, Dr. Morris Weiss received the “Honorable Maestro Award” and a proclamation from the Mayor of Louisville for his lifetime of contributions to cardiovascular care in the Commonwealth. In the afternoon, Dr. Norman Silverman discussed Left Ventricular Noncompaction, Dr. Miguel Quinones gave a masterful presentation on the Echo Spectrum of Unusual Cardiomyopathies and Dr. Emma Birks reviewed Ventricular Assist Devices.

The day concluded with two simultaneous tracks- Dr. Curt Daniels giving a presentation on Adults with Congenital Heart Disease, and Margo Minissian presenting a CCA talk on Management of Heart Failure in Cardiomyopathies. Four prizes to ACC.13 were awarded – two registrations were provided by ACC and two round-trip airline tickets were provided by our chapter (one each of CCA and FACC).

Our plan for our 2013 is to build on the great success of this year. The 2013 meeting will be held at the U.K. Chandler Hospital Auditorium on October 12. The focus will be on “Coronary Pathologies: Atherosclerosis and Beyond”. Confirmed speakers include Drs. Peter Libby, Magnus Ohman, Kristin Newby, David Moliterno, Thomas Ryan, Thomas Whayne, Meryl Cohen, Zahi Fayad, and Benjamin Eidem. Put it in your calendar now- we hope to see you there!
SAVE THE DATE

2013 Kentucky Chapter ACC Annual Meeting
Coronary Pathologies: Atherosclerosis and Beyond
October 12, 2013
U.K. Albert B. Chandler Hospital Auditorium
Lexington, Kentucky
Keynote Speaker: Peter Libby, M.D., F.A.C.C.

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Please join us for our series of no charge 30 minute lunch time Webinars. We are hosting subject matter experts associated with the American Heart Association (AHA), American College of Cardiology (ACC), Kentucky Cancer Program (KCP), Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program at the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH), Immunization Program at the KDPH, and Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program at the KDPH. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with the speaker and each other at the end of each Webinar.

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The Kentucky Million Hearts Collaborative and Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Cardiac LAN Webinar Series is brought to you by the following Collaborators: American College of Cardiology—Kentucky Chapter; American Heart Association; Health Care Excel—the Kentucky Medicare Quality Improvement Organization; and the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

For more information on Million Hearts, please contact one of the two Kentucky Chapter champions:

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AHRQ Funding Under Fire in House

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is de-funded under a spending bill approved on July 18 by the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (Labor-HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee. Under the spending bill, AHRQ is eliminated and any patient-centered outcomes research and all economic research within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is prohibited. At this time, the full House Appropriations Committee has not set a date to act on the bill, and it is uncertain how far it will advance in the House. In the Senate, the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 14 approved $364 million for AHRQ’s base budget.

The ACC has long supported AHRQ and participates in a coalition that advocates for AHRQ funding, the Friends of AHRQ. Earlier this year, the ACC testified before the House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee about the importance of AHRQ and health services research, among other federal programs. The College signed a Friends of AHRQ joint letter to the House Appropriations Committee urging them to reject the bill that de-funds AHRQ.

Congress must act on appropriations by the new federal fiscal year on Oct. 1 to continue funding federal agencies. The ACC predicts that Congress will once again resort to enacting a continuing resolution this fall to fund programs into the new year as they have in previous years. Stay tuned to the ACC Advocate enewsletter and CardioSource.org/Advocacy for more information.

ACCF and HRS Release Statement on Pacemaker Device and Mode Selection

A state-of-the-art expert consensus statement focused on pacemaker device and mode selection was recently released by the ACC Foundation and the Heart Rhythm Society. Adult patients with sinus node dysfunction (SND), atrio-ventricular (AV) conduction block and other less common indications for pacing are the main emphasis. Overall, the statement recommends that patients with SND may benefit from atrial or dual-chamber pacing compared with ventricular pacing in terms of reduced risk of atrial fibrillation (AF), stroke, pacemaker syndrome and improved quality of life. It also suggests that over the long term, dual-chamber pacing may be cost-effective – although at this time costs should not be a dominant factor in determining device and/or mode selection. In patients with AV block, the panel notes that dual-chamber pacing can reduce the incidence of pacemaker syndrome and improve some indexes of quality of life compared to ventricular pacing. Visit CardioSource.org for full coverage.

Complex Coronary Cases Live from Mount Sinai Medical Center

The ACC in July launched its new monthly live case series from Mount Sinai Medical Center’s catheterization lab in New York, NY. During each of the live cases, participants learn how to discuss the rationale for choice of access site in performing percutaneous coronary intervention; detail con-
The American College of Cardiology is coming to San Francisco for ACC.13, March 9 – 11, 2013. Focus on the transformation of cardiovascular care — from discovery to delivery. See how innovation and science impact the delivery of quality care and the prevention of cardiovascular disease in our patients. We give you the tools you need to improve your quality of care. Plus, at ACC.13, you can personalize your experience — by specialty, by interest area, by role in the CV team, and more! Register now at www.accscientificsession.org.

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Susan Smyth, M.D., PhD, F.A.C.C., presented William Zoghbi, M.D., F.A.C.C. with an appreciation award for giving the ACC Presidential Lecture.


The 2012 Annual Meeting was a sell-out event with over 200 registering for the meeting.

At the welcome dinner for speakers and the Scientific Committee prior to the Annual Meeting Miguel Quinones, M.D., M.A.C.C. and Juan Villafañe, M.D., F.A.C.C. enjoyed the piano talents of Martin Espinosa Glinz, M.D.
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Alison Bailey, M.D., F.A.C.C., presented Thorsten Leucker, M.D. from the University of Kentucky with the 3rd Place Young Investigators Award

Alison Bailey, M.D., F.A.C.C., presented Matthew E. Wiisanen, M.D. from the University of Louisville with the 1st Place Young Investigators Award

Alison Bailey, M.D., F.A.C.C., presented Eric L. Wallace, D.O. from the University of Kentucky with the 2nd Place Young Investigators Award

Juan Villafañe, M.D., F.A.C.C. and four of the cardiology fellows during the 3rd Annual Fellows Poster Forum.

Christine McIntyre, R.N., B.S.N., M.H.A., C.C.P.C. (left) and Patricia Horvat, R.N. (right) with Margo B. Minissian, A.C.N.P.-B.C., A.A.C.C. (center). Ms. Minissian provided the session for Cardiac Care Associates.
Juan Villafañe M.D., F.A.C.C. featured in AHA Great Rivers for July

Juan Villafañe M.D., F.A.C.C., Governor of the Kentucky Chapter ACC was featured in the Advocate Spotlight for the American Heart Association Great Rivers Affiliate for July. The Great Rivers Affiliate includes the states of Delaware, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. You can read the full article at: http://yourethecuregrah.blogspot.com/2012/07/advocate-spotlight-dr-juan-villafane.html

ACC PAC

The ACC Political Action Committee (ACCPAC) strives to amplify the voice and political power of members of the College. It is a voluntary, non-profit, unincorporated association, not affiliated with any political party or candidate. ACCPAC exists to provide our members a seat at the table with members of Congress who understand the importance of cardiovascular care. ACCPAC is empowered by its contributors to support both federal candidates and political committees.

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<td>45th Annual New York Cardiovascular Symposium: Major Topics in Cardiology Today Valentin Fuster, M.D., Ph.D., M.A.C.C. Hilton New York New York City</td>
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<td>Cardiovascular Summit: Solutions for Thriving in a Time of Change Howard T. Walpole, Jr., M.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.C. Aria Casino &amp; Resort Hotel Las Vegas</td>
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<td>January 14-18, 2013</td>
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<td>7th Annual Heart of Women's Health Keith C. Ferdinand, MD, FACC; Joanne M. Foody, MD, FACC Heart House Washington D.C.</td>
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### Upcoming KY-ACC Councilor Teleconference Dates

2012 Dates – 7:15 am Eastern

Monday, December 10th
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U.K. Albert B. Chandler
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Lexington, Kentucky

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