



# Illinois CHAPTER

## Illinois Chapter ACC

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### Summer 2016 Newsletter

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**Jay Alexander, MD, FACC**  
*IL-ACC Governor*

**STEMI CARE:** One of the key roles of the Chapter is to keep an ever vigilant eye on anything that “pops” on the state or federal arena that may impact our ACC members. To that point, we wanted to make sure that all Illinois members know that the Chapter is working on collaborating with the American Heart Association (AHA) to ensure consistent, high quality care for all our STEMI patients. The AHA was interested in pursuing some legislative language that would move this forward; while IL-ACC preferred to take a non-legislative approach. We feel it is critical to understand what the state wide issues might be and work collaboratively to “fix” them. To that end, both organizations have decided to hold a STEMI Summit in December where National ACC, our Chapter, AHA, and SCAI will come together to review and analyze the care of STEMI patients in Illinois. Stay tuned!

#### CMS Releases the Next Bundles of Care

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced on July 25 a new *proposed* rule known, in short, as “Advancing Care Coordination.” The full title is “[Advancing Care Coordination Through Episode Payment Models \(EPMs\)](#)”; in addition they also released a [Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Model](#); and [Changes to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model \(CJR\)](#).” There is much to digest with this rule and we will be getting you more information over the next few months.

In a nutshell, this proposed rule would implement three new Medicare Parts A and B episode payment models, two of which, importantly, are cardiac episodes. These episodes target Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries receiving care for 1) acute myocardial infarction 2) coronary artery bypass graft 3) surgical hip/femur fracture treatment episodes. The proposed rule also creates tracks under these models that would potentially qualify as Advanced Alternative Payment Models under MACRA. Participants will be acute care hospitals in select geographic areas - Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA). For each model, payment is retrospective. The length of each episode is 3 days pre- and 90 days post-discharge. There will be 98 MSAs chosen in the U.S. Implementation is slated for July 1, 2017.



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#### FALL FIT PROGRAM: PREPARING FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER IN CARDIOLOGY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016  
7:00 - 9:30 PM

THE GAGE  
24 S. MICHIGAN AVENUE | CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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#### SAVE THE DATE

#### ESSENTIALS OF CARDIOVASCULAR CARE FOR OLDER ADULTS (ECCOA) LAUNCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016  
8:30 - 12:30 PM

PUBLIC CHICAGO | CHICAGO ILLINOIS

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#### SAVE THE DATE

#### CARDIOVASCULAR CARE TEAM 2016 SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

LINDNER CONFERENCE CENTER  
610 E. BUTTERFIELD ROAD | LOMBARD, IL 60148

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**ACC LEGISLATION CONFERENCE:** Advocacy is an important role of the Chapter, and I would like to encourage our membership to consider attending the [ACC Legislation Conference](#) this September. In addition to hearing directly from the experts who shape health policy, you will join other Illinois Chapter members to meet directly with congressional leaders to share ways the cardiovascular community is providing quality, cost-effective, evidence-based care to millions of patients nationwide. We would love to have each Illinois congressional district represented!

**ACC's BIG FOUR:** Recently Dr. Chazal led the Board of Trustees (BOT) into strategic discussions on what he has termed "The Big Four": MOC, MACRA, Governance and Accreditation. These are not new topics, but remain at the forefront of some of the critical discussions not only by ACC leadership groups like the BOT and BOG, but also remain hot topics for a long list of standing committees of the Board (including the newly formed Membership Committee), as well as numerous other committees, task forces and work groups and members throughout the country. This ongoing conversation at multiple levels is, of course, a very healthy sign of a vital organization like the ACC that values a wealth and divergence of discussion and input on critical issues.

### MOC

- The ABIM has made substantial changes to its MOC process in response to concerns raised by physicians and specialty organizations including the ACC.
- The ABIM announced plans to offer a new MOC assessment option enabling physicians to opt-out of the current 10 year exam.
- Details of the proposed ABIM plan are still under review.
- ACC member leaders are collaborating with other physician organizations to modify the ABIM proposals.
- The progress of the ABIM is best described as "deliberate."
- [Read more](#)
- [Visit ACC's MOC Information Hub](#)

### MACRA

- MACRA remains the most significant change in health care reimbursement policy since the inception of Medicare 50 years ago.

- The ACC is committed to maintaining a leadership role, not only in understanding the 2015 law, but also in providing an authoritative voice in the construction of the rules that will govern the critically important implementation of MACRA.
- The ACC is in "full court press" to educate our members by "all possible means" to ensure that our membership have the opportunity to learn details of MACRA that apply to their practice environment.
- The ACC is convinced that despite the serious challenges of MACRA, the ACC has the opportunity to construct a payment system that will incorporate our guidelines and quality initiatives.
- Ultimately, the ACC is working hard to be certain that MACRA will be consistent with our core values and mission.

### ACCREDITATION

- The ACC has a key priority in the development of a comprehensive health systems strategy.
- The crux of this strategy is to provide hospitals, health systems, and other facilities with quality improvement products across the cardiovascular care spectrum.
- The NCDR family of registries has provided unprecedented data access for physicians and health care systems.
- The College is committed to a unique value proposition for health care systems that incorporates the best of quality data systems with the best of accreditation systems.
- The ACC is excited about our new collaboration with Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care, and looks forward to expanding our effective accreditation services for health care systems.

### GOVERNANCE

- The ACC has experienced significant growth and change over the last decade.
- The comprehensive Strategic Plan adopted by the ACC has been widely praised and embraced by our increasing and diverse membership.
- To address this evolution of the College, the governance changes as produced as the work product of a very thoughtful two year process have been fully vetted and are now in the process of implementation.

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- These governance changes remain iterative and will likely see substantive changes, even now in the early phase of adoption of the new governance plan.
- The ACC remains open to continued input from the BOG and all others within the College on constructive suggestions to the governance plan that strives to open up avenues for participation from all members of the College.

## ILLINOIS NEWS

The Chapter's newly elected Councilors started their new term in April. I would like to thank our new and returning Councilors, as well as our outgoing Councilors, for volunteering valuable time to the Chapter and its membership.

### Congratulations to the Newly Elected Chapter Councilors

#### Central District Councilors:

Dr. Sachin Goel  
Dr. Ashraf Al-Dadah, Alternate

#### Chicago District Councilors:

Dr. Benjamin Freed  
Dr. Parker Ward, Alternate

#### Northwest District Councilor:

Dr. Robert Minor, Alternate

#### South Suburban District Councilors:

Dr. Dennis Killian  
Dr. Paul Ryan, Alternate

[View Full Board of Councilors](#)

### Travel Awards for ACC Legislation Conference

Congratulations to the IL-ACC \$1,000 travel award winners for the ACC Legislation Conference:

- Dr. Arjun Mehta, University of Illinois Chicago (FIT)
- Dr. Akhil Narang, University of Chicago (FIT)
- Kristen Doster, Prairie Cardiovascular (CV Admin)
- Leeann Cacovean, Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital (CV Team)

ACC National also awarded the following members a \$1,000 travel award to the conference:

- Vicki Groo, PharmD, University of Illinois Chicago
- Dr. Ethan Kosova, Northwestern University

### Illinois Tobacco 21 Legislation Update

(Source: *AHA The Pulse Blog – Jun 2016*)

*Senate Bill 3011*, which increases the age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 statewide, passed the Senate and is now in the House where it is being sponsored by Representative Sara Feigenholtz. Given the current environment and opposition, this bill was held in committee in order to continue outreach and further educate House members. [Visit the AHA Action Center to support this legislation](#)

## OTHER ILLINOIS CME OPPORTUNITIES

See the Chapter website for [other CME programs in Illinois](#). Upcoming events include:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chicago CSI: Case-Based Coronary and Structural Heart Intervention Update

Northwestern Medicine Feinberg School of Medicine and SCAI

September 30 - October 1, 2016.

[More Information](#)

### Innovations in Cardiovascular Therapeutics 2016

University of Chicago Medicine

October 21-23 | Swissotel Chicago

[More Information](#)

### Nutrition Science, Counseling, and Cooking: A 1 Day Hands-On CME/CE Program for Doctors, Nurses and All Health Professionals

Sunday, October 23, 2016 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Kendall College, Chicago

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Nutrition Science for You and Your Patients  
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## TOP ADVOCACY & HEALTH POLICY

### **CMS Releases Proposed 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and Hospital Outpatient Rules**

On July 7, CMS released the proposed 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, which addresses Medicare payment and quality provisions for physicians in 2017. [Click here for details](#) on this and other physician and hospital outpatient proposals.

### **ACC Submits Comments to CMS on Proposed MACRA Structure**

The ACC has [submitted extensive comments](#) to the CMS on the proposed regulations to implement MACRA based on the feedback of key member groups. The MACRA legislation repealed the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula, which focused on fee-for-service payment. CMS will release the final regulations by Nov. 1, 2016, which will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2017 – the proposed start of the reporting period under the new payment program. [Read the College's comments on ACC.org.](#)

### **FDA Releases Sodium Reduction Targets**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has [released draft guidance](#) intended to encourage the food industry to gradually reduce the amount of sodium in foods. [Read more.](#)

## TOP SCIENCE & QUALITY NEWS

### **Diabetes Collaborative Registry Releases Baseline, Quality of Care Data**

Clinicians regularly adhere to 4 out of 7 diabetes quality metrics when treating patients with diabetes. In [first-ever research presented](#), researchers looked at adherence to seven quality metrics. [Read more.](#)

### **Public Reporting Update: 2015 Data Refresh**

Select medication discharge-related measures for the CathPCI Registry and ICD Registry are currently being reported through CardioSmart's [Find Your Heart a Home](#) tool. This August, 2014 data was replaced with 2015 data. A preview of the report demonstrating your hospital's performance on [eligible measures](#) for 2015 is available under "other Reports" via the NCDR Physician Dashboard. No action is required if your hospital is already engaged in public reporting. If your facility is not engaged in public reporting, the opportunity is available to join hundreds of other hospitals in demonstrating a dedication to transparency, quality improvement and patient

engagement. Hospitals that choose not to opt in, it will be identified as "not participating" on the Find Your Heart a Home page. [U.S. News & World Report announced](#) now gives hospitals participating in ACC's public reporting program credit in its annual rankings of Best Hospitals in Cardiology & Heart Surgery. Get more info on how to [opt-in to ACC's program](#).

### **Emerging Strategies for Heart Failure Roundtable**

ACC held its [Emerging Strategies for Heart Failure Roundtable](#), which brought together a wide group of experts and relevant stakeholders to examine the practical barriers and gaps in care and/or knowledge around HF management. The Roundtable is the first step in launching the College's new "[Succeed in Managing Heart Failure](#)" Initiative, a multidisciplinary quality program designed to improve care for heart failure patients. Outcomes from the Roundtable will be used to inform the development of clinical tools and patient resources.

### **Study Shows Few Periprocedural Anticoagulation Management Standards Exist**

There is a need to develop standardized protocols for the interruption of oral anticoagulation for surgery and invasive procedures, according to results of a study published July 4 in the [JACC](#). [Read more.](#)

### **Performance, Quality Measures Updated For Treating AFib**

Updated clinical performance and quality measures for treating adult patients with AFib or atrial flutter have been expanded to include the inpatient setting, and now address care domains that were not previously included, such as patient safety, effective clinical care, communication and care coordination. The updated measure set was released June 27 by the ACC and AHA, and published in [JACC](#). [Read more.](#)

### **Societies Release Focused Update For HF Management**

Recommendations on two new heart failure (HF) medications are detailed in a focused update of the *2013 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure*, released May 20 by the ACC, AHA and Heart Failure Society of America and published in [JACC](#). [Read More.](#)

### **ACTION Registry-GWTG Surpasses 1 Million Records**

The [ACTION Registry-GWTG](#), the ACC's registry focusing on quality improvement for STEMI and non-STEMI (NSTEMI) patients, recently surpassed one million patient records. [Learn More.](#)