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Jay Alexander, MD, FACC
IL-ACC Governor

2018 Annual Symposium and Chapter Meeting May 19 & 20

We had a successful CV Team Symposium at the Marriott in Burr Ridge. It

had great attendance and the topics and speakers were impressive. Thanks to all who attended this program. We are in the planning stages for our Annual Symposium which will be held May 19th and 20th. We will be having the event at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva Wisconsin. *Please save the date for this exciting event.*

Prescription Controlled Substance Monitoring Program

In an effort to stop patients from “doctor shopping” to get controlled substances, **Illinois Senate Bill 772** advanced out of both Illinois legislative chambers with unanimous support. **Illinois Senate Bill 772** would require prescribers of controlled substances to check the Prescription Monitoring Program database to see if a patient has been prescribed a controlled substance by another doctor prior to writing an initial prescription. This would make it harder for individuals to obtain prescriptions from multiple doctors. The bill currently is sitting on the governor’s desk for signature. In working with the **ISMS**, their opinion is that this bill will be signed into law and **all practitioners will need to register with the Prescription Monitoring Program by January 1, 2018**. As we get more information we will let you know through email blasts. Prescribers with Illinois controlled substance licenses should go to this website:

Prescription Monitoring Program: Prescriber Registration

https://www.ilpmp.org/pr_registration.php

As we enter into the holidays I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

OVERARCHING ACC NEWS

ACC Sets New Vision for the Future

As part of its [2019-2023 Strategic Plan development process](#), the ACC’s Board of Trustees recently reaffirmed the College’s mission to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health, while creating and approving a new vision statement that envisions “a world where innovation and knowledge optimize cardiovascular care and outcomes.” The aspirational statement was developed with input from members, staff and external experts representing over 54 organizations, including 28 health systems, 16 universities, and 10 companies like IBM and Google. “This new vision will serve as the guidepost for all the College’s efforts going forward,” said ACC President **Mary Norine Walsh, MD, FACC**. “Even more importantly, it will help ACC leaders, members and staff as they continue to develop and finalize the next strategic plan and update the College’s core values and strategic goals.” Read more about the new vision on [ACC.org](#).

Latest Issue of *Cardiology* Looks at Science from ESC Congress 2017; Quality Improvement for Institutions; and More
The [cover](#) story and [feature](#) story in the latest issue of *Cardiology* provides an overview of clinical insights and news from ESC Congress 2017 selected by the editors. In this month’s

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“Editor’s Corner,” Alfred A. Bove, MD, PhD, MACC, reviews findings from the meeting that will likely affect clinical practice in the coming year. In the [Quality Improvement for Institutions](#) article, learn more about using the ACTION Registry to enhance hospital performance and patient care and read about steps taken by four hospitals that received an ACTION Registry Performance Achievement Award. And learn about the objectives of the new ACC [Task Force on Diversity](#). [Get the full issue at ACC.org/Cardiology](#)

Latest Issue of *Cardiology: Interventions* Looks at Trials from ESC Congress; New ACC Clinical Documents; and More

The [cover](#) and [feature](#) stories in the latest issue of *Cardiology: Interventions* provides insights for refining clinical practice from trials presented at ESC Congress. Editor-in-Chief **Peter C. Block, MD, FACC**, provides perspectives on interpreting the results of the DIVA trial in the [Editor’s Corner](#). In the [Perspective](#), FIT **Rushi Parikh, MD**, shares early lessons from his interventional fellowship. In [Peripheral Matters](#), **Schuyler Jones, MD, FACC**, reviews contributors to the disparities in the care of patients with peripheral artery disease and the Duke University Health System’s approach to addressing these. An overview of the [new AUC for imaging in valvular heart disease](#) and the [performance measures for STEMI and NSTEMI](#) is provided in New in ACC Clinical Documents.

JACC Leadership Page: The NCDR ICD Registry- A Foundation for Quality Improvement

In a recent Leadership Page published in the [Journal of the American College of Cardiology \(JACC\)](#), **Frederick M. Masoudi, MD, MSPH, FACC** and **William J. Oetgen, MD, MBA, FACC**, discuss the ACC’s NCDR ICD Registry, which has become the standard for understanding patient selection, care, and outcomes in

patients receiving ICD therapy. This year, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) ordered a review of the National Coverage Decision (NCD) for ICDs, including a review of the coverage with evidence decision mandate (CED), which requires patients receiving ICDs for primary prevention in the Medicare population to be enrolled in either an approved clinical trial or in a national registry. According to Masoudi and Oetgen, the registry mandate has supported better patient care and science to advance our understanding of the role of ICDs in patients at risk for sudden cardiac death. “In the re-evaluation of the registry mandate in the CED, these benefits must be considered. Given that the indications for ICD therapy will change with this update, patients, physicians, and policy-makers will need valid contemporary data to ensure the optimal use of these devices and to achieve better outcomes,” they write. [Read more.](#)

TOP SCIENCE & QUALITY NEWS

Updated Decision Pathway For Non-Statins Therapies Published

As a result of recent evidence regarding proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin 9 (PCSK9) inhibitors and ezetimibe in some patients, the ACC has released the *2017 Focused Update of the 2016 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on the Role of Non-Statins Therapies for LDL-Cholesterol Lowering in the Management of Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Risk*, which published Sept. 5 in the [Journal of the American College of Cardiology](#). In the focused update, revised recommendations are provided for patients with clinical ASCVD with or without comorbidities on statin therapy for secondary prevention, indicating more clearly when ezetimibe or a PCSK9 inhibitor may be considered. [Read more on ACC.org.](#)

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ACC Holds the Fourth LDL: Address the Risk Think Tank

The ACC held its fourth LDL: Address the Risk Think Tank on Sept. 11, building upon the knowledge and research discussed in previous roundtables. The Think Tank continued the [Heart House Roundtables](#) tradition of exploring the practical issues that clinicians and patients face within high-value clinical areas. Throughout the day, participants explored evidence on treatment options and gaps in care among three high-risk patient populations, including patients with very high LDL ≥ 190 , diabetes and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD). Discussions addressed how to ensure patients are prescribed the appropriate therapies to achieve optimal response to sufficiently reduce risk. [Read more on ACC.org.](#)

Appropriate Use Criteria Published For Valvular Heart Disease Imaging Tests

[New appropriate use criteria \(AUC\)](#) released by the ACC and several other partnering societies focus on the evaluation and use of multimodality imaging in the diagnosis and management of valvular heart disease (VHD). The criteria are divided into three primary sections: 1) initial evaluation for VHD; 2) prior testing; and 3) transcatheter intervention for VHD. They address a broad spectrum of clinical scenarios, some of which were included in former AUC documents and others, such as structural valve interventions, that the writing group notes “were not in the armamentarium of clinicians when prior single-modality documents were published.” An independent rating panel scored the scenarios as appropriate, may be appropriate or rarely appropriate. “As imaging technologies and clinical applications continue to advance, the health care community must understand how best to incorporate these technologies into daily clinical care and how to choose between new and established imaging technologies,” said

John U. Doherty, MD, FACC, professor of medicine at Thomas Jefferson University and chair of the writing committee. [Read more on ACC.org.](#)

TOP ADVOCACY & HEALTH POLICY

2017 Legislative Conference Wrap-Up

Read a full wrap-up of key sessions and highlights from the 2017 Legislative Conference penned by **Thad Waites, MD, FACC**, chair of ACC's Health Affairs Committee, [here](#). Presentation slides and other essential conference resources are available for access with your ACC member login [here](#). Watch ACC leadership and key advocacy figures discussing the hottest topics from the conference through ACC's [Advocacy YouTube channel](#). Professional photographs, taken by conference photographer **Bill Petros***, are available for purchase [here](#). View more videos and photos from the conference through [Facebook](#). Stay tuned to [@Cardiology](#), [ACC.org](#) and the Advocate eNewsletter for information on the 2018 Legislative Conference.

ACC Leadership Tackles Prior Authorization

For years, prior authorization has impeded patient access and burdened cardiovascular practice management. **Hadley Wilson, MD, FACC**, chair of the Board of Governors, and **Robert A. Shor, MD, FACC**, chair of ACC's Membership Committee, recently co-authored a piece in the [Journal of the American College of Cardiology](#) breaking down prior authorization burdens and offering action items for reducing physician pressure. "This is one piece in the puzzle to find an answer to prior authorization challenges. However, to be successful on a larger scale for the entire medical community, insurers, physicians, care team members, practice administrators, and lawmakers need to work together to find a solution that ultimately saves time, saves money, and—most importantly—*saves lives*," write

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Wilson and Shor. Read the full article [here](#). The ACC has developed a [Prior Authorization Reporting Tool \(PARTool\)](#) to help your practice with data collection and support the ACC's efforts at the state and national level to address prior authorization issues. With this data, the ACC hopes persuade payers and state insurance commissioners to minimize, or even eliminate, some of their prior authorization requirements. Access your ACC's PARTool [here](#). Go to [ACC.org/PARTool](#) to learn more.

DIGITAL ACC RESOURCES

ASCVD Risk Estimator Plus App Now Available

The ACC recently updated the ASCVD Risk Estimator Plus app using recent science and user feedback to help a clinician and patient build a customized risk lowering plan by estimating and monitoring change in 10-year ASCVD risk. This app can be used to: estimate a patient's initial 10-year ASCVD risk; receive an individualized, risk-based, intervention approach; project the impact of specific interventions on a patient's risk; guide clinician-patient discussion around customizing an intervention plan; update risk at follow-up, based on a patient's response to therapy. Search "ASCVD Risk Estimator Plus" on the web or in your app store to download the app for free. Find out more about ACC's clinical apps at [ACC.org/Apps](#).

ACC Weekly Podcast on Not-to-Miss CV Topics Now Available on Google Play, iTunes

ACC members and clinicians have a new way to gain unique insights and expert commentary on some of the [top content posted to ACC.org](#) each week. In his *Eagle's Eye View* podcast, ACC.org Editor-in-Chief **Kim Eagle, MD, MACC**, discusses the hottest cardiovascular topics, ranging from new clinical guidelines to practice-changing research and innovative quality initiatives and

tools. "Our talented team of web editors and ACC staff is dedicated to curating the most valuable content for members and the cardiovascular community," said Eagle. "The podcast provides an efficient way to obtain weekly highlights in an exciting new format." Listen now on [ACC.org](#), [Google Play](#), or [iTunes](#).

Download the New CathPCI Bleeding Risk Calculator App

The ACC has recently launched the CathPCI Bleeding Risk Calculator App to help clinicians assess the individualized patient risk of experiencing a bleeding event associated with a PCI procedure. This app allows clinicians to compare individual patient risk with the national average based on data from the CathPCI Registry[®]. Also, the app facilitates consistent risk assessment and communication between a clinician and patient about the overall PCI procedure. Download the app and find out more about ACC's clinical apps at [ACC.org/Apps](#).

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Stay In Touch With the ACC via Social Media

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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 channel dedicated to advocacy-related news ([@Cardiology](#)), education ([@ACCCardioEd](#)), and quality ([@ACCCVQuality](#)). CardioSmart, 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 at [www.acc.org/WebinarsOndemand](#). 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).

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