

Heart of Arizona



Your Ballot For Election!

It is an exciting time for the Arizona Chapter of the American College of Cardiology!

As a member of the AZ ACC, we encourage you to get involved, even if only through **VOTING** for your leadership!

Your ballot is enclosed.

Please complete, sign and then FAX to us at 253.265.3043 this week.

Ballots are distributed by location. Members in the Greater Phoenix area receive one, members in Tucson another, and members throughout the rest of the state a third.

If you want to participate but haven't been nominated and have limited time to serve, let us know! We will match your interests with a Committee or Ad Hoc workgroup that can use your input!

Mark Your Ballot and Fax It In!

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What's The Scoop On Maintenance of Certification?

Approximately 58% of our membership needs to participate in recertification over the next few years.

The ACC (and our chapter) is working with the ABIM to offer training modules to make the process easier for you.

Available modules include: Cardiovascular Disease, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Interventional Cardiology, and Critical

Care Medicine (all 2007, 2008, and 2009 updates).

In just two hours, you can receive ten points towards the required 100 credits (in five different disciplines) you need.

If you want to be added to our list of interested parties, just e-mail us at aminc1@comcast.net or give us a call to let us know what module you need most!

Our Executive Committee:

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Get Connected! 4 Meetings To Choose From in 2009!

As you may have already heard, the Arizona ACC will be meeting throughout the state this year, instead of one meeting in the Phoenix area.

Come meet your fellow members in your region!

Our four locations will be: Tucson, Phoenix, Sedona, and Yuma.

Educational events will cover topics such as Atrial Fibrillation, Inflammation in Atherosclerosis (role of CRPs, etc.), Stemi Systems of Care, Electronic Health Records, Healthcare Reform, and more!



Patients Have Questions? CardioSmart Has Answers!

CardioSmart is the ACC's online resource for patients designed to help them work with their physicians to understand and manage their CV health. Send your patients to www.cardiosmart.org for the latest cardiovascular news, as well as tools and strategies for prevention, control, and management of their health!

Looking For Technology Tips?

The ACC has another on-line resource just for you, our members!

Access the Electronic Health Records (HER) Toolkit at www.acc.org/practice/mgt/healthcaretechnology

You can view Informatics reports, Health Information Technology (HIT) Data, Federal mandates, and e-Prescribing, amongst others.

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Membership Demographics

| Tenure | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Early Career (5 years or less) | 23.3% |
| Mid Career (6 -20 years) | 25.3% |
| Later Career (20+ years) | 51.4% |

| Practice Setting Description | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| No Response | 18.3% |
| Cardiology Group | 25.9% |
| CV Practice Group | 17.5% |
| Solo Practice | 8.1% |
| Gov Hospital/Agency-Mil | 8.0% |
| Gov Hospital/Agency-Other | 0.7% |
| Med School/Univ-Faculty | 6.7% |
| Multi-Specialty Group | 6.7% |

| Specialty | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Adult Cardiology | 56.6% |
| Echocardiology | 3.0% |
| Electrophysiology | 4.6% |
| MR/CT Cardiology | 0.2% |
| Interventional Cardi | 18.7% |
| Nuclear Cardiology | 3.9% |
| Pediatric Cardiology | 4.6% |
| Surgery | 2.5% |
| Invasive Cardiology | 1.8% |
| Heart Failure/Transplant | 0.7% |
| Non-invasive Cardiology | 0.5% |
| Other Specialty | 0.5% |

President's Message

Dear Fellow Az ACC members: Happy spring to all! I, along with Governor-Elect Kris Vijay and Chapter Executive Lianna Collinge, attended the **ACC Scientific Sessions** from March 27-31, in Orlando, Fl. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with colleagues from around the world, learn about the latest cardiovascular developments, as well as work on ACC business. For those of you who have never or not recently attended the Scientific Sessions, it is a very impressive venue. In addition to learning about the latest clinical data, you can see **breakthrough technology**, and receive over 30 hours of CME. Overall, it is an ideal way to get re-energized about our profession. Next year's meeting is in Atlanta March 28-31, and I hope to see you all there.

Most of you are familiar with the success of the ACC's Door-to-Balloon initiatives. The ACC is hoping to carry this momentum forward into new

programs, such as the **Hospital to Home (H2H)** initiative – a program designed to decrease the number of patient readmissions with cardiovascular diagnoses. Please refer to the acc.org website for further details.

Our 1st Lobby Day on February 3rd was a success with more than 20 at the Meet & Greet, and 6 participants meeting with one dozen lawmakers. We began the important process of establishing relationships and offering our knowledge to them.

It is election time, again! I urge you all to get involved with Az ACC, either as Councilors or committee members. At the minimum, **please be sure to vote** for the candidates that best represent your interests. This election is particularly important, given the current economic condition and imminent changes to our healthcare system. The upcoming roster of leaders will be facing challenges never

before seen by U.S. physicians, as our healthcare system is restructured. To those of you who have agreed to participate in ACC leadership, you have my sincere appreciation. Now, more than ever, we need a **strong, unified voice to protect our ability to care for our patients.**

Warmest Regards-

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Pictured: Pres. Steven Mehta ACC '09 with California Governors Dipti Itchhaporia and George Smith.

Warmest regards,

Steve



