

CVT CORNER

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2018 Legislative Conference

The annual ACC Legislative Conference was held September 30th through October 2nd in Washington, D.C. Over 70 CVT members attended this year's conference with many as first-time attendees. It was a great opportunity to meet with Capitol Hill staff and other policymakers to share insights into our role as cardiovascular professionals and discuss topics of importance to our profession. We had 3 main "asks" to review with the legislators: 1) fostering medical research and innovation through funding of the NIH, FDA and CDC; 2) ease the administrative burdens related to electronic health records and improve interoperability for better patient care; and 3) thank the members for voting in favor of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which addressed top cardiovascular issues, including the supervision of cardiac rehabilitation by PAs, NPs and CNS' beginning in 2024.



If you have never attended the Legislative Conference, please consider attending in the future. It is an amazing conference full of energy and excitement that gives you an insider's view of the halls of Congress and allows us to share the incredible work our cardiovascular team provides to our patients.

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4th Annual SoCal CVT Symposium

Save the date! The annual Southern California Symposium will be held **Friday, February 22, 2019** at the Westin Hotel in beautiful Pasadena. As usual, there will be a variety of cardiovascular topics to peak everyone's interest, including the latest in HF therapies, EP and preventative medicine as well as the ever-popular talk on interesting EKGs! New this year, will be a **special add-on event** on Saturday, February 23rd that you won't want to miss! Be on the lookout for email announcements and please share with your colleagues! [See agenda here.](#)