

CVT Corner

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SoCal 4th Annual CVT Symposium Recap

Held at the beautiful Marriott Resort and Spa in Newport Beach on Feb 23, 2018, this event was a huge success. Over 90 attendees and outstanding reviews!

Dr Beth Haney, NP, DNP who is also a City Council Women for the City of Yorba Linda, was our keynote speaker on "Healthcare and Politics." A great way to start the day. Other notable topics included East-West Medicine and CV Disease, Growing Old with Congenital Heart Disease, Uncommon Etiologies of Heart Failure, EKG Interpretation, Impella Devices, and EP Updates among many other great topics.

A wine reception following the symposium was great for networking and catching up with colleagues. And for those that stayed the night, the next morning we had a 5k run/walk followed by a yoga class with Maria Fe White, NP.

If you missed it, we look forward to seeing you at our **Northern California 11th Annual CVT Symposium** this October in San Francisco! Watch for emails with the details.



California CVT Members Participating at ACC.18

ACC.18 was held March 10-12, 2018 in Orlando, Florida. It was a fantastic conference filled with education, late-breaking information, new technology and great opportunities for networking and socializing. We are proud to have had many CA Cardiovascular Team Members as speakers in educational sessions and on discussion panels. **Congratulations** to these members:

- Jennifer M. Ballard-Hernandez, DNP, AACC
- Susan M. Fernandes, LPD, PA-C
- Yvonne Gallegos, DNP, ANP-BC, CWS
- Cher A. Hagaman, NP, CCNS, AACC
- Asma Hussaini, PA-C, AACC
- Nicholas Kim, BA
- Margo Minissian, PhD, ACNP, CLS, AACC
- Margaret A. Morley, DNP
- Mary Schoenbaum, NP, AACC
- Martina Kelly Speight, FNP-BC, MSN
- Marie Fe White, NP, AACC

New CVT Section Website Up and Running

The new CV Team Section website includes many helpful resources for members and prospective members at www.acc.org/cvteam. **Features you might find especially helpful include:**

- ❖ Information on [Joining the ACC](#) and the [CV Team Section](#) – Particularly relevant for your nonmember colleagues!
- ❖ Details about the [Leadership Council & Section Committees](#) and how to contact group leaders about getting involved.
- ❖ Access to the new [Online Membership Application](#), which makes joining the College is easier than ever for prospective CV Team Members. Instead of providing your nonmember colleagues and other interested individuals with printed applications, we ask that you encourage them to visit www.acc.org/join, where they'll be able to select their professional type, learn more about the benefits and apply for membership online.
- ❖ A [Resource Library](#) that puts tools like CardioSmart, ACC's Clinical Toolkits, CV Team Expertise & Volunteer Interest Database and others at your fingertips. *This is members-only content so nonmembers will be instructed to join in order to gain access!*
- ❖ And [Recommended Readings](#), which includes a compilation of relevant articles, reports and white papers on clinical topics for the CV Team. *This is members-only content so nonmembers will be instructed to join in order to gain access!*

New Advocacy Action Alert System

We are pleased to share that the new and improved Action Alert system, VoterVoice, has now officially launched. (As a reminder, Action Alerts allow members to communicate directly with their legislators or regulators to support and oppose important legislation, with just a couple of clicks. Action Alerts are posted on acc.org and shared with members through the system).

The benefits of this new system include:

- Easier back-end process: our Advocacy team can **create Actions Alerts for chapters much more quickly and easily**
- Improved user experience: **members can take action more easily**
- More shareable: **links to the Action Alert can be shared directly**, instead of only through email. Links can be embedded in Twitter or sent by you to other members
- Expanded functionality: **a single Action Alert will let members send different letters** to a bill sponsor v a legislator who has not sponsored the bill
- Increased flexibility: in addition to sending emails to legislators, **we can now also offer you the option to call or Tweet**

View the new ACC Advocacy Action pages here: www.acc.org/advocacyaction

So, keep your eye out for Action Alerts coming to you through email or social media. Also, please contact us or your district councilors if you hear of a relevant issue at the state level!

ACC Strategic Plan

A strong mission, vision and core values are integral to an effective strategic plan. As such, review of the ACC's Mission, Vision and Core Values has been an important part of efforts to develop the College's next Strategic Plan for 2019 – 2023 over the past year.

At the end of 2017, ACC leaders reaffirmed the College's **Mission to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health**, as well as clarified and updated its **Vision to reflect a world where innovation and knowledge optimize cardiovascular care and outcomes**. At the same time, the ACC has been working closely with an outside consulting firm and a robust group of ACC members and staff to develop and align on a single set of ACC Core Values representing the College as a whole.

The following three **Core Values** will serve as guiding principles for College members and staff in all that they do:

- **Patient-Centered**
- **Teamwork and Collaboration**
- **Professionalism and Excellence**

Each of these Core Values was carefully chosen by the College's working group of members and staff, then affirmed by the Board of Trustees (BOT). There are a number of ways in which the ACC will work to uphold these values, including but not limited to: advocating on behalf of the cardiovascular patient population (Patient-Centered); encouraging a culture of diversity, trust, respect, and safety with all colleagues, regardless of position or title (Teamwork and Collaboration); and holding ourselves and our profession to the highest standards of evidence and knowledge (Professionalism and Excellence).

Read more about the College's current Strategic Plan – and the development of the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, at www.ACC.org/StrategicPlan.

Be Active!

There are many ways to become involved with the CVT Section. Be on the lookout for future opportunities in becoming a more active part of our section, specifically to start a CVT Council in California. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more.

Make sure to log onto www.caacc.org for regular updates, quarterly newsletters and CA ACC news!

For national news and information: www.acc.org/cvteam

If we may be of assistance in any way, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to meeting and working with you!