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**Hola Amigos,**

**C**ongratulations to our new Governor Elect, Dr. Jesse Adams III, renowned cardiologist from Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Adams and some of our Chapter staff, Jennifer and Andrew, accompanied me to the ACC Leadership Conference in January. The conference was in Las Vegas and believe it or not we did not gamble! Our Chapter received two awards, Spirit of Excellence in Advocacy and in Quality. Dr. Adams promises to be a great future governor for our Chapter. He already took ownership of "Walk With A Doc" program. He is also very interested in further developing H2H and FOCUS within our Commonwealth. For more information see related articles in this newsletter.

I have been named National Co-Chair of PATCH project in collaboration with the Adult Congenital Heart Association. The main goal is to promote better follow-up care for the adult with congenital heart defects. See related article in this newsletter.

Our Chapter Council has been very busy working on new projects, of which we will keep you informed. Two of our Board members, Christine McIntyre and Dr. Allison Bailey, will become our State champions for the Million Hearts Campaign (see enclosed article). In addition, for the second consecutive year our Chapter joined the American Heart Association Kentucky Chapter in Frankfort. We met with several legislators and discussed our goal of a smoke-free Kentucky and promoting a healthier weight for our citizens. Several of our Council and Chapter members joined us there.

For the first time, we created a nine member scientific committee, which has put up an excellent CME program for our upcoming annual meeting, which will be on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at Jewish Hospital Rudd Heart Institute



*Rabab Mohsin, M.D. (right) from the University of Kentucky presented her poster at the January ACC Leadership Forum in Las Vegas. Dr. Mohsin was the winner of the FIT Poster Competition at the 2011 Kentucky Chapter Annual Meeting.*

Amphitheater. We will have an entire day of lectures on "Hot Topics in Cardiomyopathies." The presidential lecture will be on Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and will be led by our newly elected ACC President, Dr. William A. Zoghbi. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum. Other outstanding speakers include Dr. Normal Silverman, Dr. Jeffrey Towbin, Dr. Miguel Quiñones, Dr. Curt Daniels, and faculty members from the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky. We will have a CCA lecturer, Margo Minissian, who will be discussing the management of heart failure in cardiomyopathies. Our Fellows-In-Training will open our program with a poster presentation at 9:00 am. A copy of the preliminary program appears in this newsletter.

I would like to invite you to participate and earn CME-CEU credits at our annual meeting on August 18, 2012. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Watch your mailbox and email for an announcement when the meeting registration opens.

Best for you,

**Juan Villafane, M.D., F.A.C.C.**  
President KY Chapter ACC



## ACC and the American Heart Association Advocating for a Heart-Healthier KY on Valentine's Day

The capitol in the Bluegrass State was RED for Kentucky Lobby Day on February 14 as nearly 100 red-clad advocates braved the weather to travel to Frankfort. The Kentucky Chapter of the American College of Cardiology joined with the American Heart Association for a morning issue training session followed by dozens of meetings with State Senators and Representatives. Representative Susan Westrom, sponsor of the Smoke Free Kentucky Act, welcomed the group and commented that the bill has perhaps been the easiest to work on of her career because of the "army" of advocates supporting the measure. Also on the agenda was support of SB 110 which would strengthen Kentucky's shared use statutes, encouraging increased physical activity opportunities on school property. Senate Bill 133, focusing on complete streets, was also highlighted.

The morning session was punctuated by a visit from Colmon Elridge, special assistant to Governor Beshear, who presented a proclamation for American Heart Month and spoke of his personal support for our Smoke Free Kentucky efforts.



*Dr. Mark Vranicar (University of Kentucky), Dr. Brooke Sweeney (University of Louisville), Ms. Tonya Chang (AHA), and Dr. Juan Villafañe*



*(R to L) Dr. Juan Villafañe, Mr. & Mrs. Kentucky, Ms. Amy Barkley – Smoke Free Kentucky, Mr. Frank Ryan – National ACC*



*Pictured are members of the AHA Board and KY-ACC with Mrs. Kentucky that participated in Lobby Day.*

## ACC.12



*Jacqueline Noonan, M.D., F.A.C.C. & Juan Villafañe, M.D., F.A.C.C. at the ACC.12 All Chapter Reception*



*Juan Villafañe, M.D., F.A.C.C., Chapter Executive Jennifer Rzepka, CAE, and Wisconsin Chapter Governor Tom Lewandowski, M.D., F.A.C.C.*

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# SAVE THE DATE

## 2012 Annual CME/CEU Scientific Meeting – “Hot Topics In Cardiomyopathies”

**Date:** Saturday August 18, 2012

**Guest Speaker:** William Zoghbi, M.D.,

**Place:** The Great Halls, Rudd Heart and  
Lung Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

F.A.C.C., F.A.S.E  
President-Elect, American  
College of Cardiology

Faculty includes local, national and international speakers as well as basic and clinical researchers. Our Fellows-in-Training from the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville will be presenting. The program includes topics for Cardiac Care Associates.

## Agenda

9:00 – 9:30 am	3rd Annual Fellows Poster Forum Posters on Display & Exhibitors
9:45 – 10:00 am	Welcome – Dr. Juan Villafane
	<i>Co-Chairs: Dr. Susan Smyth (UK) &amp; Dr. Rita Coram (UL)</i>
10:00 – 11:15 am	ACC Presidential Lecture: “Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Echo &amp; More – Dr. William Zoghbi</li> <li>• Advanced Imaging – Dr. Vincent Sorrell</li> <li>• Genetics &amp; Myectomy – Dr. Jeffrey Towbins</li> <li>• Alcohol Ablation – Dr. John Gurley</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:45 am	Keynote: “Strain & Echocardiography in CMP” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum</li> </ul>
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Morning Panel Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drs. Zoghbi, Sorrell, Towbins, Gurley &amp; Feigenbaum</li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:20 pm	Break & Exhibitors
12:20 – 1:30 pm	Lunch & Presentations (Moderated by Dr. Juan Villafane) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “What’s up at ACC?” – Dr. William Zoghbi, President ACC</li> <li>• Q &amp; A about ACC</li> <li>• Young Investigator Awards – Dr. Alison Bailey</li> <li>• Honorable Maestro Presentation (Dr. Morris Weiss) – Dr. Jesse Adams</li> <li>• Announcements – Dr. Juan Villafane</li> </ul>
1:30 – 1:45 pm	Break & Exhibitors
	<i>Co-Chairs: Dr. Mark Slaughter (UL) &amp; Dr. David Moliterno (UK)</i>
1:45 – 2:15 pm	“Echocardiographic Assessment of Left Ventricular Non-Compaction – a New Paradigm” – Dr. Norman Silverman
2:15 – 2:20 pm	Announce Winners of ACC trip – Dr. Louis Bezold
2:20 – 3:05 pm	“Echo Spectrum in Unusual Cardiomyopathies” – Dr. Miguel Quiñones “Advanced Imaging in Unusual Cardiomyopathies” – Dr. Vincent Sorrell
3:05 – 3:20 pm	“Ventricular-Assist Devices in Cardiomyopathies” – Dr. Emma Birks
3:20 – 3:35 pm	Mid-Afternoon Panel Q&A – Drs. Silverman, Quiñones, Sorrell & Birks
3:35 – 4:15 pm	Simultaneous Sessions: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Co-Chairs: Dr. Juan Villafane &amp; Dr. Jesse Adams</i></p> Track 1 – “The Adult with Congenital Heart Disease” – Dr. Curt Daniels <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Co-Chairs: Christine McIntyre &amp; Pat Horvat, RN</i></p> Track 2 – “Management of Heart Failure in Cardiomyopathies” – Margo Minissian, RN, ACNP-BC
4:20 – 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks & Announcement of 2013 Meeting

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## PATCH Stands For Provider Action for Treating Congenital Hearts

by: Juan Villafañe, MD; Mike Landzberg, MD; Curt Daniels, MD; Amy Verstappen (ACHA),  
Stephanie Mitchell (ACC); Jayne Jordan (ACC); and Alex Alice Betz (ACC Chapter)

**P**ATCH is a collaborative project between the American College of Cardiology and Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA) to 1) improve access to cardiology care throughout the nation for the adult with congenital heart disease (ACHD); 2) support the adult cardiologists willing to participate in the care of these patients in coordination with an ACHD specialist; 3) facilitate educational tools regarding ACHD; and 4) create awareness of the problem and needs of these patients.

Congenital heart disease is the most common birth defect and leading cause of related deaths worldwide. There are more than 1 million adults with congenital heart disease in the United States. Most of them will require lifelong cardiology care. Even the best congenital heart repairs are not a cure. Patients are at risk of developing new problems as they age. Death and disability rates rise dramatically by age 30. A significant amount of these patients will need re-operations, catheter ablations, and even cardiac transplant. At least half of the million CHD patients have complex CHD and fewer than 15% of them are seen in specialty ACHD clinics. Many areas of our country lack ACHD specialists and there is a need for the adult cardiologist to help in the care of ACHD. Unfortunately, most adult cardiologists are not formally trained in this area, but are willing to help care for the adult with CHD. The PATCH project plans to provide personalized healthcare information with diagnosis and past medical/surgical history for each patient, to be made avail-

able to participating healthcare providers. The project will also make continuing medical education (CME) programs and web-based teaching resources available. These will include webinars, links to CME programs, care guidelines, lists of ACHD specialized centers and a providers' directory. In addition, the PATCH project will provide ACHD specialists for state chapter CME activities.

The ACC Adult Congenital Pediatric Cardiology (ACPC) Council has asked the Board of Governors to help achieve these goals. In a recent survey among the Board of Governors, 22 state chapters indicated a desire to be involved with the PATCH program. Due to limited funding, there will be 5 state chapters during the first phase of the PATCH project. Those chapters will identify a local ACHD leadership team, which would include a state PATCH leader, one ACHD program director, one pediatric cardiologist and active participation by the chapter governor and executive staff. The ultimate goal of the program is to optimize the quality of life and life expectancy of our dear patients. You do not need to be part of the PATCH pilot program to seek help. You may contact [ACCPATCH@ACC.org](mailto:ACCPATCH@ACC.org).

The Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving and extending the lives of survivors of congenital heart defects. Amy Verstappen, CEO for ACHA, is part of the PATCH work group.

## Moliterno Named New Chair of Internal Medicine

By Kristi Lopez and Molly Clark

**D**r. David J. Moliterno has been appointed chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at University of Kentucky College of Medicine, effective Aug. 1, 2011.

An interventional cardiologist, Moliterno has served in several capacities since his arrival to UK in 2004, such as the Jefferson M. Gill Professor of Cardiology, chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, vice-chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and medical director of the Gill Heart Institute.

Moliterno succeeds Dr. Frederick C. de Beer, who was recently appointed dean of the College of Medicine and vice president for clinical academic affairs. "My tenure as chair of the Department of Internal Medicine was enriched by wonderful colleagues," said de Beer. "I care about this Department. It is central to the academic and clinical development of the College of Medicine. I know David Moliterno. I trust and respect him. Under his leadership the department will be further propelled to excellence."

"It is a great honor to become the chair of the Department of Internal Medicine," said Moliterno. "Growing the cardiovascular service line over the past years was challenging yet enriching, and success came from the truly outstanding efforts of many fine colleagues. So, too, the Department as well as the entire medical center is facing many challenging issues that affect us as clinicians, educators, and scientists. What assures our continued success at UK is the pure and simple truth of

having terrific partners and colleagues throughout the enterprise."

Moliterno received his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia, and his internal medicine training from Vanderbilt University Hospitals. He completed a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at the University of Texas-Southwestern Medical Center, and he completed an additional interventional cardiology and research fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, where he remained as an attending staff cardiologist for 10 years before joining the University of Kentucky in 2004.

Moliterno is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, European Society of Cardiology, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, American Heart Association, and the American College of Cardiology. He is the immediate past Governor for the American College of Cardiology-Kentucky Chapter. He also is a member of the Association of Professors of Cardiology and Association of University Cardiologists. He has been voted among the Best Doctors in America since 2001 and is a life member of the National Registry of Who's Who. Moliterno has been a visiting professor or invited lecturer in more than 30 countries.

Moliterno is the author or coauthor of over 250 publications, including 55 book chapters, and five textbooks. He has been the primary author of publications in *Circulation*, *JACC*, *JAMA*, *Lancet*, and the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

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# ACC PAC

The ACC Political Action Committee (ACCPAC) strives to amplify the voice and political power of members of the College. It is a voluntary, non-profit, unincorporated association, not affiliated with any political party or candidate. ACCPAC exists to provide our members a seat at the table with members of Congress who understand the importance of cardiovascular care. ACCPAC is empowered by its contributors to support both federal candidates and political committees.

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2. Click on "Join the PAC"
3. Follow the three simple steps on the screen:
  - a. Verify your contact information
  - b. Make your contribution
  - c. Finalize with electronic signature
4. Then...you're done!

**Please join us in making Kentucky a more powerful presence in the federal legislature through the ACCPAC!**

	Amount Raised	Number of Contributions	Number of Contributors
2010	\$8,236.68	46	24
2011	\$4,539.98	37	17

## Million Hearts Campaign

### Be One in a Million Hearts™

Preventing 1 million heart attacks and strokes in five years will require the work and commitment to change from all of us. There are steps that each of us can take to reach this goal as a nation. Be one in a Million Hearts™ and see how your actions can make a positive difference. A Million Hearts™ begins with you.

### Take the Pledge

<http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/providers.html>

- TREAT high blood pressure and cholesterol in your patients.
- TREAT appropriate patients with Aspirin.
- ESTABLISH and DISCUSS with patients their specific goals for treatment and the most effective ways that they can help control their risk factors for heart disease and stroke.
- COACH your patients to develop heart-healthy habits, such as regular exercise and a diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables, and stress reduction techniques. Provide tools to show their progress and access to team members to help them succeed.
- ASK your patients about their smoking status and provide cessation support and medication when appropriate.
- ASK about barriers to medication adherence and help find solutions.
- USE health information technology, such as electronic health records and decision support tools, to improve the delivery of care and control of the ABCS.



For more information on Million Hearts, please contact one of the two Kentucky Chapter champions:

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## Zoghbi to Focus on Patient-Centered Care During His Presidential Year

The ACC's 61st Annual Convocation welcomed more than 250 new Fellows and more than 20 new Associates on the last night of ACC.12 in Chicago. The evening also brought with it the installation of William Zoghbi, M.D., F.A.C.C., as the new ACC President. Zoghbi, a leader in the field of cardiovascular imaging and echocardiography, is the William L. Winters endowed Chair of Cardiovascular Imaging at The Methodist DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center and director of the Cardiovascular Imaging Institute at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. During his acceptance address, Zoghbi told new Fellows and AACC's that they are being inducted at a time when the field of Cardiology is exciting, yet challenging. "Our capacity to diagnose and treat heart disease has never been greater. Yet, the sobering fact is that heart and vascular disease remain the leading cause of death around the globe," he said. "Equally sobering," he added, "the current American health care system is not sustainable. As a result of these factors, Zoghbi said, the thematic focus of his presidential year will be patient-centered care, a style of care that emphasizes educating and involving patients in medical decision making; integrating medical care, and applying principles of disease prevention and behavioral change. Read a CardioSourceNews interview with Zoghbi, [here](#). For complete news from ACC.12, [click here](#).

## Earn Additional CME with iScience MOD

ACC.12 and ACC-i2 with TCT are not over just because attendees have left Chicago. The digital presentation library of iScience includes more than 400 hours of meeting on demand (MOD) educational content presented during the meeting, including synchronized audio and presentation slides. Users can begin earning up to 100 additional CME credits within 24 hours of purchase with online access. iScience features downloadable audio files and streaming content for iPad and iPhone. Offline users can access the same content available online with the portable, compact drive. Meeting attendees can order iScience with their registration badge number or the promo code "ACC.12 Flyer" at [www.CMEonCall.com/ACC](http://www.CMEonCall.com/ACC).

## Campaign Seeks To Reduce Unnecessary Medical Procedures

The ACC has released a list of "Five Things Physicians and Patients Should Question" in cardiology as part of the Choosing Wisely campaign, led by the ABIM Foundation with eight other medical specialty societies. The list identifies five targeted, evidence-based recommendations to support physicians and patients in making wise choices about their care. The ACC's list was developed over the last several months, with the College asking its standing clinical councils to recommend between three and five procedures that should not be performed or should be performed more rarely and only in specific circumstances. ACC staff took the councils' recommendations and compared them to the ACC's existing appropriate use criteria (AUC) and guidelines, choosing items for the five things list that had the tightest inappropriate score in the AUCs and were Class III recommendations in the guidelines. The ACC's Advocacy Steering Committee and Clinical

Quality Committee each then reviewed the five items before sending it to the ACC Executive Committee for final review and approval. Read more, including the ACC's recommendations, in an [ACC in Touch Blog post](#). Also learn more about Choosing Wisely and read the lists at [www.ChoosingWisely.org](http://www.ChoosingWisely.org).

## VIDEO: April ACC Update Looks Back at ACC.12

The April edition of the ACC Update features an interview with new ACC Board of Governors Chair Dipti Itchhaporia, MD, FACC, where she discusses what her focus for the College will be during her upcoming year. The update also highlights the recent ACC.12 and ACC-i2 with TCT meeting in Chicago, including coverage of the inauguration of new ACC President, William Zoghbi, MD, FACC, who said one of his main goals will be to enhance the College's focus on patient-centered care. [View](#) the entire update.

## Quality Improvement Ad Series Launched

This month the College launched a series of three print advertisements that will appear in ACC publications including Cardiology magazine. The series was created with the hopes of reinforcing the unparalleled work and advancements that cardiologists and cardiovascular professionals have made in the last few decades. The ads focus on the reduction of morbidity and mortality, readmissions and door-to-balloon time. [View the series here](#).

## New Expert Consensus Document Addresses Operator and Institutional Requirements for TAVR

On March 1 the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI), the American College of Cardiology (ACC), the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS), and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS), released a [Multisociety Expert Consensus Statement](#) for Operator and Institutional requirements for Transcatheter Valve Repair and Replacement.

The recommendations in the statement classify operating requirements for both existing TAVR centers and those that intend to develop a TAVR program, credentialing requirements for cardiac surgeons and interventional cardiologists who perform the procedure, and guidance for maintaining approval to perform TAVR. Requirements include:

- Annual heart (aortic valve) surgery and interventional procedural volume requirements for institutions
- Board certification and procedural requirements for both surgeons and interventional cardiologists
- Participation in FDA-approved clinical trials post-approval studies
- Monitoring of complication rates and institutional follow up
- Participation in national databases for continued tracking of outcomes
- Commitment to a heart team concept that is led by the sur-

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geon and interventional cardiologist and made up of a formal collaborative effort among all medical team members. In all aortic procedures, the interventional cardiologist and surgeon must both be present during the entire procedure ensuring joint participation and optimal patient-centered care.

**FDA Alert!** The FDA has approved safety label changes for statins, which include eliminating the requirement for routine monitoring of liver enzymes from the drug labels and adding information about the potential for generally non-serious and reversible cognitive side effects and reports of increased blood sugar and HbA1c levels. Also, the label for lovastatin has been updated with new contraindications and dose limitations when it is taken with certain medicines that can increase the risk for muscle injury. Health care professionals should follow the recommendations in the lovastatin label regarding drugs that may increase the risk of myopathy/rhabdomyolysis when used with lovastatin. The FDA continues to recommend health care professionals perform liver enzyme tests before initiating statin therapy in patients and as clinically indicated thereafter. [Read more.](#)

### New FDA Partnership

The ACC is partnering with the FDA on a new pilot program, the Network of Experts. In an effort to draw upon the breadth and depth of expertise of outside experts, the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) is developing relationships with organizations such as the ACC that have access to individuals with a wide range of expertise. Through these relationships, ACC members will be able to assist FDA personnel reviewing applications submitted by device manufacturers. How it works: The FDA will notify ACC when reviewers have questions for outside experts and the general topic of those questions. At that time, the ACC will contact individuals who have agreed to participate in the Network of Experts and alert them, based on their areas of expertise, of the request. Individuals will have a short window of time in which to let ACC know of their availability to assist the FDA and to complete a short conflict of interest form. If you are interested in joining the Network of Experts, [click here](#) to notify ACC of your interest and to answer a few additional questions that will assist ACC in properly directing FDA inquiries at the appropriate time.

### Next up for Health IT

CMS has issued its long-awaited [proposed rule](#) outlining the criteria necessary for providers to meet Stage 2 of the federal Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. The rule makes minor changes to Stage 1 requirements for those who begin participating in the program in 2013 and delays Stage 2 implementation until 2014. It also would increase the number of core objectives practitioners must meet from 10 to 17 and require practitioners to meet three out of five menu objectives. In addition, it would allow for the electronic reporting of clinical quality measure data and set the requirements for avoiding the statutorily-mandated penalties beginning in 2015. It was also encouraging to see that CMS has included reporting to specialized registries as one of the proposed menu-set objectives. The College will submit formal comments within the 60-day comment period window. The College is preparing detailed comments for submission within the 60-day comment period. [Read more.](#) For ACC resources on health IT go

to [CardioSource.org/HealthIT](http://CardioSource.org/HealthIT). Also, check out the following [page](#) for special health IT sessions and activities at ACC.12.

### ICD-10 Update

The Department of Health and Human Services has issued a proposed rule delaying the Oct. 1, 2013 ICD-10 transition deadline for one year. The transition will require a move from 17,000 diagnosis and procedure codes to more than 155,000 and providers, along with several medical specialty societies, have expressed concerns about accomplishing all of the system upgrades and testing under the current timeline. The ACC urges members to continue to prepare for the transition. In particular, if you have not completed the upgrade to Version 5010 this needs to be completed as soon as possible. The deadline for Version 5010 upgrades was extended from Jan. 1 to June 30. Visit [CardioSource.org/ICD10](http://CardioSource.org/ICD10) for ACC resources and links to CMS tools.

### E-Prescribing: What You Need to Know

For the first time, practitioners who did not e-prescribe at least 10 times between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2011 or who did not meet the requirements and/or request a hardship exemption by Nov. 8, 2011 will be penalized with a one percent payment reduction on all of their 2012 Medicare payments. Practitioners who e-prescribed at least 25 times during 2011 or who e-prescribe at least 10 times between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2012 can avoid the 2013 penalty. More information is posted in the [CardioSource.org/healthIT](http://CardioSource.org/healthIT) section to help understand how to avoid the penalty, as well as how to successfully participate to collect the bonus.

### Legislative Practice Visits: Let Them See What the Cardiac Care Team Can Do

The ACC is urging members to join the advocacy effort by hosting a Legislator Practice Visit. These visits provide unique opportunities for federal and state government officials to witness first-hand how the cardiac care team provides patients with quality, cost-efficient care by employing state of the art technology, health care data and professional training through a team approach. These visits are also opportunities to establish and/or building upon personal relationships with policymakers at the state and/or federal level. Contact Elizabeth Ellis at [ellis@acc.org](mailto:ellis@acc.org) for more information or to set up a practice visit.

### Medicare enrollment changes

CMS has announced improvements to its web-based provider enrollment system, known as PECOS, in an effort to reduce the administrative burden on physicians and other practitioners who provide services to Medicare patients. One of the biggest improvements is the addition of electronic signatures, which eliminates the need to mail a separate signature page to Medicare contractors in addition to filling out the online enrollment application. Other beneficial changes include the ability to access additional information, such as whether a request for revalidation has been sent to you by your contractor and previously used address information. Also, applications returned for correction can be easily corrected and resubmitted promptly. For those unfamiliar with Internet-based PECOS, visit the [CMS website](#) to learn more. If you prefer to use the paper enrollment applications, be certain that you are using the [most recent version of the forms.](#)

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## Hospital to Home (H2H) in Kentucky

While at the ACC, I met with Shilpa Patel, Program Manager for the H2H program for the American College of Cardiology. Overall, she has been pleased with the progress on H2H adoption in Kentucky. They have had 18 programs sign onto the program (listed below). They are working with our Chapter's assistance to increase that number. Additionally, they are currently developing a recognition component to recognize organizations that have participated and done a readmissions project at their facilities, with the plan that they will then be able to share those stories with the H2H community. If you have any contacts at hospitals that are not listed below, and feel that H2H would be a good option for that program- please let me know, or you can contact Shilpa Patel directly:

## Kentucky Hospitals and H2H

### Which hospitals participate in H2H?

1. Central Baptist Hospital
2. Frankfort Regional Medical Center
3. Greenview Regional Hospital
4. King's Daughters Medical Center
5. Louisville VA Medical Center
6. MD2U
7. Murray-Calloway County Hospital and Long Term Care
8. Norton Hospital
9. Norton Audubon Hospital
10. Pikeville Medical Center
11. Saint Joseph Berea
12. Saint Joseph Health System (Bardstown)
13. Saint Joseph Hospital (Lexington)
14. St Joseph - London
15. St. Elizabeth Healthcare Edgewood
16. St. Elizabeth Medical Center South
17. Visiting Physicn Primary Care service
18. University of Kentucky Healthcare Chandler Hospital

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### FOCUS

The Chapter met with Joe Allen at ACC.12 in Chicago regarding FOCUS, specifically the FOCUS insurance tool. The ACC is very interested in having a demonstration project with one (or more!) of the major carriers. The Wisconsin Chapter has helped spearhead an integrated demonstration project of SMARTCare, which includes the FOCUS tool as a component. We had originally approached Humana in Kentucky, but they are involved in the SMARTCare project in Wisconsin. They were not going to look for anything in Kentucky. However, there is now some interest on their part about looking at this because it will be tough/impossible to ascertain if any cost savings are related directly to FOCUS. Joseph Cacchione from the Cleveland Clinic has also been raising this idea with Humana.

### Walk with a Doc

The Chapter is looking to roll out Walk with a Doc (WWAD) this Spring, with the intent of starting in Louisville to work out any kinks. This will allow us to have a

template that can make it easier for everyone that want to start a walk in Kentucky. I had a meeting with the Louisville Health Department and the Louisville Parks and we should have a date and place determined soon. I'm hoping that the Mayor will be coming out for the first walk to increase the publicity. In discussing with David Sangir, M.D., the founding physician for WWAD, he has found that it's best to start at one site, with not "too-frequent" walks, and then build as more people become interested. Hence, we're looking at one Saturday a month at a central park site- flat, with a 1-1.5 mile loop- and can build from there. More information is available at [www.walkwithadoc.org](http://www.walkwithadoc.org)

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### Health Reform "Springs" Into Spotlight

With March 23 marking the two-year anniversary of the Accountable Care Act (ACA), the House of Representatives vote to repeal the controversial Independent Payment Advisory Board provision in the ACA, the ongoing divisive budget discussions that all plan to drastically cut Medicare and Medicaid spending, and the Supreme Court hearing six hours of oral arguments on the constitutionality of the law from March 26-28, health care reform continues to be in the spotlight. No matter what happens with Congressional politics and the Supreme Court, the American College of Cardiology (ACC) continues to be committed to setting a new standard for health care delivery in a way that is centered on increasing the quality of care and ensuring greater patient value. Read more on the ACA and the ACC's health reform agenda [here](#).

## ACC.12 Elections

A list of members who have been nominated to serve on the Council of Kentucky Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (KY-ACC) for two-year terms, beginning June 1, 2012 is shown below.

- Lexington Councilor: Dr. Susan Smyth
- Louisville Councilor: Dr. Rita Coram
- Louisville Councilor: \_\_\_\_\_
- Eastern Councilor: Dr. John Johnstone
- Western Councilor: Dr. James Kenneth Ford
- Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Vaughn Payne

The Nominating Committee advises the membership that any additional qualified nominees may be made, provided they are submitted, in writing, to the KY-ACC office on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2012.

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If there are no additional nominees at the expiration of the time allowed, the Governor shall cast a ballot declaring the nominees of the Nominating Committee unanimously elected.





# ACC Upcoming Events

For more details on these events visit: [www.cardiosource.org/Certified-Education/Courses-and-Conferences/All-Courses-and-Conferences.aspx](http://www.cardiosource.org/Certified-Education/Courses-and-Conferences/All-Courses-and-Conferences.aspx)

## MAY

May 4-5, 2012  
**4th Annual Clinical Practice of Peripheral Vascular Disease**  
Michael R. Jaff, D.O., F.A.C.C.  
Christopher J. White, M.D., F.A.C.C.  
The Heart House  
Washington, D.C.

May 19-20, 2012  
**The ACCF/BSC (Brazilian Society of Cardiology) Cardiovascular Symposium**  
Valentin Fuster, M.D., Ph.D., M.A.C.C.  
Sheraton Sao Paulo WTC Hotel  
Sao Paulo, Brazil

## JUNE

June 8-10, 2012  
**The West Coast Cardiovascular Forum**  
Valentin Fuster, M.D., Ph.D., M.A.C.C.  
The Ritz-Carlton  
San Francisco

## AUGUST

August 16, 2012  
**ACCF Study Session for ABIM Maintenance of Certification: Interventional Cardiology Updates 2011 and 2012**  
Joseph D. Babb, M.D., F.A.C.C.  
Frederick G.P. Welt, M.D., F.A.C.C.  
The Ritz-Carlton  
Dallas

August 17-19, 2012  
**ACCF/SCAI Premier Interventional Cardiology Overview and Board Preparatory Course**  
Joseph D. Babb, M.D., F.A.C.C.  
Frederick G.P. Welt, M.D., F.A.C.C.  
The Ritz-Carlton  
Dallas

August 18, 2012  
**KY-ACC 8th Annual Meeting**  
William Zoghbi, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.S.E.  
Rudd Heart Institute at Jewish Hospital  
Louisville, Kentucky

## SEPTEMBER

September 4-8, 2012  
**The ACCF Cardiovascular Board Review for Certification and Recertification**  
Kim A. Eagle, M.D., M.A.C.C.  
Patrick T. O'Gara, M.D., F.A.C.C.  
Chicago

September 6-8, 2012  
**Arrhythmias in the Real World 2012**  
Peter N. Smith, M.D., F.A.C.C.  
Heart House  
Washington, D.C.

September 8, 2012  
**ACCF Interactive Study Session for Maintenance of Certification Cardiovascular Disease Updates 2011 and 2012**  
Rick A. Nishimura, M.D., M.A.C.C.  
Patrick T. O'Gara, M.D., F.A.C.C.  
Chicago

September 10-12, 2012  
**Teaching Skills Workshop for Emerging Faculty**  
Rick A. Nishimura, M.D., M.A.C.C.  
Elizabeth Klodas, M.D., F.A.C.C.  
Heart House  
Washington, D.C.

September 28-29, 2012  
**ACC/STS Transcatheter Heart Valve (THV) Practicum**  
Joseph E. Bavaria, M.D.  
E. Murat Tuzcu, M.D., F.A.C.C.  
Heart House  
Washington, D.C.

## Upcoming KY-ACC Councilor Teleconference Dates

**2012 Dates – 7:15 am Eastern**

Thursday, June 7th  
Friday, July 13th  
Monday, August 6th  
Friday, October 5th  
Monday, December 10th

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