



# Missouri Chapter

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## A Message from the Governor



Dear MO-ACC Member:

The ACC Board of Governors met in March before the annual ACC meeting in Orlando, Florida. **Tonya Ferguson**, Chapter Executive, **Dr. Greg Flaker**, Governor-Elect, and I represented Missouri. Below is a recap of the meeting and topics that were discussed during the course of the meeting and an update on Chapter activities.

Lifeline to facilitate STEMI care throughout the country to allow triage and access to the best interventional care. Missouri has passed TCD (Time Critical Diagnosis) legislation for triage of trauma, stroke and STEMI to appropriate hospitals. **Dr. George Kichura** is STEMI champion for this statewide initiative. The website for this TCD initiative is <http://www.360365.org/resources.html>. This task force has accomplished a great deal during the past six months. I encourage you to go online and review the workgroup process documents and implementation overview. Later this fall the Chapter will be conduct meetings to bring the membership up-to-date on the how the implementation of the STEMI system will take place.

### Chapter Sets Goals

**Dr. Jane Schauer**, Chair of the BOG, encouraged state chapters to set specific goals for 2009. Some of our goals are to sponsor a meeting in April for Fellows-in-Training and open to the general membership, expand CCA membership by 50% along with hosting a CEU conference for the CCAs later this year, and host an annual meeting in October. I am happy to say that we just completed a very successful program for the Fellows-in-Training. Our thanks to **Dr. Frank Bleyer** for heading up this committee.

### Quality Initiatives

It is important as an organization that we embrace the following quality care and measurements as recorded in the NCDR for outcomes of PCI centers cath lab outcomes. Other quality initiatives include D2B to insure STEMI'S receive interventions within 90 minutes, H2H (hospital to home) and IC3 to insure transition care to home and office maintaining ACC guideline care and allowing transparency so clinical data rather than claims data allow incentive bonuses for best care practices.

### STEMI Update

The ACC is now partnering nationwide with AHA's Mission

### Chapter Profile

The ACC has also provided us with valuable information on our Missouri Chapter. We currently have 653 active members, 46 of which are emeritus. We have more fellows and CCA's but fewer Fellows-in-Training than comparable chapters. 73% of our membership is at least 20 years into their profession. Missouri is lacking younger cardiologists. Interventional cardiologists, pediatric cardiologists, and cardiac surgeons show a heavier concentration than most states, although 54% of our membership practices general cardiology. Maintenance of Certification can be supported by your Missouri Chapter. Practice management and leadership development are essential for our younger membership, and CCA activities with networking, CME meetings, and activities should be a priority of our Chapter.

### Year of the Patient

The ACC has designated 2009 as the "Year of the Patient" for the ACC which means Transparency, High Quality, Cost Effect, and Continuous Care should be our mantra. The tectonic plates are shaping the Formation of Regional STEMI Networks and we are well positioned in Missouri with our TCD taskforce.

## Health Information Technology

HIT and the Stimulus Package were discussed by **Dr. James Tcheng** and **Dr. Michael Muro**. The websites, [www.acc.org/healthIT](http://www.acc.org/healthIT) and [www.cchit.org](http://www.cchit.org), have useful information on selecting Electronic Healthcare Records (EHR) technology, information about the ACC e-prescribing initiative and other information. I encourage you to look into these two websites that can provide current, up-to-date information on what the ACC is doing in these areas.

### Dr. Greg Flaker, Governor-Elect

**Dr. Greg Flaker** has participated in the Washington, D.C. Governors Leadership Conference January 2009 and the Governors Meeting in Orlando and has a good grasp of the issues facing our chapter, the initiatives underway, the leadership group in Missouri, and is energized with the opportunity to lead the Missouri Chapter in 2010 to 2013. Please give him your full support in leading our chapter during these exciting and challenging times.

### ACC Legislative Conference - September 14-16, 2009

Please keep in mind that the ACC sponsors a Legislative meeting in September in Washington, D.C. with insightful talks on legislative issues and meetings on Capitol Hill with Missouri's Congressional Representatives and Senators. We would like to have a strong delegation to represent our Missouri Chapter again this year. If you are interested in joining the delegation, please contact me or Tonya Ferguson.

## Patient Education

CardioSmart is a patient education site of the American College of Cardiology. The mission is to engage, inform, and empower patients to better prepare them for participation in their own care.

Members of the ACC can now place a link to CardioSmart on their website. To preview CardioSmart and access the link and directions for placing the link on your website, use this URL: <http://www.cardiosmart.org/CardioSmart/Default.aspx?id=920>.

### Fellows-in-Training Program Held in St. Louis

The second annual Fellows-in-Training program was held on April 25th in downtown St. Louis. Top executives from industries affecting healthcare spoke to the group and networking was accomplished through the evening program of a cocktail reception at the Penguin and Puffins exhibit at the St. Louis Zoo

followed by dinner in the Living World.

We wish to thank **Dr. Frank Bleyer** who chaired the program and the following FITs who served as liaison between the Chapter and their cardiology programs: **Dr. Dan Cooper, Washington University, Dr. Peter Mohr, St. Louis University, Dr. Mark Del Rosario, University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics, and Dr. Josh Valtos, St. Luke's Hospital, UMKC.**

We also wish to thank the following industry exhibitors for supporting our program: **AstraZeneca, Boston Scientific, Bristol Myers Squibb, CardioNet, Lantheus Medical Imaging, Merck/Schering Plough, Sanofi-Aventis, and St. Jude Medical.**

Next year we look forward to the program that the FIT liaisons will develop and plan.

### Annual Meeting Update in Cardiovascular Diseases

Co-chairs, **Dr. Víctor G. Dávila-Román** and **Dr. Andrew Kates**, have planned an outstanding educational program scheduled for October 10, 2009 in St. Louis. The program will provide **8 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup>**. See the program outline on the back page of this newsletter. Invitations will be mailed shortly.

### CIGNA Revises Modifier (-25 and -59) Policy

CIGNA changed its policy to require providers to submit supporting documentation for any claims with procedures and services that are appended with a CPT modifier 25 or 59.

Here are some important instructions for your practice:

Beginning April 27, the list of code combinations that require supporting documentation for modifier 25 will also be significantly reduced.

Please instruct your practice staff to keep visiting [www.cignaforhcp.com](http://www.cignaforhcp.com) for the revised list of which NCCI code pairs that will require supporting documentation with the claims submission when appended with a CPT modifier 25 or 59. For the complete list of current code combinations that require supporting documentation when modifiers 25 or 59 are billed, log in to the secure CIGNA for Health Care Professionals Web site ([www.cignaforhcp.com](http://www.cignaforhcp.com)) and select "Resources" then "Claim Editing Procedures."

**Dr. William G. Bowen**  
Governor



Left to right, Dr. Marc Del Rosario, Dr. Walter Coats, Dr. Albert Chan, and Dr. Sudeshna Banerjee.



Left to right, Dr. Jefferson Lee, Dr. Christopher Holley, Dr. Pei-Hsiu Huang, Dr. Anu Rao



Left to right, Dr. Greg Flaker and Sondra Flaker



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Left to right, Dr. Marc Del Rosario, Dr. Josh Valtos, Dr. Dan Cooper, and Dr. Peter Mohr.



Steve King, Schering Plough, Genevieve Stransky, Merck, and Dr. Adnan Khalid.



Left to right, Dr. Robert Neumayr, John Waddell, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Justin Roath, Sanofi-Aventis

## Update in Cardiovascular Diseases Scheduled for October 10, 2009

The Missouri Chapter will present its first annual meeting in several years in St. Louis on October 10, 2009. Eight hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits will be offered. Invitations will be mailed soon. The six topics and speakers are listed below:

### SESSION I. Coronary Artery Disease

**Moderator:** Dr. Andrew Kates

**Update on Care of CCU Patient** - Dr. Richard G. Bach

**SHOW ME TCD: The Missouri STEMI Initiative**

**Implementation** - Dr. George Kichura

**Optimal Management of the Patient with Chronic Ischemic**

**Heart Disease** - Dr. Bernard Chaitman

**Question and Answer Session**

**SESSION II. Congenital Heart Disease in Adults & Adult Heart Disease in Childhood**

**Moderator:** Dr. Geetha Raghuvver

**History of Pediatric Cardiology** - Dr. Stephen Kaine

**Pregnancy and Congenital Heart Disease** - Dr. Joseph Biladello

**Childhood Diseases and the Coronary Arteries** - Dr. Angela Sharkey

**Imaging in Adults with Congenital Heart Disease** - Dr. Sanjeev Bhall

**Panel Discussion - Question and Answer Session**

**KEYNOTE LUNCHEON SPEAKER** (*lunch provided*) - TBD

**SESSION III. General Cardiology**

**Moderator:** Dr. Víctor G. Dávila-Román

**Update on Treatment of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension** -

Dr. Murali Chakinala

**Can We Improve Macrovascular Outcomes in Type 2**

**Diabetes Mellitus? Update with Results of the BARI-2D**

**Study** - Dr. Alan Forker

**SESSION IV. Interventional Cardiology,**

**Moderator:** Dr. Elie Azrak

**Percutaneous Aortic Valve Interventions** - Dr. Alan Zajarias

**PFO and ASD Closure Devices** - Dr. John M. Lasala

**Question & Answer Session**

**EVENING PROGRAM - Non CME**

**Cocktails, Dinner Program**

**Keynote Speaker:** Sidney Goldstein, Curator for Ancient an Islamic Art, St. Louis Art Museum

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