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*Dr. Steven Smart,
M.D., F.A.C.C.*

This will be my farewell as Chapter President. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to represent you all.

Our chapter has now evolved into a model chapter. We were recently recognized by the national ACC for our work with the D2B initiative and our wonderful Fall Meeting. A further honor was an invitation from national ACC President Dr. Dove for me to attend the BOT meeting at the ACC Scientific Sessions in Chicago on March 28. Jennifer Rzepka has been a tremendous new addition to the Chapter. She has established an outstanding relationship with the national ACC staff. Her efforts played a huge role in the recent Chapter award. Her organization skills helped to make the Fall Meeting the most successful meeting for the Chapter in recent memory. As participating members of our Chapter, all members and guests involved in the preparation and presentation of the Fall Meeting should also feel justified by this awards bestowed upon our Chapter. (See award details on page 3.)

I am also confident the Chapter will continue to grow and develop into an even greater regional and national model for other Chapters. We could not have a better person in place as Chapter Executive than Jennifer Rzepka. Her wonderful skills have led to expansion of her services to the Kentucky

Chapter of the ACC. I am sure her role will also set them up for success. The new Chapter President, Dr. Matt Wolff, has been a wonderful asset to me. He has extensive previous experience with the staff at ACC national. As Head of cardiology at UW-Madison, he also has excellent insight into the issues facing the state of Wisconsin. As the Chapter expands to further quality initiatives regarding heart failure, dysrhythmias, devices and imaging, the Chapter should continue to be a leader and an even greater asset to you as members.

We will continue to face threats to reimbursement regarding our services and imaging. Cardiology is viewed as a major factor in the escalating costs of health care. It is our responsibility to be advocates for our patients. Imaging and the advances in the treatments of all of the major heart conditions directly has improved quality of life and life expectancy. The improved quality of life and reduced morbidity and mortality have led to greater productivity and longer duration of productivity. Sometimes this long term benefit may lead to increased short term costs. It is our responsibility to show that premature loss of life and morbidity from heart disease should properly viewed regarding its devastating effects on families and society from social stress and lost wages, leadership, support, training, mentoring, and companionship. We all must continue to be vigilant to maintain appropriate reimbursement to always be state of the art in quality of care and its delivery to our patients. Thanks to those members who have been active in the Chapter. We need more of our members to see the big picture and step up to the plate.

As I finish my term as Chapter President, I have moved my family and my practice to Illinois. I will always be thankful to the members for electing me and showing confidence in me. I have been forever called to action to be proactive regarding advocacy for the social and reimbursement issues that threaten our patients. I plan to remain active in the ACC regarding advocacy and Chapter issues. I hope to continue the relationships developed with the cohort of active members over the last three years and add new relationships as the Chapter continues to grow and flourish.

Thank you!

Steven C. Smart, MD, FACC

Governor, Wisconsin Chapter, American College of Cardiology

There are 562 cardiologists in Wisconsin, 366 of which are current members of the Wisconsin Chapter.



CCA Submission by Robert Strelka, PA-C

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As the spring of 2008 arrives, I wanted to update everyone on CCA happenings in Wisconsin. On Saturday, February 9, 2008, we had our first CCA Committee meeting. Thanks to the efforts of Matthew Wolff, MD (Governor Elect), Jennifer Rzepka (Chapter Executive), Judy Nichols, Jeff Fox, Becky Rakocy, Angie Schlemm, Mia Stone, and Bethany Westerfeldt (Committee Members), we accomplished a great deal during the two-hour session. Some of the highlights included:

- 1) The reassurance and recognition from Dr. Wolff of the importance of CCA's in the ACC both in Wisconsin and nationally.
- 2) Wisconsin is leading the way in CCA memberships when compared to other states of similar size.
- 3) Of the 103 CCA members in Wisconsin:
 - 44 are Nurse Practitioners
 - 40 are Registered Nurses
 - 17 are Physician Assistants
 - 2 are Clinical Nurse Specialists
 - 0 are Clinical Pharmacists.
- 4) The 2008 Annual Wisconsin ACC meeting will focus on Team Care in Heart Failure. We also hope to provide CE/CME for this and other Wisconsin meetings.
- 5) A CCA page will be added to the Wisconsin ACC website (www.wcacc.org).
- 6) Beginning in 2009, we hope to provide CE/CME specifically targeted to CCA's at the Annual Meeting of the WC-ACC.

Now comes the proverbial pitch for membership. Could you imagine if each current Wisconsin CCA member made it a goal to recruit just ONE new member this year? That would put us near the top of all 50 states and show how committed we are to cardiac care in Wisconsin! For example, why not approach a clinical pharmacist you work with as they were recently added to the list of eligible CCA members? Remember, CCA member benefits include:

- 1) Free access to cardiosource.com.
- 2) Registration discounts for ACC.08 and all of ACC Live Programs.
- 3) Reduced prices on all ACC products.
- 4) Leadership opportunities – present papers, lead sessions, or sit on working groups or committees.
- 5) CE/CME available for most educational programs.
- 6) CARDIOLOGY magazine subscription.

As always, you may contact me or Jennifer Rzepka (jennifer@svinicki.com) regarding questions, concerns, suggestions or interest in volunteering. Good luck and have fun in '08!

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Cardiac Care Associate (CCA) Membership in the Wisconsin Chapter – American College of Cardiology

We invite you to volunteer to participate on the CCA Committee:

Volunteer Form

Name (including all degrees): _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Main E-mail Address: _____

Yes, I am interested in serving on the committee.

Yes, I would like to regularly assist (but am unable to attend meetings)

Yes, I can provide my comments now but am unable to be involved in 2008:

Please provide your thoughts here: _____

No, I am unable to be involved.

Please fax to: **414-276-7704**



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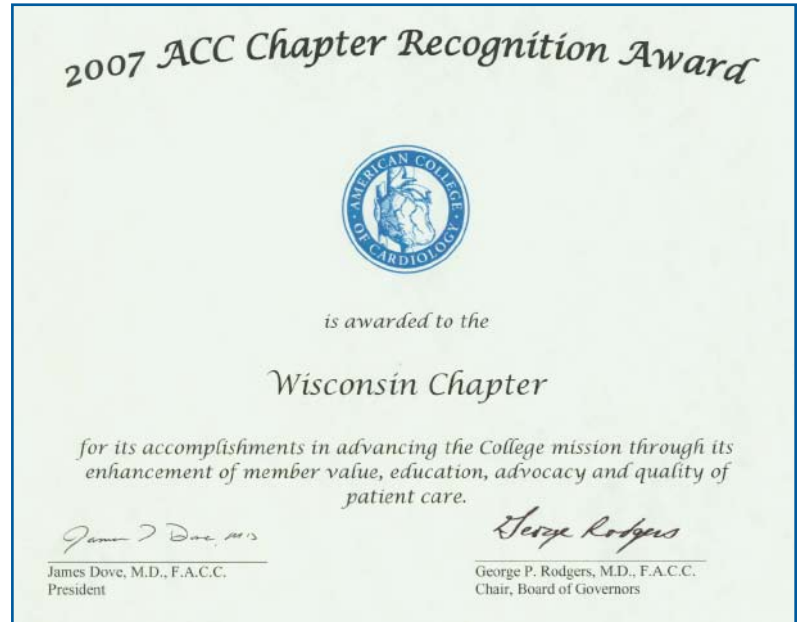
Congratulations to the Wisconsin Chapter

new management. The Chapter also reformatted its annual meeting and made great strides in including CCAs in its governance and other activities. In addition, the Wisconsin Chapter was involved with the D2B campaign, and plans are underway to increase involvement in advocacy and quality issues."

The ACC has developed foundation objectives for Chapters as well as additional broadening goals to attain. The Chapter Executives and the Governors were challenged to achieve certain objectives during the course of the year. The Second Annual ACC Chapter Recognition Program was held in 2007, and during the January Leadership Forum in Washington DC, the Wisconsin Chapter was awarded recognition from among the nineteen others in the Grande membership category.

The ACC specifically recognized that:

"The Wisconsin Chapter successfully dealt with many changes in 2007 including



Attention Members:

YOUR Input is Requested

The Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Chapter strives to guide the activities of the association to provide what the members desire. As Matthew Wolff, M.D., F.A.C.C. becomes the new Governor of the Wisconsin Chapter, and President of the association, he is asking for **your help** in directing the future plans of the Chapter.

Please provide feedback to the WC-ACC office on what you would like to see the Chapter do for your membership dollars. If you have input on future meeting topics or presenters, think of benefits you'd like to see offered by the Chapter, or have other ideas that should be considered, please watch your e-mail for the opportunity to provide your feedback in the month of April.

*Thank you for your continued
dedication to the Chapter!*



The Wisconsin Plan for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention 2005-2009

by Catheryn Brue, Heart Disease & Stroke Protection, DHSF

Goal 5: "Reduce recurrence, complications, disabilities, and death from heart attack and stroke."

Considering a Wisconsin Hypertension Initiative

If you "Google the web" you may wonder if "the silent killer" is hepatitis C, carbon monoxide, toxic mold, stress, or even high inflation. But if you are over 55, you know that the most important "silent killer" is high blood pressure causing stroke, coronary artery disease, heart failure, dementia, kidney disease, eye damage, and many other disease conditions. While previous public awareness campaigns may have improved awareness, uncontrolled hypertension remains prevalent and a major concern for heart disease and stroke prevention in Wisconsin.

At the January 29, 2008 Heart Disease and Stroke Alliance meeting, Chair Jay A. Gold, MD, JD, MPH (MetaStar, Inc.) reviewed committee progress in advancing a statewide hypertension initiative.

One rationale for a special effort on hypertension is captured in a December 2007 editorial in Archives of Internal Medicine. In the editorial, Theodore A. Kotchen, MD (Medical College of Wisconsin) commented that, in clinical trials, antihypertensive therapy is associated with the following:

- 35% to 40% reductions in stroke incidence,
- 20% to 25% reductions in myocardial infarction,
- more than a 50% reduction in heart failure

The interest in and push for a statewide high blood pressure initiative focuses on the need to improve hypertension control among treated patients, particularly those with hypertension and related co-morbidities.

An ad hoc committee including hypertension experts is providing guidance as to why blood pressure control is poor for Wisconsin, to identify barriers to improvement, and to identify how we can help providers improve blood pressure control. Concepts under development include the following: 1) Training to improve accuracy of blood pressure measurement, 2) Creating an effective communication to improve blood pressure control; 3) Dialogue leading to reductions of sodium in prepared foods.

In future newsletters we will focus on how we can collectively manage the subtle and complex issues surrounding this topic and provide updates on each project.

The next meeting of the Heart Disease and Stroke Alliance is scheduled for May 13, 2008. For more information about the meeting or to contribute to the committee's work, contact Catheryn Brue at 608 266-3702.

CCA Spotlight

Case Study

The following patient arrives at a rural hospital that does not have a cath lab. The hospital is about 20 minutes away by air transport and 45 minutes by ground transport. from a primary PCI center.

A 52 year old male, PMH smoker who has not seen a physician in years and has had intermittent chest pain the last 3 hrs and worst in the last hour. STAT ECG reveals ST elevation in the anterior leads. ASA 325mg and clopidogrel 300mg given. Per the newest guidelines should UFH or Lovenox be used? Should thrombolytic be given and if so how much? No transport delays anticipated and no contraindications to medication noted.

Recently, there have been several articles regarding development of STEMI protocols for primary PCI including those developed at Mayo Clinic, the Minneapolis area and most recently "a city wide protocol for primary PCI" in Ottawa. (NEJM 35:83) The literature clearly describes primary PCI as the best treatment strategy for STEMI. The focus of these protocols is to streamline the time from medical contact to balloon inflation.

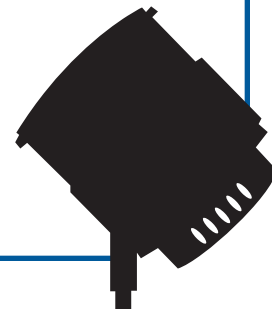
The new 2007 STEMI guidelines from the ACC/AHA need to be integrated into regional and statewide STEMI protocols that are driven by EMS, ED departments, and cardiology in those areas. The task is not yet complete.

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"ACC All Stars"

The All Chapter Reception 2008

Baseball has always been more than just a game. It is an American tradition and a never-ending story where every player has the chance to be the hero...an All Star! Like the game starting players chosen by fans since 1933, ACC national nominates its Chapter members to be the **All Stars** of the All Chapter Reception at ACC.08! We invite you to attend the reception in honor of you and your Chapter's important work, and bring all of ACC's great Chapters together in celebration!

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 30, 2008

International Ballroom

Chicago Hilton

Join over **200** other
Wisconsin attendees
for the
All Chapter Reception
This Sunday!

The ACC and your Chapter are honored to invite you to this reception, which is hosted by the ACC and supported by Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. We look forward to seeing you at the ACC All Chapter Reception!



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ACC Upcoming Events

APRIL

April 12, 2008

(ACC Co-sponsored)
The 5th Annual Ponte Vedra Cardiovascular Symposium
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Directed by: Anthony Magnano, MD, FACC; Thomas
Wolford, MD, FACC

Jointly Sponsored by: Memorial Hospital Jacksonville and
the North Florida Cardiovascular Education Foundation
For more information:
Joan Buback at (727) 512-9864 or jbpvcv@yahoo.com

April 30 - May 2, 2008

(ACC Co-sponsored)
10th Annual Echocardiography Conference: State-of-the-Art
2008
Location: New York, New York
Directed by: Rebecca Hahn, MD, FACC
Sponsored by: Columbia University

MAY

May 1 - 3, 2008

ACCF/SCCT Coronary CTA Practicum
Program #: 1936
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Wilfred Mamuya, MD, PhD, FACC

May 8 - 10, 2008

30th Annual Recent Advances in Clinical Nuclear Cardiology
and Cardiac CT Featuring Case Review with the Experts
Program #: 1853
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Daniel S. Berman, MD, FACC; Guido Ger-
mano, PhD, MBA, FACC; Jamshid Maddahi, MD, FACC

May 15 - 17, 2008

ACCF/SCCT Coronary CTA Practicum
Program #: 1905
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: John R. Lesser, MD, FACC

May 30 - 31, 2008

Emergency CV Care 2008
Program #: 1697
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Christopher B. Granger, MD, FACC; James G.
Jollis, MD, FACC; Mayme Lou Roettig, RN, MSN

JUNE

June 12 - 13, 2008

Advanced Cardiology Leadership Workshop
Location: Heart House, Washington, DC
Sponsored by: MedAxiom, in cooperation with ACC

June 19 - 21, 2008

ACCF/SCCT Coronary CTA Practicum
Program #: 1923
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Michael Poon, MD, FACC

June 21 - 24, 2008

6th Annual Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance and Com-
puted Tomography Conference
Program #: 1650
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: W. Gregory Hundley, MD, FACC, FAHA

AUGUST

August 21 - 22, 2008

Advanced Cardiology Leadership Workshop
Location: West Coast Location to be Determined
Sponsored by: MedAxiom, in cooperation with ACC

August 21 - 23, 2008

ACCF/SCCT Coronary CTA Practicum
Program #: 1924
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Robert S. Schwartz, MD, FACC

August 22 - 24, 2008

ACCF/SCAI Premier Interventional Cardiology Overview
and Board Preparatory Course
Program #: 1603
Location: Dallas, Texas
Directed by: Joseph D. Babb, MD, FSCAI, FACC; James E.
Tcheng, MD, FACC, FSCAI, FESC

August 23, 2008

Maintenance of Certification, Interventional Cardiology
Updates 2007 & 2008
Program #: 1896
Location: Dallas, Texas
Directed by: Joseph D. Babb, MD, FSCAI, FACC; James E.
Tcheng, MD, FACC, FSCAI, FESC

SEPTEMBER

September 3 - 8, 2008

The ACCF Cardiovascular Board Review for Certification
and Recertification
Program #: 1602
Location: Lake Las Vegas, Nevada
Directed by: Kim A. Eagle, MD, FACC; Patrick T. O'Gara,
MD, FACC

September 6, 2008

Maintenance of Certification, Cardiovascular Disease Up-
dates 2007 and 2008
Program #: 1687
Location: Lake Las Vegas, Nevada
Directed by: Rick Nishimura, MD, FACC; Patrick T.
O'Gara, MD, FACC

September 11 - 13, 2008

ACCF/SCCT Coronary CTA Practicum
Program #: 1925
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Carter Newton, MD, FACC

September 11 - 13, 2008

Arrhythmias in the Real World 2008
Program #: 1693
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Peter N. Smith, MD, FACC; Arthur J. Moss,
MD, FACC; Kelley P. Anderson, MD, FACC, FHRS

ACC Upcoming Events Continued

September 18 - 20, 2008

Heart Valve Summit 2008 Case-Based Review: Medical and Surgical Management
Program #: 1690
Location: Chicago, Illinois
Directed by: David H. Adams, MD, FACC; Robert Bonow, MD, FACC

September 25 - 27, 2008

ACCF/SCCT Coronary CTA Practicum
Program #: 1937
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Suhny Abbara, MD

September 26 - 28, 2008

2nd Annual West Coast Cardiovascular Symposium
Program #: 1683
Location: San Francisco, California
Directed by: Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD, FACC

OCTOBER

October 16 - 18, 2008

ACCF/SCCT Coronary CTA Practicum
Program #: 1938
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Jason Cole, MD, FACC

October 16 - 19, 2008

Foundations for Practice Excellence: Core Curriculum for the Cardiovascular Clinician
Program #: 1927
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Eileen M. Handberg, PhD, ARNP, FAHA; Joseph S. Alpert, MD, FACC

October 20 - 22, 2008

(ACC Co-sponsored)
Advanced Echo 2008 — 28th Annual Symposium
Location: Huntington Beach, California
Directed by: Pravin M. Shah, MD, MACC
Sponsored by: American Society of Echocardiography and Hoag Heart and Vascular Institute

October 23 - 25, 2008

5th Annual New Approaches and Procedures in Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiac CT: State-of-the-Art Update for Office-Based Practice
Program #: 1885
Location: Orlando, Florida
Directed by: Timothy M. Bateman, MD, FACC; Gary V. Heller, MD, PhD, FACC

October 23 - 25, 2008

ACCF/SCCT Coronary CTA Practicum
Program #: 1926
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Michael Ridner, MD, FACC

NOVEMBER

November 6 - 7, 2008

Advanced Cardiology Leadership Workshop
Location: Heart House, Washington, DC
Sponsored by: MedAxiom, in cooperation with ACC

November 20 - 22, 2008

Teaching Skills Workshop for Emerging Faculty
Program #: 1597
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Rick Nishimura, MD, FACC; Elizabeth Klodas, MD, FACC

DECEMBER

December 5 - 6, 2008

How to Become a Cardiovascular Investigator
Program #: 1695
Location: Washington, DC
Directed by: Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD, FACC; Robert O. Bonow, MD, FACC

December 12 - 14, 2008

41st Annual New York Cardiovascular Symposium
Program #: 1613
Location: New York, New York
Directed by: Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD, FACC

For information about programs, call the Resource Center at: (800) 253-4636, option #2 (outside the U.S.- (202) 375-6000, ext. 5603), or fax in a request to (202) 375-7000 - Attention Resource Center.

Save the Date!

2008 Wisconsin Chapter – Annual Meeting

Team Care in Heart Failure

October 4, 2008

Location TBD



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